



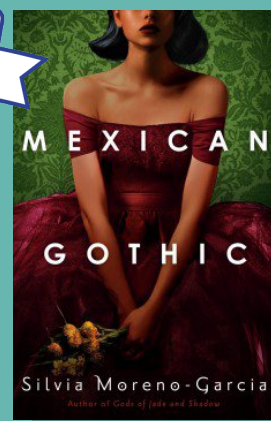
TOP PICK

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Del Rey)

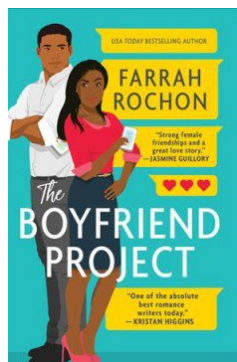
"A perfect gothic mystery with an updated sensibility that will appeal to the modern reader. Noemí is a Mexico City socialite in the 1950s. When her father receives a disturbing letter from his niece, he sends Noemí to check on her cousin at the remote house where she is living—a grotesque and rotting English-style mansion, built on dirt imported from England by the colonialist eugenicist family she has married into. Lush descriptions and the creepy atmosphere make this a good choice for readers who liked *The Witch Elm*, *The Little Stranger*, or *The Haunting of Hill House*."

—Lorena Neal, Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL

—Novelist read-alike: *The Supernatural Enhancements* by Edgar Cantero



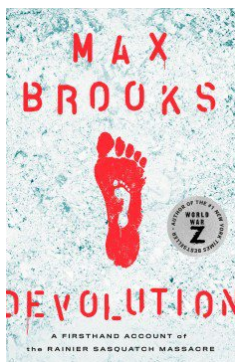
June 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



The Boyfriend Project by Farrah Rochon (Forever)

"In this contemporary romance, three women who were two-timed by the same man become friends. The unique, funny premise cleverly serves as a catalyst for why the women are trying to make changes in their lives. The romance is lovely and finds ways in which the couple struggles to be together. Give this to fans of Mia Sosa and Alisha Rai."

—Ann Carpenter, Brooks Free Library, Harwich, MA
Novelist read-alike: *The Right Swipe* by Alisha Rai

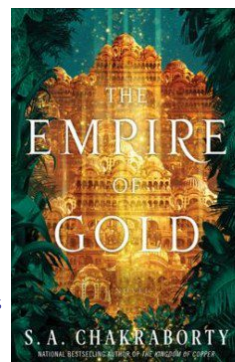


Devolution

A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre
by Max Brooks
(Del Rey)

"Nobody imagines the end of the world quite like Brooks! Here he takes a group of privileged idealists, sets them in a beautiful utopia where they can escape the headaches of the city but suffer none of the inconveniences, and then brutally removes all the comforts they expect to be delivered. Throw in some hungry Sasquatch and things get really interesting. For fans of Blake Crouch and Jeff VanderMeer."

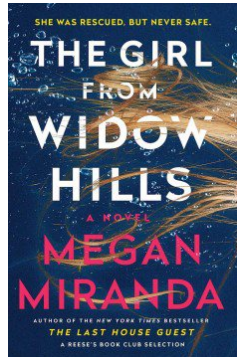
—Amy Hall, Jefferson County Public Library, Wheat Ridge, CO
Novelist read-alike: *The Abominable* by Dan Simmons



The Empire of Gold A Novel by S.A. Chakrabarty (Harper Voyager)

"This is a story about colonialism and cycles of trauma, giving an in depth look at the politics and psychology of a land warred over by ethnic factions for centuries. Highly recommended to anyone looking for an imaginative fantasy with complex characters, well developed relationships, and insightful social commentary. For readers who enjoy N.K. Jemisin and Tasha Suri."

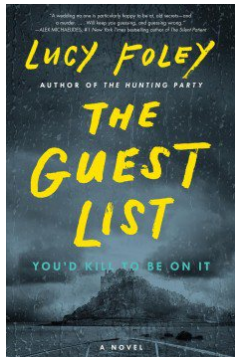
—Lauren Mitchell, Neenah Public Library, Neenah, WI
Novelist read-alike: *Books of Ambha* by Tasha Suri



The Girl from Widow Hills A Novel by Megan Miranda (Simon & Schuster)

"Miranda returns with another engrossing psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The story is primarily told from Olivia's unreliable perspective. News reports, book excerpts, and other media are also used to fill out the story, which keeps the plot moving. For fans of *Conviction* (Mina) and *The Other Mrs.* (Kubica)."

—Megan Coleman, Cecil County Public Library, Elkton, MD
Novelist read-alike: *Are You Sleeping* by Kathleen Barber

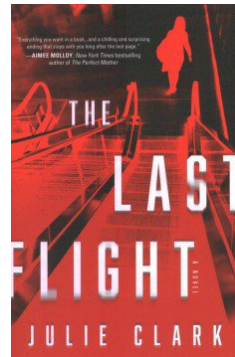


The Guest List

A Novel
by Lucy Foley
(William Morrow)

"A wedding celebration on a remote island off the coast of Ireland turns eerie and nightmarish in this gothic atmospheric mystery. A good choice for fans of Ruth Ware."

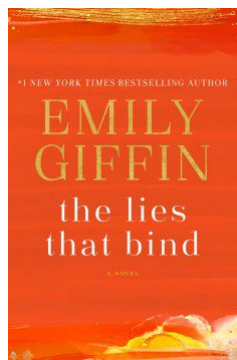
—Bill Anderson, Scott County Public Library, Scottsburg, IN
Novelist read-alike: *Go To My Grave* by Catriona McPherson



The Last Flight A Novel by Julie Clark

(Sourcebooks Landmark)
"Claire and Eva both have reasons for wanting to disappear, so when they happen upon each other at the airport, they decide to take the other person's flight. However, when one of the planes crashes, the danger they thought they were leaving isn't far behind. For readers who enjoyed *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine and *The Passenger* by Lisa Lutz."

