



## One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston (St. Martin's Griffin)

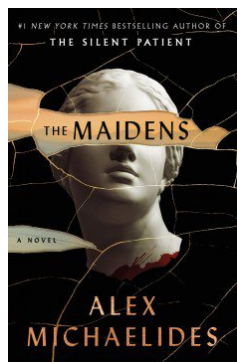
"A phenomenal read with well-developed diverse characters and a unique, compelling plot. For August, romance is way at the bottom of her to-do list. Then she meets mysterious Jane, who's always on the same subway car no matter where or when August gets on. Before she knows it, they are a thing, with a circle of friends to share their life. There's only one catch: Jane isn't really here. For fans of Meryl Wisner, Morgan Rogers, and Jasmine Guillory."

—Heather Cover, Homewood Library, Birmingham, AL  
NovelList read-alike: *Written in the Stars* by Alexandria Bellefleur



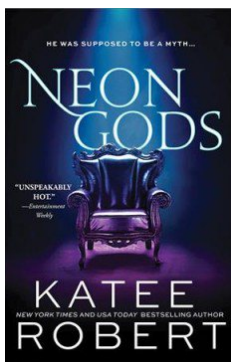
TOP PICK

## June 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



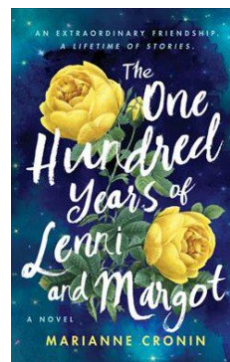
**The Maidens**  
A Novel  
by Alex Michaelides  
(Celadon Books)  
"Tragedy dogs Mariana's footsteps as she struggles to recover from the deaths of her husband, sister, brother-in-law, and father. Then, in her beloved Cambridge, young girls are being killed. Fearing for her niece, Mariana is determined to find the murderer, and in a twisted plot discovers that she doesn't know who to believe, including herself. For readers who liked *The Sea of Lost Girls* and *The Secret History*."

—Courtney Reece, Millville Public Library, Millville, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *Ill Will* by Dan Chaon



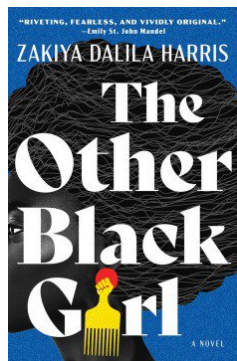
**Neon Gods**  
by Katee Robert  
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)  
"Robert masterfully turns the myth of Persephone and Hades on its head, making it modern and kinky and exploring issues of consent and the arranged marriage trope (which she delightfully subverts). The steamy sex is absolutely integral to the plot, and Robert includes nods to the original myth. For fans of *The Unhoneymooners* and *The Dating Plan*."

—Kate Fais, New York Public Library, New York, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *Black Sheep* by Zara Cox



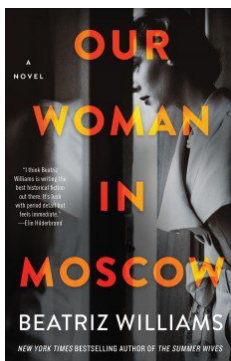
**The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot**  
A Novel  
by Marianne Cronin  
(Harper Perennial)  
"In a Glasgow hospital, two dying patients, one a teen and one much older, begin an art project to chronicle their lives. This delightful "Odd Couple" pair, along with the hospital chaplain and a gaggle of well-meaning staff, help Lenni live her best life through Margot's stories and show what really is important. For readers who love Fredrik Backman and Gail Honeyman."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *The Red Address Book* by Sofia Lundberg



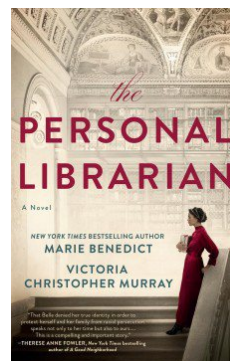
**The Other Black Girl**  
A Novel  
by Zakiya Dalila Harris  
(Atria Books)  
"Nella, an editorial assistant at Wagner Books, is excited when another Black girl is hired at her publishing company. But after a mysterious note turns up on her desk that warns her to "Leave Wagner. Now," she is left questioning who would want her gone. Provocative and suspenseful, this genre-bending book is perfect for fans of *When No One Is Watching* and the movie *Get Out*."

