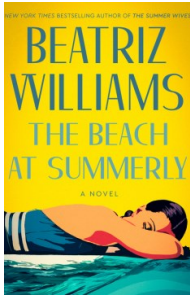




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The Beach at Summerly: A Novel
Beatriz Williams
(William Morrow)

Emilia, who lives on Winthrop Island, becomes good friends with glamorous Olive when she arrives in 1946. But when Emilia helps an FBI agent capture a Russian spy, she must deal with the fallout eight years later. Williams writes great historical novels, and this well-researched story brings the Cold War to life.

— Beth Emmerling, Enoch Pratt Free Library
NoveList read-alike:
A Woman of Intelligence by Karin Tanabe



The Five-Star Weekend
Elin Hilderbrand
(Little, Brown and Company)

When popular food blogger Hollis Shaw unexpectedly becomes a widow, she decides to move on by inviting four friends from different phases of life to spend an all-expenses paid weekend together. Hollis hires her daughter to film the weekend—which turns out to be full of secrets, deceptions, and surprises. Highly recommended for readers who enjoy novels about women's friendships.

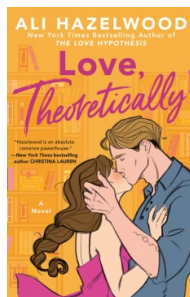
— Sandy Ruhmann, Allen Park Public Library
NoveList read-alike:
Hello, Sunshine by Laura Dave



Lady Tan's Circle of Women
Lisa See
(Scribner)

Inspired by a true story, this novel set in 15th century China follows Yunxian (Lady Tan) from her childhood to marriage and motherhood. She learns the art of medicine from her grandmother alongside Meiling, a midwife-in-training who becomes a close friend. After entering an arranged marriage, Yunxian is forbidden to apply her skills and knowledge to help other women. See's description of this remarkable woman and her remedies will fascinate readers.

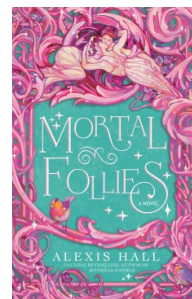
—Madeleine Felder, San Francisco Public Library
NoveList read-alike:
The Picture Bride by Kum-i Yi



Love, Theoretically
Ali Hazelwood
(Berkley)

Theoretical physicist Elsie Hannaway works as both an adjunct professor and fake girlfriend. This works out fine until she has to contend with Jack Smith, the arrogant experimental physicist who is her professional enemy. Hazelwood makes it easy to get wrapped up in this science-based story with her relatable and witty characters. This is a quick and easy read; a good heartfelt book.

—Elisabeth Byers, Prairie du Chien Memorial Library
NoveList read-alike:
Love, Hate & Clickbait by Liz Bowery



Mortal Follies: A Novel
Alexis Hall
(Del Rey)

Maelys Mitchelmore thinks she is cursed, and every time something embarrassing, tragic, or downright terrifying happens, Lady Georgianna Landrake is right there. Rumor has it that Lady Georgianna is a wicked enchantress—is she behind the curse, or can she save Maelys from the spirits that plague her? A rollicking queer Regency romance featuring charming characters and a clever premise; ideal for fans of historical rom-coms.

—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library
NoveList read-alike:
Half a Soul by Olivia Atwater

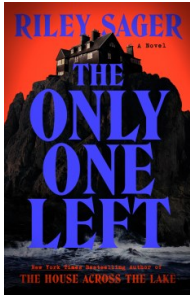
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The Only One Left: A Novel
Riley Sager
(Dutton)

Kit lost her job as a home health aid when a patient died under suspicious circumstances. She is given one last opportunity of employment: a job that requires her to care for Lenora Hope, longtime suspect in the murder of her whole family. This twisty Gothic mystery will leave savvy thriller readers and fans of *Verity* by Colleen Hoover gasping until the very last page.

—Jayme Oldham, Highland Park Public Library
Novelist read-alike:
The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James



The Spectacular: A Novel
Fiona Davis
(Dutton)

Marion Brooks loves to dance. This is the 1950s though, and her father is not so thrilled but she has been able to balance her love of dance and family by teaching in a dance studio. When she sees an opportunity to try out for the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, Marion decides to go for it, and succeeds. Unexpectedly, after a serial bomber strikes Radio City with tragic results, Marion and her friend Peter investigate.

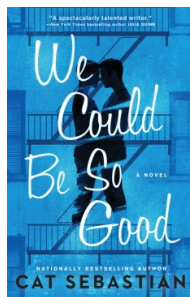
—Joan Hipp, Florham Park Public Library
Novelist read-alike:
The Socialite's Guide to Murder by S.K. Golden



Unfortunately Yours
Tessa Bailey
(Avon)

Natalie Vos, daughter of wine country royalty, is miserable in her hometown. A quickie marriage to August, annoying purveyor of awful wines, might help them both, since she must marry to receive her trust fund, and his winery is in desperate straits. These characters are likable and well-realized and their issues and baggage make their marriage-of-convenience ring true.

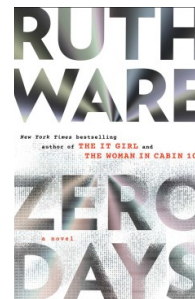
—Kaitlin Booth, Cuyahoga County Public Library
Novelist read-alike:
The Fiance Farce by Alexandra Bellefleur



We Could Be So Good
Cat Sebastian
(Avon)

It's 1950s NYC. Andy, a bumbling, scatter-brained son of an editor, meets Brooklyn-born, rough-and-tumble Nick while they work as reporters. As the two become friends, Nick hides his feelings for Andy and follows a dangerous police corruption story. Readers who love Alexis Hall and Roan Parrish will love this novel's dual-POV, gentle pining, historical accuracy, and delightful ending.

—Claire Sandoval-Peck, Timberland Regional Library
Novelist read-alike:
Worth a Fortune by Sam Ledel



Zero Days
Ruth Ware
(Gallery/Scout Press)

Jack and her husband Gabe work in computer security. One night, Jack comes home to find Gabe murdered after a job. She's absolutely devastated and vows to find Gabe's killer. The police aren't much help, so she goes rogue, setting the police on a chase to find Jack as she investigates. The excitement builds and you won't be able to stop reading. With great characters and mounting tension, this is highly recommended.

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library
Novelist read-alike:
I Will Find You by Harlan Coben

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