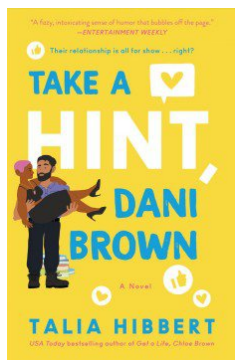
—Lora Bruggeman, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL
Novelist read-alike: *Layover* by David Bell



The Lies That Bind A Novel by Emily Giffin (Ballantine Books)

"Cecily is fresh off a break up and meets a 'too good to be true' stranger in a local dive bar. For fans of *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes."

—Stephanie Hall, Topeka Public Library, Topeka, KS
Novelist read-alike: *Ghosted* by Rosie Walsh



Take a Hint, Dani Brown A Novel by Talia Hibbert (Avon)

"Dani and Zaf have been low-key flirting forever when a gallant moment is turned into a viral video and the pressure is on for these two to become a couple. This is a fabulously fun and meta take on a classic romance trope, the fake relationship. For fans of *The Wedding Date* and *The Kiss Quotient*."

—Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Libraries, Lansing, MI
Novelist read-alike: *A Prince on Paper* by Alyssa Cole



The Vanishing Half A Novel by Brit Bennett (Riverhead Books)

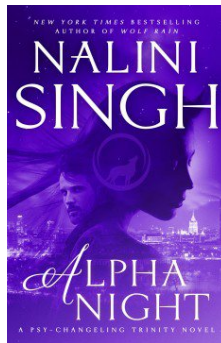
"Centering on two twin light-skinned black girls who grew up in a strange town in the Jim Crow south, this book explores racism, colorism, sexism, and familial relationships through the interweaving storylines of vivid and complicated characters. For fans of *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson."

—Pamela Gardner, Medfield Public Library, Medfield, MA
Novelist read-alike: *A Kind of Freedom* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton



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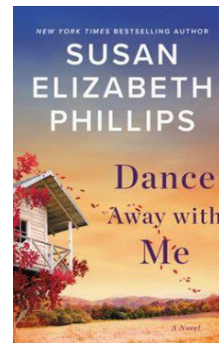


Alpha Night
by Nalini Singh
(Berkley)

"This continuation of the Psy-Changeling series features the shapeshifting wolves of Moscow and their pack alpha, Selenka, but it also brings back many characters from previous books. Another enjoyable, fast-paced paranormal romance from Singh."

—Cathy Shields, East Lyme Public Library, Niantic, CT

Read-alike: *The Mane Event* by Shelly Laurenston
Read-alike: *Dragon Bound* by Thea Harrison
Read-alike: *Magic Bites* by Ilona Andrews
Read-alike: *The Last Wolf* by Maria Vale

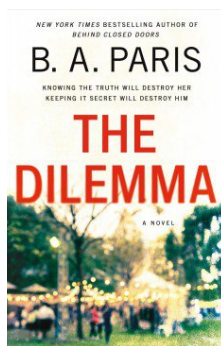


Dance Away with Me
A Novel
by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
(William Morrow)

"Phillips' slow-burn romance centers around a grieving young widow who is drawn into the life of a frustrated artist. The story's darker turns are lightened by humor drawn from the small-town Tennessee setting. Highly recommended."

—Rose Miller, Orange Public Library, Orange, CA

Read-alike: *Blue Hollow Falls* by Donna Kauffman
Read-alike: *Blackberry Summer* by RaeAnne Thayne
Read-alike: *Sanctuary Cove* by Rochelle Alers

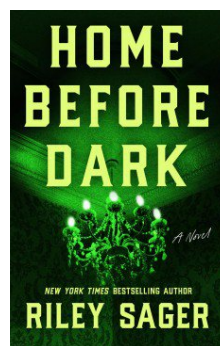


The Dilemma
by B.A. Paris
(St. Martin's Press)

"If you knew something that was certain to change everything, would you keep it a secret to hold on to tranquility for one more day? Paris' driving narrative, alternating between the perspectives of a husband and wife, guarantees your book group will be divided over this very question."

—Lorri Steinbacher, Ridgewood Public Library, Ridgewood, NJ

Read-alike: *Something in the Water* by Catherine Steadman
Read-alike: *My Lovely Wife* by Samantha Downing
Read-alike: *Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough



Home Before Dark
A Novel
by Riley Sager
(Dutton)

"Maggie's father wrote a famous book about the family's paranormal experiences when she was a child living at Baneberry Hall. Twenty-six years later she returns to the house to finally face what happened long ago. This suspenseful and compelling book keeps you guessing to the very end."

—Ashley Borer, Normal Memorial Library, Fayette, OH

Read-alike: *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell
Read-alike: *The Missing Years* by Lexie Elliott
Read-alike: *The Invited* by Jennifer McMahon



Party of Two
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley)

"In the fifth book of the Wedding Date series, sparks fly between a smart, independent lawyer and a charming, impulsive senator. Guillory thoughtfully incorporates serious issues into her books while keeping the tone light and uplifting. Sweet, sexy, and a lot of fun."

—Jayme Hughes-Gartin, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Cincinnati, OH

Read-alike: *A Duke by Default* by Alyssa Cole
Read-alike: *Rumor Has It* by Cheris F. Hodges
Read-alike: *The Bride Test* by Helen Hoang
Read-alike: *The Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren

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