

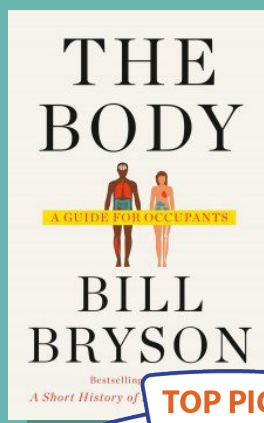


The Body A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson (Doubleday Books)

"A fascinating look at the human body and how it functions. Each historical tidbit is well-researched and thoroughly cited. Interesting stories, such as how diseases, cells, nerves, and organs were discovered, are woven throughout. For readers who like narrative nonfiction such as *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, *Gulp* by Mary Roach and *Guts* by Giulia Enders."

—Carolynn Waites, Manvel Library, Manvel, TX

NovelList read-alike: *Gross Anatomy: Dispatches from the Front (and Back)* by Mara Altman



TOP PICK

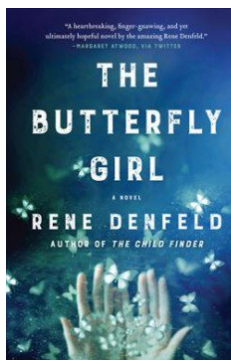
October 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



The Art of Theft by Sherry Thomas (Berkley)

"In this fun, playful series, Thomas has created a female version of Holmes who is vibrant, real, relatable, and intelligent. This fourth book has Holmes and Watson travel to France, with twists and turns the reader won't see coming. Perfect for fans of Laurie R. King's Mary Russell series and Tasha Alexander's Lady Emily series."

—Carrie Pedigo, Tippecanoe County Public Library, Lafayette, IN
NovelList read-alike: Jem Flockhart novels by E.S. Thomson



The Butterfly Girl A Novel by Rene Denfeld (Harper)

"Denfeld's writing is like lyrical poetry, with every word captivating. Add to this an amazing mystery, a plethora of suspense, and an ending that exceeds all expectations, and we have another 5 star book. For fans of *What She Knew* by Gilly Macmillan and *Love You More* by Lisa Gardner."

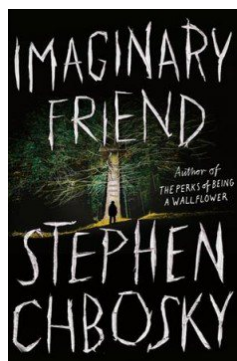
—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT
NovelList read-alike: *Black Eyed Susans* by Julia Heaberlin



Cilka's Journey A Novel by Heather Morris (St. Martin's Press)

"A powerful follow-up to *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, this story begins after the liberation of Auschwitz, when Cilka is sentenced to 15 years in one of Stalin's Siberian labor gulags. From one death camp to another--for doing what was needed to survive. For fans of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly and *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter."

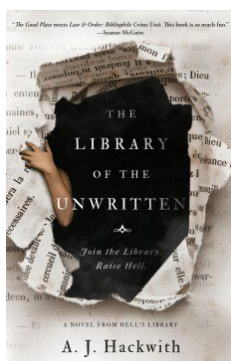
—Don Crankshaw, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Evansville, IN
NovelList read-alike: *House of Meetings* by Martin Amis



Imaginary Friend by Stephen Chbosky (Grand Central Publishing)

"Christopher and his mom run from an abusive boyfriend and seek peace and quiet in a new town. Instead, Christopher becomes agitated and sneaks out at night, doing anything a "nice man" tells him to do. This is pure horror, a classic battle of good and evil, and a must for fans of Stephen King, Joe Hill, and Paul Tremblay."

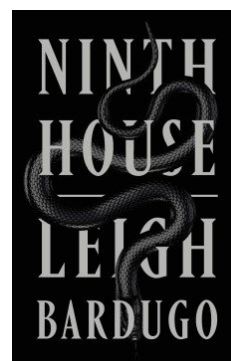
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *The Stand* by Stephen King



The Library of the Unwritten by A.J. Hackwith (Ace)

"The ideas of books never actually written possess dangerous potential and power. They are kept in the Library of the Unwritten in Hell. Determined librarians tend the library keeping watch for escaped characters, angels and demons. For fans of Genevieve Cogman or Neil Gaiman."

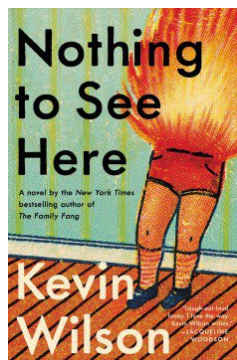
—Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Library, Lansing, MI
NovelList read-alike: *A Darker Shade of Magic* by V.E. Schwab



Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo (Flatiron Books)

"Alex has always been able to see ghosts, and this talent uniquely qualifies her to become part of the Lethe, a group that regulates the eight magical societies at Yale. When a murder happens nearby the campus Alex suspects that a society has their hand in this and it's not just a normal homicide. For fans of urban fantasy and secret societies."