—Erin Shea, Ferguson Library, Stamford, CT  
NovelList read-alike: *Black Buck* by Mateo Askaripour



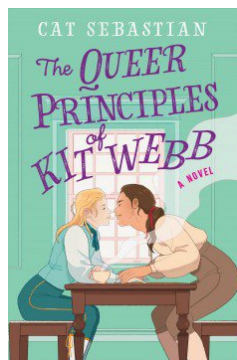
**Our Woman in Moscow**  
A Novel  
by Beatriz Williams  
(William Morrow)  
"A spy novel set in Europe during and after WWII featuring twin sisters, Ruth and Iris. A cat and mouse game of intrigue where it is often hard to tell not only who is guilty or innocent, but also, who is who? Give this one to readers who enjoy Kate Quinn's brave female characters."

—Gail Christensen, Kitsap Regional Library, Bremerton, WA  
NovelList read-alike: *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott



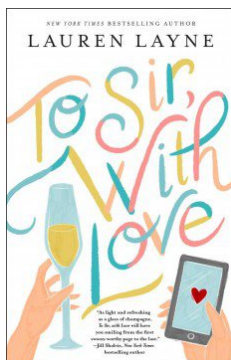
**The Personal Librarian**  
by Marie Benedict; Victoria Christopher Murray  
(Berkley)  
"Both history and homage to The Morgan Library, one of the world's greatest private libraries. It is also the story of a young African-American woman named Belle posing as a white woman of Portuguese descent. For fans of Fiona Davis' historical novels."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ  
NovelList read-alike: *An Illuminated Life: Belle da Costa Greene's Journey from Prejudice to Privilege* by Heidi Ardizzone



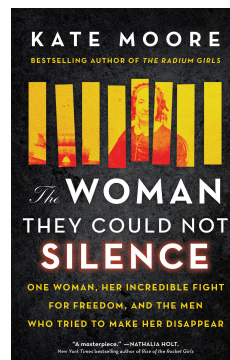
**The Queer Principles of Kit Webb**  
A Novel  
by Cat Sebastian  
(Avon)  
"Lord Holland is being blackmailed, he will do anything to get back his mother's book of secrets that has been stolen by his father, so he hires a reformed highwayman for one last job. For readers who enjoyed *The Vicar and the Rake* and *A Fashionable Indulgence*."

—Chris Ely, Whitewright Public Library, Whitewright, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics* by Olivia Waite



**To Sir, With Love**  
by Lauren Layne  
(Gallery Books)  
"A modern take on *You've Got Mail* set in New York City. Gracie is running her family's champagne boutique while Sebastian and his family are trying to buy out the building. The results are a meet-cute times two that would certainly make Nora Ephron proud. For fans of Jennifer Cruise and Talia Hibbert."

—Amy Mehrle, Gwinnett County Public Library, Dacula, GA  
NovelList read-alike: *Ghosting* by Tash Skilton



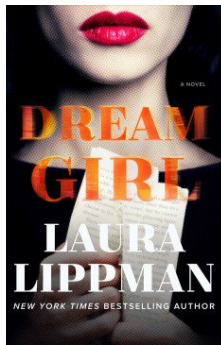
**The Woman They Could Not Silence**  
One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear  
by Kate Moore  
(Sourcebooks)  
"In 1860, Packard was committed to an insane asylum by her husband with no evidence of any condition other than she disagreed with him on some issues and spoke her mind. Moore deftly presents Packard's story of her confinement, subsequent trial, and crusade to improve women's legal standing. Give this book to those interested in stories of trailblazing women, legal thrillers, and even true crime."

