

# TOP PICK

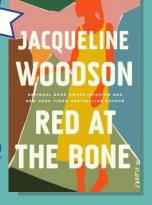
Red at the Bone A Novel

#### by Jacqueline woodsor

Riverhead Bo

"A rich, multigenerational weaving of two families, starting at Melody's coming-of-age party. She wears the dress her mother didn't get to wear because she was pregnant with Melody at the time. Alternating narration moves forward and backward in time, reflecting on family, desire, identity, and parenthood. For fans of Jesmyn Ward and Brit Bennett."

— Julie Graham, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakima Valley, WA NoveList read-alike: *Third Girl from the Left* by Martha Southgate



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



#### Bringing Down the Duke

by Evie Dunmore

(Berkley Jove)

"Oxford student Annabelle is knee deep in the suffragette movement. The Duke is wary of supporting a cause not in the crown's best interest, but can't deny his attraction to Annabelle. A well-done version of the enemies-to-friends-to-lovers story. Perfect for fans of Juliana Gray and Amanda Ouick"

—Amanda Brill, Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, NC NoveList read-alike: *Sweet Disorder* by Rose Lerner



#### Don't You Forget About Me

by Mhairi McFarlane (William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Aspiring writer Georgina, broke and a mess, gets a job at a bar owned by Lucas, whose heart she broke in high school. This fresh, funny story has just the right amount of sexual tension, and well-developed, relatable characters. A must-read for rom-com fans of Jane Green and Mary Kay Andrews."

—Theresa Bond, Middlesex Public Library, Middlesex, NJ NoveList read-alike: *One Day in December* by Josie Silver



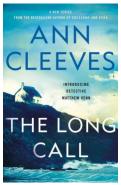
#### The Dutch House

by Ann Patchett

(Harper)

"For siblings Danny and Maeve, the Dutch house is much more than a structure. It is the bones of their family, a symbol connected to love, loss, achievement, and abandonment. They are connected to this house all their lives, even after being flung out of it. For fans of Anne Tyler and Anna Ouindlen."

—Kelly Currie, Delphi Public Library, Delphi, IN NoveList read-alike: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy



## The Long Call by Ann Cleeves

(Minotaur Books)

"In this new series, the introspective detective Matthew Venn of Devon and his team search for an itinerant worker's murderer.
Connections emerge to Venn's estranged parents' religious community and his partner's workplace. A solid, almost cozy British mystery for fans of Kate Atkinson and Elly Griffiths."

—Carol Melichar, Seminole County Public Library, Casselberry, FL NoveList read-alike: Reverend Clare Fergusson mysteries by Julia Spencer-Fleming



#### No Judgments

by Meg Cabot

(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Bree moves to the Florida Keys after a devastating breakup. When a hurricane threatens to wipe out the town, she refuses to evacuate and scrambles to protect the pets her neighbors were forced to leave behind. For contemporary romance fans like *Unhoneymooners* by Christina Lauren and *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne."

—Amber Greenwood, Edgewood Public Library, Edgewood, MD NoveList read-alike: *First Time in Forever* by Sarah Morgan



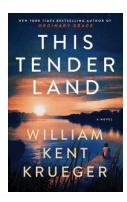
#### The Secrets We Kept

A Novel

by Lara Prescott (Knopf)

"Inspired by a true story of *Dr. Zhivago*. Pasternak had finished his controversial novel and needed to get it out of Russia to be published. A CIA agent is trained by another female operative and the two work to save the Cold War masterpiece. For readers who enjoyed *The Red Sparrow* by Jason Matthews and *Sweet Tooth* by lan McEwan."

—Mamie Ney, Auburn Public Library, Auburn, MA NoveList read-alike: The Zhivago Affair by Peter Finn and Petra Couvee



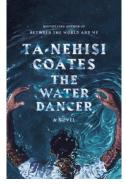
#### This Tender Land

by William Kent Krueger

(Atria Books)

"Odie and company escape a sadistic boarding school and travel through Depression-era America, meeting angels, devils-- and everyone in between--along the way. It's like Huck Finn and friends meet the Odyssey. For fans of Wiley Cash's *This Dark Road to Mercy* and Louise Erdrich's *The Round House*."

—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD NoveList read-alike: *99 Nights in Logar* by Jamil Jan Kochai



#### The Water Dancer

A Novel by Ta-Nehisi Coates

(One World)

"A gorgeous novel blending historical fiction and magical realism to create a powerful portrait of the people who made up the Underground Railroad. For readers who enjoyed *Beloved* by Toni Morrison and *She Would Be King* by Wayetu Moore."

—Mara Bandy-Fass, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL NoveList read-alike: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler



#### Well Met

by Jen DeLuca (Berkley Jove)

"Emily has been through a rough patch and needs a new start. Where better to start than a small town that puts on a Ren Faire every year. At first she thinks it's silly, but a handsome pirate soon changes her mind. For fans of *Red, White, & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston."

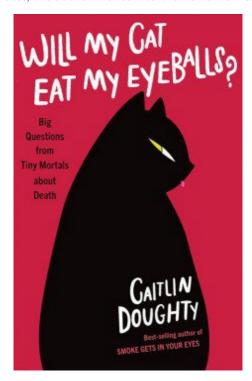
—Michelle Herring, Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL NoveList read-alike: *Hard Day's Knight* by Katie Macalister

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### September 2019

The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly LibraryReads list since 2013. When their third title places on the list via library staff votes, the author moves into the Hall of Fame.



#### Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs? by Caitlin Doughty

(W.W. Norton & Company)

"Mortician Doughty's latest explores everything you always wanted to know about death but were afraid to ask. From learning why corpses change color to whether you could preserve yourself in amber, readers who enjoy asking weird and wild questions will love this book."

—Erin Manning, Westlake Porter Public Library, Westlake, OH

Read-alike: Stiff by Mary Roach Read-alike: What If? by Randall Munroe Read-alike: True or Poo? by Nick Caruso Read-alike: Quackery by Lydia Kang

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