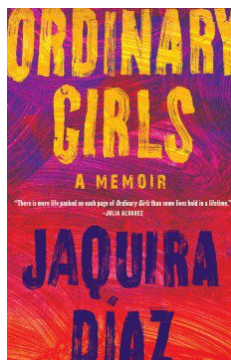
—Amy Verkruijsen, Calcasieu Parish Public Library, Lake Charles, LA
NovelList read-alike: *Magic For Liars* by Sarah Galley



Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson (Ecco)

"A funny, snarky narrator takes on the job of caretaker for kids with remarkable and strange abilities. Everyone involved learns that sometimes all we need after being repeatedly let down is someone to rely on. For fans of Chuck Kosterman and Gary Shteyngart."

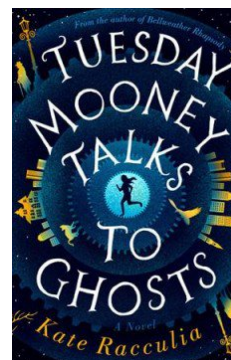
—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: *Gravity is the Thing* by Jaclyn Moriarty



Ordinary Girls A Memoir by Jaquira Diaz (Algonquin Books)

"Diaz was out of control. Her life was a never ending cycle of indifferent (or worse) parenting, street fights, abuse, drugs, arrests, alcohol, skipping school—all are detailed in this coming of age memoir. Reading this memoir, I was reminded that no one can make you do something until you decide to on your own. For fans of *Hunger* by Roxane Gay and *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago."

—Linda Tilden, Mt. Laurel Public Library, Mt. Laurel, AL
NovelList read-alike: *Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls* by T Kira Madden



Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts by Kate Racculia (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

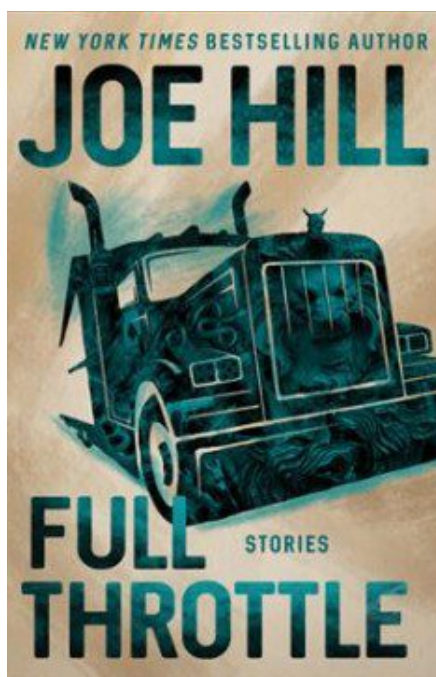
"Engaging characters set off to follow the mysterious clues of the will of an elderly, wealthy eccentric for a chance at winning the grand prize. Young grief and loss, family guilt and secrets, and hilarity are featured throughout. Plus: ghosts! For readers who liked *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson and *Lost and Found* by Carolyn Parkhurst."

—Pamela Gardner, Medfield Public Library, Medfield, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan



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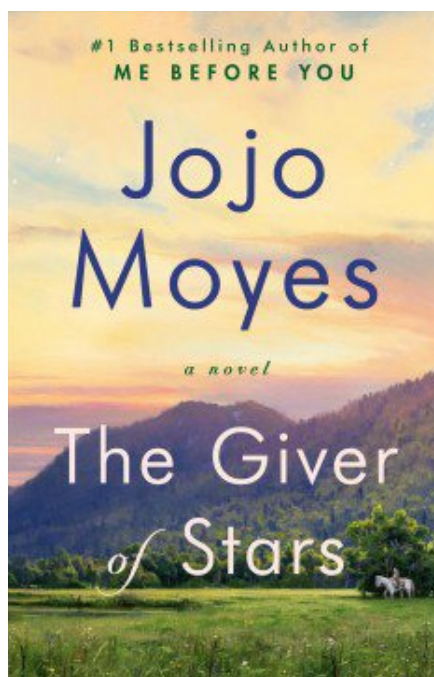


Full Throttle
by Joe Hill
(William Morrow)

"Hill's short story collection hits the sweet spot: thirteen supernatural tales that satisfy but also leave you wanting a tiny bit more. He also discusses the inspiration for each story, allowing fans more insight into his process."

