



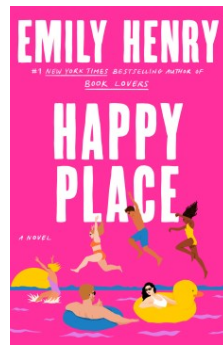
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**The Fiancée Farce: A Novel**  
by Alexandria Bellefleur  
(Avon)

Bellefleur is back with a frothy, adorable, heartwarming romance. Tansy has been lying to her family about having a girlfriend just so they'll get off her back. Her fake girlfriend, Gemma, happens to be a real life cover model for romance novels who shows up at a wedding Tansy is attending! Gemma surprises Tansy by going along with the ruse since she needs a fiancée in order to inherit her grandfather's company. Save this story for whenever you need a pick-me-up!

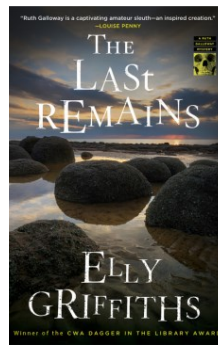
—Cari Dubiel,  
Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH  
Novelist read-alike:  
*No Rings Attached* by Rachel Lacey



**Happy Place: A Novel**  
by Emily Henry  
(Berkley)

Though they broke up six months ago, Wyn and Harriet pretend they're still together to avoid disrupting their college friends' last annual getaway to a cottage in Maine. This book takes the fake relationship trope to a whole new level with switching timelines that reveal how this former couple got to where they are now. Every character is flawed but lovable, and their banter is delightful. Emily Henry fans may have a new favorite!

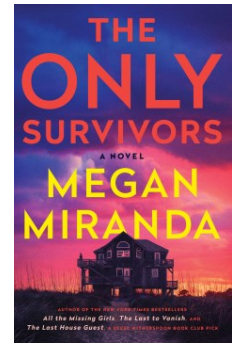
—Molly Thatcher,  
Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, SC  
Novelist read-alike:  
*The Bromance Book Club* by Lyssa Kay Adams



**The Last Remains**  
by Elly Griffiths  
(Mariner Books)

Dr. Ruth Galloway faces the closing of the archaeology department at the University of North Norfolk while DCI Harry Nelson considers retirement. Both are at a crossroads personally and professionally when the skeleton of a former archaeology student is found after disappearing fifteen years ago. This intricate mystery is full of red herrings and local color, and features characters who continue to grow in a way that is seldom seen in series.

—Stacey Lunsford,  
Irvin L Young Memorial Library, Whitewater, WI  
Novelist read-alike:  
*A Murder in Tuscany* by Christobel Kent



**The Only Survivors: A Novel**  
by Megan Miranda  
(Scribner/Marysue Rucci Books)

A group of former classmates reunite to mark the tenth anniversary of a tragic accident only to have one of the survivors disappear, casting fear and suspicion on the original tragedy. Seven hours in the past. Seven days in the present. Seven survivors remaining. Readers won't be able to put down this page-turner, and will want to reread it to see all the missed clues.

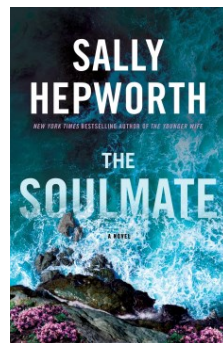
—Vanneshia Crane,  
Love County Library/Southern OK Library System  
Novelist read-alike:  
*The Final Girl Support Group* by Grady Hendrix



**Romantic Comedy: A Novel**  
by Curtis Sittenfeld  
(Random House)

The Danny Horst Rule states that a gorgeous male celebrity like Noah Brewster would not fall in love with an average-looking woman like Sally Milz. So Sally can't fathom why Noah seems drawn to her as they prepare for the Saturday night comedy show where he is the guest host and she is a staff writer. This is a modern love story with intricately fleshed out characters and fresh dialogue, authentically set during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

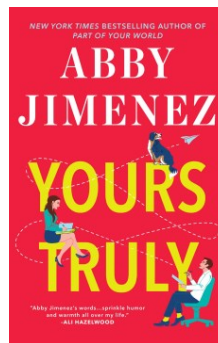
—Judy Haynes Sebastian,  
Eastham Public Library, Eastham, MA  
Novelist read-alike:  
*Funny You Should Ask* by Elissa Sussman



**The Soulmate: A Novel**  
by Sally Hepworth  
(St. Martin's Press)

A tragic situation takes an ominously personal turn when Pippa's husband, first thought to be an unwitting witness to a stranger's suicide, is revealed to have a secret connection to the woman. As more is revealed, Pippa has to wonder if her husband played more of a hands-on role in the woman's death. Readers will be swept away with this twisty, well-crafted thriller.

—Sharon Layburn,  
South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY  
Novelist read-alike:  
*It's One of Us* by J.T. Ellison

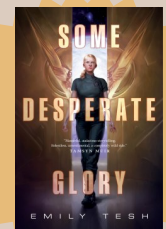


**Yours Truly**  
by Abby Jimenez  
(Forever)

After a terrible first impression, Jacob sends a letter causing Briana to decide to give her irritating coworker a second chance. Surprisingly, she finds him warm and funny. In this eye-opening, brutally honest, and vulnerable romance, the two fall in love while dealing with serious issues such as anxiety and kidney disease. Readers who enjoyed *Unlikely Match* by Laura Bradbury should enjoy this novel.

—Brenna Jaco,  
Lubbock Public Library, Lubbock, TX  
Novelist read-alike:  
*Take a Hint, Dani Brown* by Talia Hibbert

April 2023 Bonus Pick  
(New addition to the monthly list)



**Some Desperate Glory**  
by Emily Tesh  
(TorDotCom)

Kyr is the product of a petty fascist state that believes it's the last hope for humanity after Earth was destroyed by aliens. She's trained her whole life to be a consummate fighter, but when she's assigned instead to pop out babies for the cause, she leaves her restrictive community. A fast-paced space adventure! Read it instead of *Ender's Game*.  
—Anna Mickelsen, LibraryReads Board