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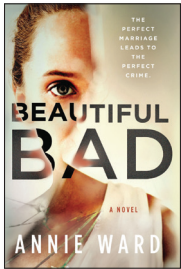
MY LOVELY WIFE
by Samantha Downing
(Berkley)

"An incredible, dark, twisty psychological thriller with two of the most seemingly normal but disturbingly depraved people you will read about in fiction. This brilliant debut needs to be at the top of your must-read list. For readers who like taut suspense and works by Gillian Flynn, B.A. Paris, and Mary Kubica."

—Rachel Reeves, Weatherford Public Library, Weatherford, TX
Readalike: *Behind Her Eyes* / Sarah Pinborough

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

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BEAUTIFUL BAD
by Annie Ward
(Park Row)

"Maddie the innocent travel writer and Jo the wild child are living quite the life abroad when Ian crosses their path and changes both their lives permanently. Moving backward and forward in time, the narrative slowly reveals hidden truths. For fans of Paula Hawkins and Ruth Ware."

—Selena Swink, Lake Public Library, Lake, MS
Readalike: *Before I Go to Sleep* / S.J. Watson



THE BIRD KING
by G. Willow Wilson
(Grove Press)

"Lush and wonderful language, characters, and worldbuilding make this an enjoyable read for fans of historical fantasy. The relationship between concubine Fatima and mapmaker Hassan is multifaceted and compelling. A good choice for readers who liked *Uprooted* and *City of Brass*."

—Nora Walsh, Princeton Public Library, Princeton, NJ
Readalike: *The Lions of Al-Rassan* / Guy Gavriel Kay



A DANGEROUS COLLABORATION
by Deanna Raybourn
(Berkley)

"In this fine addition to the series, Veronica Speedwell joins Stoker and his brother on an island off the British coast, attempting to solve a years-old mystery about the disappearance of a young woman on her wedding day."

Recommended for fans of historical Victorian fiction, murder mysteries, and lepidoptery."

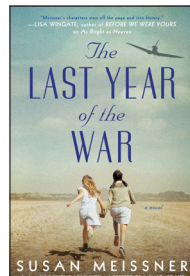
—Jill McKinney, Gunnison County Library, Gunnison, CO
Readalike: *Lady Travelers Guide series* / Victoria Alexander



THE LAST WOMAN IN THE FOREST
by Diane Les Becquets
(Berkley)

"A suspenseful, surprising story that begins with every woman's worst nightmare—a breakdown on a lonely road in the middle of the night and a bad feeling about the handsome guy who stops to help. This kick-in-the-gut start leads to a more thoughtful mystery with a big

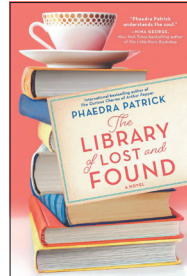
twist. Recommended for fans of Lee Child."
—Patricia Uttaro, Monroe County Library System, Monroe, NY
Readalike: *The Wild Inside* / Christine Carbo



THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR
by Susan Meissner
(Berkley)

"The story of two teenage girls who forge a life long friendship in an internment camp in Crystal City, Texas. For fans of historical fiction and readers who enjoy stories about immigration experiences and life during

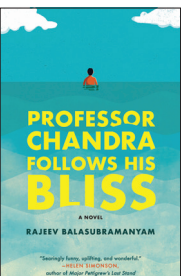
wartime."
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
Readalike: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* / Jamie Ford



THE LIBRARY OF LOST AND FOUND
by Phaedra Patrick
(Park Row)

"Martha Storm volunteers at the local library and has a tendency to help others over taking care of herself. One day she receives a mysterious book from the grandmother she believed dead and begins digging into her family's past. Who doesn't love a

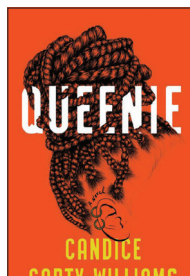
book about books? For fans of Elizabeth Berg and Fredrik Backman."
—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Genesee, MI
Readalike: *The Bookshop on the Corner* / Jenny Colgan



PROFESSOR CHANDRA FOLLOWS HIS BLISS
A Novel
by Rajeev Balasubramanyam
(The Dial Press)

"When Chandra fails to win the Nobel Prize in Economics, again, then suffers a heart attack, he decides to make changes in his life. A humorous journey of self-discovery similar

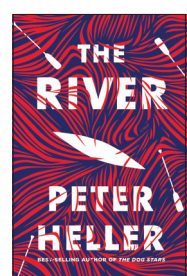
to *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* and *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*."
—Lora Bruggeman, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL
Readalike: *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* / Jonathan Evison



QUEENIE
by Candice Carty-Williams
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"Queenie, a 25-year-old British-Jamaican woman, struggles to have a sense of purpose after being dumped by her white boyfriend. This humorous and timely debut sheds light on society's fetishization of black women

and its impact on family, relationships and mental health."
—Molly Riportella, Westwood Public Library, Westwood, MA
Readalike: *New People* / Danzy Senna



THE RIVER
A Novel
by Peter Heller
(Knopf)

"A love letter to the great outdoors. Both adventure story and elegant nature writing. Two college students on a canoe trip face a wildfire, white-water rapids, and two mysterious strangers. For fans of Tim Johnston and

Dave Eggers."
—Sara Kennedy, Delaware County District Library, Delaware, OH
Readalike: *The River at Night* / Erica Ferencik

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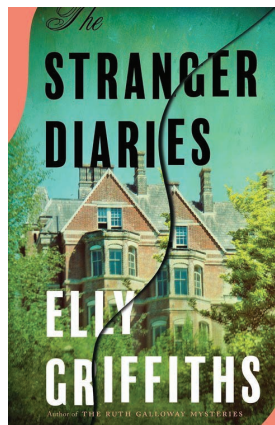
DAISY JONES & THE SIX
A Novel
by Taylor Jenkins Reid
(Ballantine Books)

"Like the best episodes of *Behind the Music*, this chronicle of the rise and fall of a fictional '70s rock group is impossible to resist. You'll be tempted to look up the band's hits, only to disappointedly remember that they don't exist. A great rock 'n' roll ride for readers."

—Becky Bowen, Kenton County Public Library, Erlanger, KY

Readalikes:

A Visit From the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan
Gold Dust Woman: The Biography of Stevie Nicks by Stephen Davis
The Gangster of Love by Jessica Hagedorn
Juliet, Naked by Nick Hornby



THE STRANGER DIARIES
by Elly Griffiths
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"The author of the Ruth Galloway novels pens a chilling, atmospheric standalone. After a colleague is found dead, English teacher Claire Cassidy discovers messages from the murderer in her own private journal. Perfect for fans of both classic gothic horror and contemporary murder mysteries."

—Dawn Terrizzi, Denton Public Library, Denton, TX

Readalikes:

The Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz
The Ghost Writer by John Harwood
The Broken Teaglass by Emily Arsenault
The Seduction of Water by Carol Goodman