—Mahogany Skillings, Richland Library, Richland Columbia, SC

Read-alike: *Trigger Warning* by Neil Gaiman
Read-alike: *Magic for Beginners* by Kelly Link
Read-alike: *Ghost Summer* by Tananarive Due

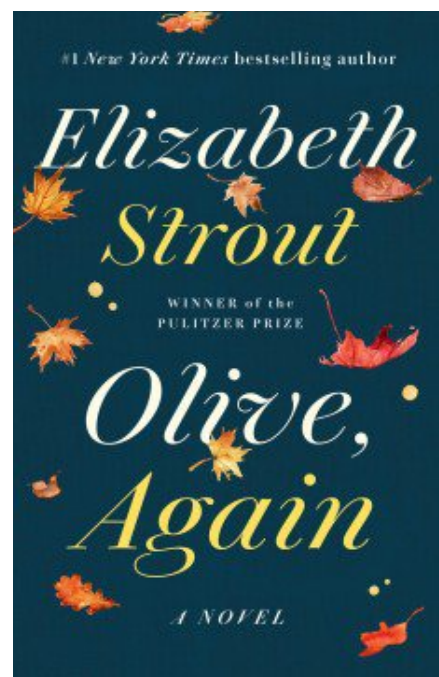


The Giver of Stars
A Novel
by Jojo Moyes
(Pamela Dorman Books)

"Moyes brings Depression-era Kentucky to life in this historical novel about five women who become horseback librarians. Vivid descriptions of daily life in a 1930s coal-mining community and great characters punctuate an informative, fun read that's based on a true story."

—Linda Sullivan, Mission Viejo Public Library, Mission Viejo, CO

Read-alike: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
Read-alike: *The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls* by Anton DiScalfani
Read-alike: *Over the Plain Houses* by Julia Franks



Olive, Again
A Novel
by Elizabeth Strout
(Random House)

"Olive Kitteridge is back and still as crotchety, opinionated, and endearing as ever. Aging, death, racism, prejudices, infidelities—nothing gets past Olive as she sticks her nose into every corner of her small town."

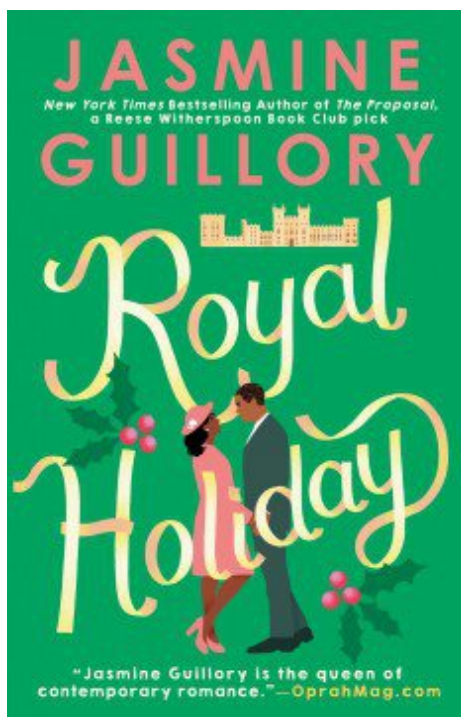
—Sharon Hutchins, Keytesville Library, Keytesville, MO

Read-alike: *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson
Read-alike: *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal
Read-alike: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce



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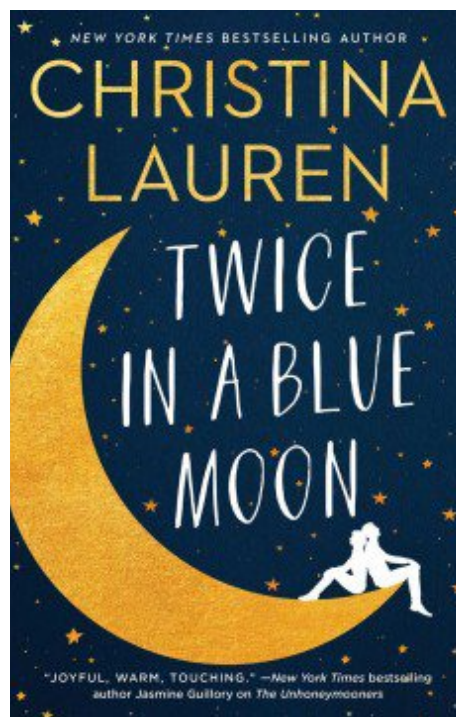


Royal Holiday
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley)

"An irresistible Christmas fantasy about a woman of a certain age who falls for the queen of England's private secretary on a visit to the U.K. Guillory describes Britain so well, and it was great to read a popular romance novel starring an older protagonist."

—Megan Sanks, Glenview Public Library, Glenview, IL

Read-alike: *A Princess in Theory* by Alyssa Cole
Read-alike: *Pride, Prejudice and Other Flavors* by Sonali Dev
Read-alike: *My Oxford Year* by Julia Whelan



Twice in a Blue Moon
by Christina Lauren
(Gallery Books)

"Sam was Tate's first love and turned her world upside down. Years later they reconnect unexpectedly, and she wonders if young love should get a second chance. Another unputdownable book from Lauren."

—Melissa Stumpe, Johnson County Public Library, Greenwood, IN

Read-alike: *Not Quite Over You* by Susan Mallery
Read-alike: *Perfect Timing* by Brenda Jackson
Read-alike: *Waiting on You* by Kristan Higgins