

US: A Novel
by David Nicholls
(Harper)

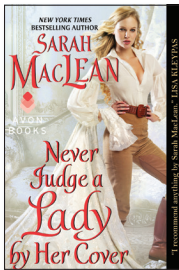
"Every once in a while you stumble upon a book that makes you wish you could meet the characters in real life. This is the case with *Us*, the poignant story of a middle-of-the-road British family spiraling out of control, and one man's attempt to win back their love. Quirky, delightful and unpredictable, the novel delves into what makes a marriage, and what tears it apart."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX



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

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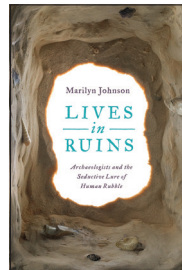
NEVER JUDGE A LADY BY HER COVER:

The Fourth Rule of Scoundrels
by Sarah MacLean
(Avon)

"Having lost her innocence in a teenage love affair, Lady Georgiana is a social pariah. Trying to save the tatters of her reputation, she must marry and marry well. By night, she is Anna, the most powerful

madame in London, and a powerful seductress in her own right. Will Georgiana succeed in re-entering society, or will her past catch up with her once and for all?"

—Emily Peros, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO



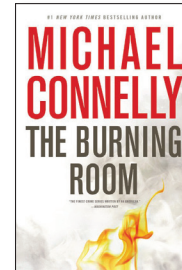
LIVES IN RUINS:

Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble
by Marilyn Johnson
(Harper)

"Johnson takes a fascinating look at the field of archeology, profiling a number of archaeologists at work. She visits sites as diverse as an army base, Rhode Island, the

Caribbean, the Mediterranean and Peru, but the best part of this book is learning about the archaeologists and their passions. A fun, interesting read that may cause an uptick in field school applications."

—Jenna Persick, Chester County Library, Exton, PA



THE BURNING ROOM:

by Michael Connelly
(Little, Brown and Company)

"In this page-turning procedural, the veteran Harry Bosch is paired with a rising star in the cold case department. Bosch may be nearing the end of his service in the LAPD, but he still has many tricks of the trade to pass along to his young partner, who has a

personal stake in one of their investigations. Another great entry in the Bosch series."

—Elizabeth Eastin, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton, NY



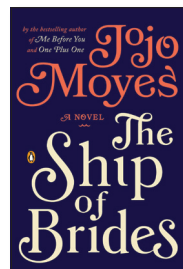
MORTAL HEART:

His Fair Assassin Trilogy #3
by Robin LaFevers
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers)

"Annith has been forbidden from leaving the convent of St. Mortain, so she breaks the rules to find out why. On her journey, she meets someone unexpected: the leader of the Hellequin, a group of dead souls repenting for their past

wrongs and trying to track down those who are left wandering the earth in order to help them cross over. This is the best of all three books!"

—Hannah Berry, Aurora Public Library, Aurora, IL



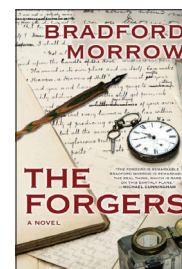
THE SHIP OF BRIDES:

A Novel
by Jojo Moyes
(Penguin)

"Moyes presents a different take on the war bride novel, telling the story of four Australian women who must travel to their husbands in England at the end of World War II. It is a difficult journey under the best circumstances, but for the 650 brides

making the trip, it is almost unbearable. These four are among the last of the brides to be shipped out on a fully staffed Navy aircraft carrier. A sweeping, multilayered book with honest voices that holds the reader's attention through the voyage from the bride's homeland of Australia to the shores of their new home in the UK"

—Ilene Lefkowitz, Denville Public Library, Denville, NJ



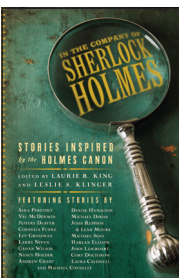
THE FORGERS

by Bradford Morrow
(Mysterious Press)

"Narrator Will and Adam Diehl have something in common: they are both forgers, able to produce and sell authentic-looking inscriptions of Arthur Conan Doyle and Henry James' books. When Adam is found bludgeoned and missing his

hands, Will is inevitably drawn into the murder investigation. The clues and horror mount until realization bursts upon the reader at the end"

—Nancy Russell, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH



IN THE COMPANY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:

Stories Inspired by the Holmes Canon
Edited by Leslie S. Klinger and Laurie R. King
(Pegasus)

"A unique, engaging collection of short stories written in honor of Sherlock Holmes. It's wonderful reading all of the different styles with

twists on the original Sir Arthur Conan Doyle tales, such as a Facebook-type narrative and a story written from the point of view of a horse. Sherlock aficionados will appreciate the whispers of the great detective on every page."

—Paulette Brooks, Elm Grove Public Library, Elm Grove, WI



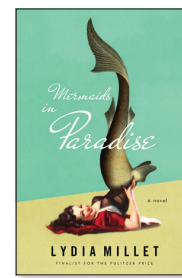
JANE AND THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:

Being a Jane Austen Mystery
by Stephanie Barron
(Soho Crime)

"Jane, her sister Cassandra, and her mother are spending Christmas with her brother's family at Steventon Parsonage. They're invited to visit the Vyne, where the weather and

then a murder (or two) keep them houseguests. Jane's personality and all of those around her shine throughout this story. I'm now planning to start back at the beginning of the series."

—Kim Storbeck, Timberland Regional Library, Tumwater, WA



MERMAIDS IN PARADISE:

A Novel
by Lydia Millet
(W. W. Norton & Company)

"This delightful book starts out as almost chick-lit, turns into a fantasy adventure, then leads into an underdog heist. The tone reminds me of Libba Bray's *Beauty Queens*, with just enough absurdity in a

tropical location to keep you on your toes. Protagonist Deb's husband, Chip, is a total babe (in a nerdy way) and her BFF, Gina, is the best kind of snarky. A highly entertaining read."

—Amanda Monson, Bartow County Library System, Cartersville, GA