



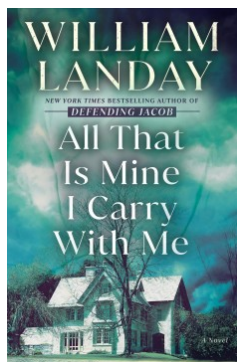
*Lone Women: A Novel*  
by Victor LaValle  
(One World)

A homestead far from prying eyes offers Adelaide a fresh start in 1915 Montana. She makes a few female friends—after all, lone women need to stick together. But a secret that won't be contained or silenced soon threatens her new life. Horror mixed with resilient characters in complex relationships make this a must-read for fans of *A Dangerous Business* and *When Women Were Dragons*.

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *Devil's Call* by Danielle J. Dorn



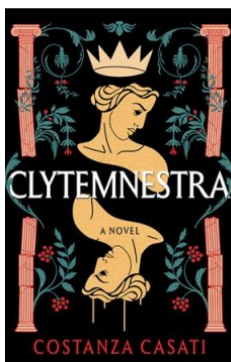
March 2023: The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



*All That Is Mine I Carry With Me: A Novel*  
by William Landay  
(Ballantine)

"The Larkin siblings face years of sadness and questions after their mother disappears. Many speculate their father killed her, but he's always maintained his innocence. What is the truth? The story spans several decades and features multiple narrators, including the mother. The characters are deftly explored and are very raw and real. For readers of suspenseful fiction and family dramas."

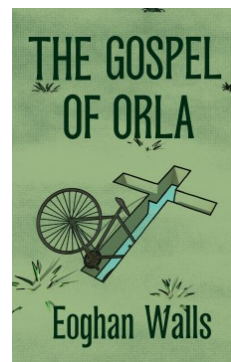
—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT  
NovelList read-alike: *It's One of Us* by J.T. Ellison



*Clytemnestra: A Novel*  
by Costanza Casati  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"This triumphant retelling of Greek legend traces Clytemnestra's life through her childhood in warring Sparta to her marriage and the end of the Trojan War. Casati fully fleshes out the mythical queen's character—fierce and unyielding but also soft and mournful. For readers of Madeline Miller's historical fiction."

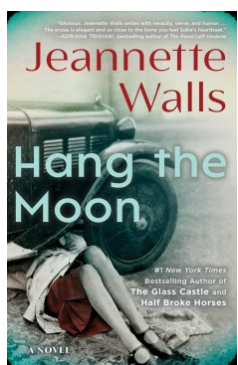
—Magen Hill, Braswell Memorial Library, Rocky Mount, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *Elektra* by Jennifer Saint



*The Gospel of Orla*  
by Eoghan Walls  
(Seven Stories Press)

"Orla manages the best she can with a little sister and an alcoholic dad, but she misses her mother, who died too soon. When she meets a man who seems to have the power of resurrection, she plans to bring him to her mother's grave, beginning a heartbreaking journey into adulthood and acceptance. Readers of this lyrical debut will wish spunky Orla all the best."

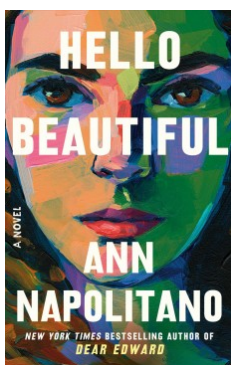
—Katharine Phenix, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO  
NovelList read-alike: *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan



*Hang the Moon: A Novel*  
by Jeannette Walls  
(Scribner)

"Walls' latest coming-of-age novel about love, loss, and the grey areas of the law is set in Prohibition-era small-town Virginia. This is a must-read for anyone who craves fiction that has unforgettable characters, a relatively quick pace for literary fiction, and a well-researched background. For fans of Sue Monk Kidd and Kaye Gibbons."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA  
NovelList read-alike: *Over the Fence* by Mary B. Monroe



*Hello Beautiful: A Novel*  
by Ann Napolitano  
(The Dial Press)

"A man's tragic past and the intersection of his relationship with the sisters of the Padavano family is at the heart of this story. Napolitano skillfully creates a believable narrative to show the effects of trauma, depression, and broken relationships on those around us. The novel has a hopeful message that is full of love."

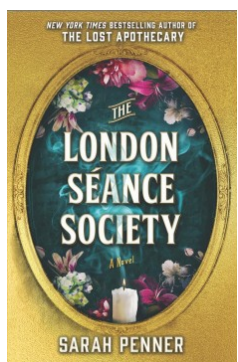
—Michelle Williams, Carlsbad City Library, Carlsbad, CA  
NovelList read-alike: *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane



*A House With Good Bones*  
by T. Kingfisher  
(Tor Nightfire)

"Readers should eagerly await this phenomenal book. It's deliciously creepy with a shocking twist, but also has incredibly sweet family dynamics (not including the haunting grandmother), an excellent level of humor to balance the tension, and, as a former archaeologist, I can say it has one of the best fictional portrayals of an archaeologist that I've come across."

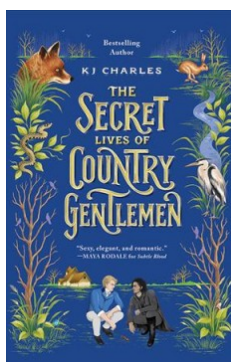
—Matthew Galloway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO  
NovelList read-alike: *How to Sell a Haunted House* by Grady Hendrix



*The London Séance Society: A Novel*  
by Sarah Penner  
(Park Row)

"Lenna Wickes came to Paris in 1873 to apprentice for Vaudeline D'Allaire, a renowned spiritualist. Vaudeline is called back to the London Séance Society. Lenna joins her to find out who murdered her sister Evie. Can they figure out what happened before they wind up dead too? Penner clearly researched the spiritualism movement of the Victorian era and spun a suspenseful tale."