—PJ Gardiner, Wake County Public Library, Raleigh, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *The Unfit Heiress* by Audrey Clare Farley



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*Dream Girl*

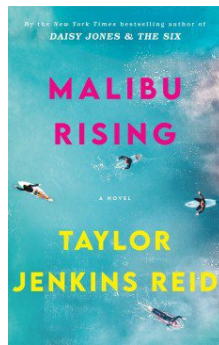
A Novel

by Laura Lippman  
(William Morrow)

"Poor Gerry Anderson: esteemed novelist, confined to his highrise after a freak accident, besieged with assistants and badgered by his ex. Gerry sees himself as a victim, but not all agree, and someone is taking murderous measures to bring him to task. Who'll outsmart whom in this game of cat and mouse?"

—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD

Novelist read-alike: *Mr. Fox* by Helen Oyeyemi



*Malibu Rising*

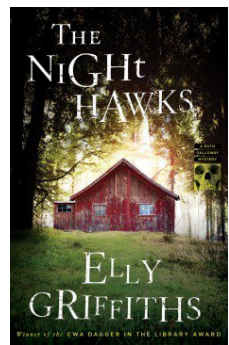
A Novel

by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
(Ballantine Books)

"Four celebrity children of Mick Riva, a famous singer, throw a massive party that ends in a fire and leaves family secrets exposed. Reid skillfully goes back and forth in time to fill in the background story of the entire Riva family, beautifully bringing each character to life."

—Cathy Branciforte, Ramsey Free Public Library, Ramsey, NJ

Novelist read-alike: *The Most Fun We Ever Had* by Claire Lombardo



*The Night Hawks*

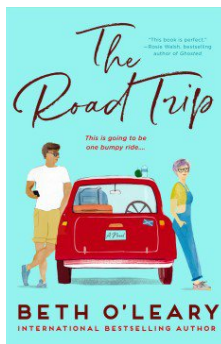
by Elly Griffiths

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"In the thirteenth Ruth Galloway mystery, the forensic archeologist returns to familiar ground in Norfolk, where she's accepted a post at a local university. A dead body is found nearby and soon Dr. Galloway is back on the case in a satisfying story full of surprise twists and familiar faces."

—Meredith Snapp, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS

Novelist read-alike: Reverend Clare Fergusson mysteries



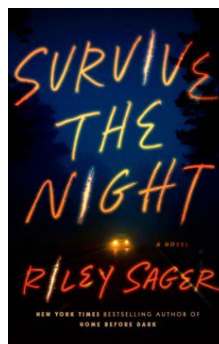
*The Road Trip*

by Beth O'Leary  
(Berkley Jove)

"Exes Dylan and Addie are on their way to a friend's wedding, and their rocky relationship is traced through alternating POVs from past and present. With interesting character development and several genuinely funny moments, this is a perfect read for your own summer road trip."

—Jennifer Sullivan, Sno-Isle Libraries, Marysville, WA

Novelist read-alike: *Three Little Words* by Jenny Holiday



*Survive the Night*

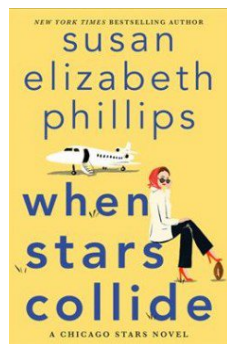
A Novel

by Riley Sager  
(Dutton)

"In the 1990s, Charlie, a traumatized woman who sees life like a movie, heads home from college. After agreeing to share a ride with a stranger, she begins to fear that she's in danger. With heart-pounding suspense, nostalgic film references, and a locked room setting, this is a fun throwback thriller."

—Vanessa Phillips, Pelion Branch Library, Pelion, SC

Novelist read-alike: *No Exit* by Taylor Adams



*When Stars Collide*

A Chicago Stars Novel

by Susan Elizabeth Phillips  
(William Morrow)

"Quarterback Thad and opera star Olivia embark on a weeks-long PR campaign for an upscale watch company. Both successful in their careers, they each have a strong sense of themselves, which makes for a refreshingly toned down take on the hero-to-the-rescue trope in this unputdownable read."

—Janet Schneider, Peninsula Public Library, Lawrence, NY

Novelist read-alike: *The Right Swipe* by Alisha Rai