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**The Top Ten Adult Fiction and Nonfiction Chosen Monthly by America's Library Staff**

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**Family Lore**

Elizabeth Acevedo

(Waco)

Woven with magical realism, this novel uncovers the buried secrets of Flor and her sisters as this Dominican-American family tries to find out why Flor is throwing herself a living wake. Poet Acevedo successfully translates her skill into fiction. Readers of her previous work will recognize her heart and style, displayed here in alternating narratives. A beautifully told story with all the complexities that make up families.

—Becky Phillips, Brown County Library, WI

NoveList read-alike: Enchanted Hacienda by Jennifer Cervantes

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**Vampires of El Norte**

Isabel Canas

(Berkeley)

Nena, a ranch owner’s daughter, and Nestor, a peasant, know their love is impossible, but they still dream of marrying one day. That is until one night a terrifying beast attacks Nestor; believing she’s dead, Nestor flees in panic. Ten years later Nestor is back to help defend against Texas invaders and the supernatural creatures attacking their village. Set in 19th-century Mexico, this vibrant novel combines historical fiction, horror, and romance to tell a thrilling story.

—Migdalía Jiménez Chicago Public Library, IL

NoveList read-alike: The Hunger by Alma Katsu

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**The Blondie Identity**

CJ Carver

(Avon)

It’s the middle of the night in Paris and a woman wakes up with no memory. She only knows three things for certain: she has a splitting headache, she’s been lured into a trap much more sinister than could ever be imagined. A terrifyingly creepy and realistic tale.

—LeTrail Hall-Nance, Denver Public Library, CO

NoveList read-alike: Spare Me the Truth by C.J. Carver

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**The Witch is Back**

Sophie H. Morgan

(Harlequin)

Emmaline has loved Bastian her whole life. When he disappeared shortly before they were meant to be married, he broke her heart. Now he’s back and begging her to restate their engagement, for all the wrong reasons. Secrets, spells, heartbreak, and hope all come together beautifully in this charming tale! For readers who love Erin Sterling and April Asher.

—Sharon Loblurn, South Huntington Public, NY

NoveList read-alike: The Ex-Hex by Erin Sterling

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**Codename Charming: A Novel**

Lucy Parker

(Avon)

Pet is a human rainbow—colorful, vibrant, while Matthias is the personification of still waters running deep. Opposites attract in this contemporary workplace romance featuring a royal personal assistant and a bodyguard. Quirky, giggle-inducing humor is balanced by sweet moments. This was so satisfying and such a joy to read!

—Laura Eckert, Clermont County Public Library, OH

NoveList read-alike: The Royals Next Door by Karina Halle

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**Mister Magic: A Novel**

Kiersten White

(Del Rey)

When castmates from a children’s program are brought back together to record a podcast about the show, the group feel like they are back where they belong. But soon they begin to wonder, are they here by choice, or have they been lured into a trap much more sinister than could ever be imagined? A terrifyingly creepy and realistic tale.

—Ninoshka Aviles, Osceola Library, FL

NoveList read-alike: Burn the Negative by Joshua Winning

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**The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp**

Leenie Swann

(Soho Crime)

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**Notable Nonfiction:**

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