—Shari Suarez, GDL-Johnson Memorial, Genesee, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *A Dreadful Splendor* by B.R. Myers



*The Secret Lives of Country Gentlemen*  
by KJ Charles  
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)

This poignant romance is an absolute joy! The story incorporates Joss's identity as a biracial Black man but doesn't make it a hurdle that the romance has to surmount. Gareth's understanding of himself, and his honesty, was really refreshing to read in a Regency. And it has been far too long since there was a landed gentry/smuggler romance!

—Dontanà McPherson-Joseph, Oak Park Public Library, Oak Park, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *Soldier's Scoundrel* by Cat Sebastian



*Weyward: A Novel*  
by Emilia Hart  
(St. Martin's Press)

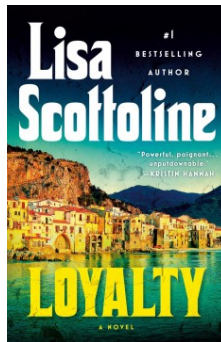
Men are always trying to dominate the Weyward women, but they always fail, because the Weyward women can call birds to their aid. This matriarchal clan of witches is almost broken until Kate, who stars in the most recent of the three timelines. *Practical Magic* meets Margaret Atwood in an unflinching feminist fantasy that is boiling over with rage and loaded with empowerment.

—Jill Minor, Washington County Library, Abingdon, VA  
NovelList read-alike: *Hester* by Laurie Lico Albanese



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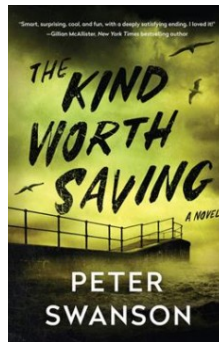
The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly LibraryReads list since 2013. When their third title places on the list via library staff votes, the author moves into the Hall of Fame.



*Loyalty: A Novel*  
by Lisa Scottoline  
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"Franco Fioravanti dreams of owning his own lemon grove. Determined to secure a better future, he will do anything to prove his loyalty to the baron. When asked to kidnap a little boy, Franco makes a decision that changes his life and alters Sicily forever. It takes a bit for the main characters to come together but this quickly becomes an emotional, action-packed epic of love and justice, set during the rise of the Mafia."

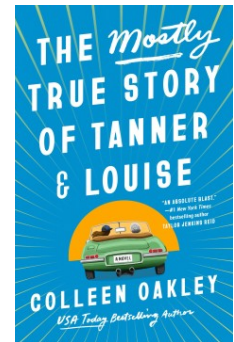
—Karen Troutman, Peru Public Library, Peru, IN  
Novelist read-alike: *The Florios of Sicily* by Stefania Auci



*The Kind Worth Saving*  
by Peter Swanson  
(William Morrow)

"Henry Kimball is back—dismissed from his police job and working as a private investigator. Client Joan hires Henry to investigate her cheating husband, but as he pieces together past events, he starts to realize something else may be going on. The ending provides new insight and depth into Henry's life and relationships with lots of twists and turns for mystery readers to enjoy."

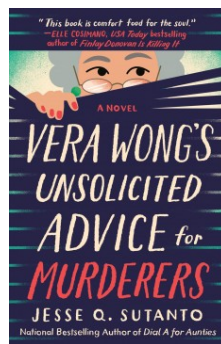
—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH  
Novelist read-alike: *The Golden Couple* by Greer Hendricks



*The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise*  
by Colleen Oakley  
(Berkley)

"After a freak accident derails Tanner's college soccer career, she moves in with Louise, an older woman whose family thinks she needs a caregiver. But there's more to Louise than Tanner expects—and when Louise's past comes to light, the two go on the lam. Great for fans of lively intergenerational fiction and *A Thousand Miles to Graceland*."

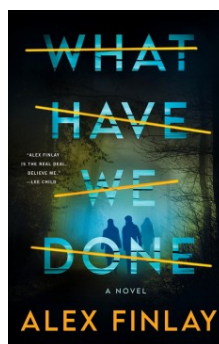
—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *The Summer Seekers* by Sarah Morgan



*Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*  
by Jesse Q. Sutanto  
(Berkley)

"Written with wickedly sharp humor and a tightly woven plot, the book is also about the hurt that families can give and the unexpected joys of found-family. Vera is a delight as she bosses everyone around, investigating her main suspects even as she weaves bonds of friendship with and between them. Also the descriptions of the tea and food were mouthwateringly delicious!"

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, Milford, OH  
Novelist read-alike: *Aunty Lee's Delights* by Ovidia Yu

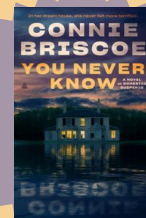


*What Have We Done: A Novel*  
by Alex Finlay  
(Minotaur Books)

"One night, five teenagers who grew up together in a group home commit a murder and take off into the rest of their lives. Twenty years later, they each face an assassin sent to kill them. Now the race is on to figure out who is behind the killers. This was a fantastic roller-coaster of a thriller with lots of twists and turns."

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
Novelist read-alike: *The Lying Game* by Ruth Ware

March 23 Bonus Pick:  
(New addition to the regular list)



*You Never Know: A Novel of Domestic Suspense*  
by Connie Briscoe  
(Amistad)

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