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

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The Other Side of Disappearing
Kate Clayborn
(Kensington Books)

Four lives collide: two sisters who once knew each other 10 years ago to run off with a con man, a podcaster working on the case, and a journalist with a mission. The mystery—where did they go?—moves neatly with the group's clashing goals as they follow the woman's trail across the country. This beautifully written novel is a thoughtful look at the many faces of love.

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, NY
Novelist read-alike: Love in the Time of Serial Killers by Alicia Thompson

James: A Novel
Percival Everett
(Doubleday)

In this superb counterpoint to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, we get the point of view of the enslaved character Jim. Through Jim's eyes, readers experience many of the familiar events from Twain's novel. However, this narrative reveals more details and realities of the horrible state of slavery. With added storylines of Jim's humor and family dedication, this book stands out as an illuminating addition to the American classic.

—Mary Waterman, Westport Library, CT
Novelist read-alike: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Bye, Baby: A Novel
Carola Lovering
(St. Martin's Press)

Longoing to reconnect with her best friend, Billie West stalks her on Instagram, and in one desperate moment takes her friend's infant baby, only to return her a few hours later, anonymously. Can she reconstruct her life and live with the consequences of her rash decision, or has she destroyed everything that was good in her life?

—Rachel Rooney, Mid-Continental Public Library, MO
Novelist read-alike: How Much of These Hills Is Gold by C. Pam Zhang

Listen for the Lie
Amy Tintera
(Celadon Books)

Lucy murdered her best friend, Savvy—at least, that’s what her small town believes. When a podcaster comes along searching for the truth, Lucy finally confronts the past. A cast of morally corrupt characters lead readers on a wild goose chase to solve the murder and the mystery of Lucy's missing memories.

—Andrea Galvin, Mt. Pulaski Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers

Happily Never After
Lynn Painter
(Berkley)

Sophie Steinbeck finds out that her fiancé has cheated on her and wants to end the wedding. She hires a Professional Objector, Max, whose whole purpose is to show up and yell “I object!” When Sophie joins his team, they realize they are attracted to one another. What a funny, sweet, and hot romance! Definite stars for Sophie’s elderly roommates!

—Jay K., Free Library of Philadelphia, PA
Novelist read-alike: Tastes Like Shallax by Nisha Sharma

Swift and Saddled: A Rebel Blue Ranch Novel
Lyla Sage
(Dial Press)

The second book in the Rebel Blue Ranch series is a swoony and sweet small-town romance. Readers who like found family, emotionally intelligent couples, and just overall cuteness will look forward to more in this quick-read cowboy romance.

—Vent! Diego, Smith Public Library, TX
Novelist read-alike: The Cowboy Whisperer by Sabrina Sol

Behind the Scenes: Outside the Country Music Industry
Carla Frahn
(Little, Brown)

This book offers an inside look at the often-exotic world of country music. It’s a story of ambition, resilience, and passion, exploring the challenges and rewards of a career in the music industry.

—Eunice McKinney, Lake Regional Library

Notable Nonfiction:
There’s Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension
Hanif Abdurraqib
(Random House)

This personal and powerful book explores the intersection of basketball and mental health, offering insights into the resilience and determination of athletes and fans alike.

—Linda Quinn, LibraryReads Ambassador

Below are more suggested reads:

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Sulari Gentill
(Poisoned Pen Press)

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**The Princess of Las Vegas: A Novel**
Chris Bohjalian  
*Doubleday*

NoveList read-alike: *The Spectacular*  
by Fiona Davis

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**Finlay Donovan Rolls the Dice**
Elle Cosimano  
*Minotaur Books*

NoveList read-alike: *Spellman Files series*  
by Lisa Lutz

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**The Hunter: A Novel**
Tana French  
*Viking*

NoveList read-alike: *Decent People*  
by De'Shawn Charles Winslow

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**The Angel of Indian Lake**
Stephen Graham Jones  
*Saga Press*

NoveList read-alike: *The Final Girl Support Group*  
by Grady Hendrix

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**A Grave Robbery**
Deanna Raybourn  
*Berkley*

NoveList read-alike: *Of Manners and Murder*  
by Anastasia Hastings

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**The Underground Library: A Novel**
Jennifer Ryan  
*Ballantine Books*

NoveList read-alike: *The Librarian of Banned Books*  
by Brianna Labuskes

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**The Truth About the Devilins**
Lisa Scottoline  
*G.P. Putnam’s Sons*

NoveList read-alike: *My Sister, the Serial Killer*  
by Oyinkan Braithwaite

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**Expiration Dates: A Novel**
Rebecca Serle  
*Atria Books*

NoveList read-alike: *The Deja Glitch*  
by Holly James

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**Murder Road**
Simone St. James  
*Berkley*

NoveList read-alike: *Deep Water*  
by Emma Bamford

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**The New Couple in 5B**
Lisa Unger  
*Park Row*

NoveList read-alike: *The Other Mrs.*  
by Mary Kubica