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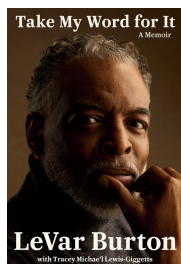


Captive Traitor King
Brigid Kemmerer
(Avon)

Book 2 in the Braided Fate series finds Ky, Jory, and Asher in a high-stakes, fragile alliance where betrayal is lurking around every corner and dark secrets could tear them apart. Kemmerer delivers a sequel full of magic, royal intrigue, and love that will captivate her readers once again.

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The Beast* by Katee Robert

TOP PICK



Take My Word for It: A Memoir
LeVar Burton, with Tracey Michael Lewis-Giggetts
(Random House)

Actor, library advocate, and *Reading Rainbow* star Burton reflects on his life in this searingly honest memoir. From growing up in the Civil Rights era, to dealing with fame, Burton always kept family, his identity, and storytelling at the heart of his journey, making this a fascinating and moving book.

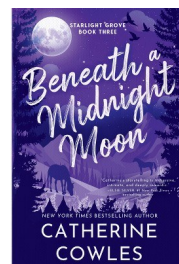
—Mary McCullough, State Library of Kansas, KS
NovelList read-alike: *Creating Reading Rainbow* by Barbara Irwin



All the Little Secrets
May Cobb
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

This thriller should come with a "May Day!" disclaimer! Hurricane May Cobb lands in Longview again with some of the scandalous characters featured in her best-selling first in the series, *All the Little Houses*. After that book's cliffhanger of an ending, this new one gives us even more sex, murder, and ambition, oh my!

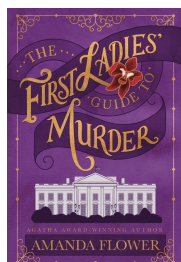
—Carol Ann Tack, Merrick Library, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Sisterhood Above All* by Kathleen Barber



Beneath a Midnight Moon
Catherine Cowles
(Bloom Books)

After a traumatic night years ago, Aster and Maverick meet again, and their rivalry reignites. When Aster is in danger of losing her family ranch, Maverick does the last thing she expects: proposes. With a fake engagement, a killer on the loose, and the past threatening their present, this book is an exciting return to Starlight Grove.

—Kylar Epstein, Abington Community Library, PA
NovelList read-alike: Haven Brothers series by Claire Kingsley



The First Ladies' Guide to Murder
Amanda Flower
(Kensington)

Following her divorce, Nellie Grant, daughter of President Ulysses S. Grant, returns to Washington DC with her children. Whilst attending a dinner at the White House with her mother and the first lady, Frances Cleveland, a brooch disappears, and a mystery begins, which only the ladies can solve. An excellent story from a favorite author!

—JR Ring, Baltimore County Public Library, MD
NovelList read-alike: Marigold Manners mysteries by Elizabeth Hobbs



Dely the Dusk
Danielle L. Jensen
(Del Rey)

Lirien avoids using her magic to cause destruction and the forced breeding program. When taken prisoner by the people whose world she destroyed, she doesn't expect to feel for them and their rebel cause. Forced to work with their leader, Vox, to clear tunnels full of rodent monsters, Lirien can't deny the attraction she feels. Book 1 of this new series gives off enemies-to-lovers vibes and solid world-building.

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Conform* by Ariel Sullivan



Sunflower Season
Danica Nava
(Berkley)

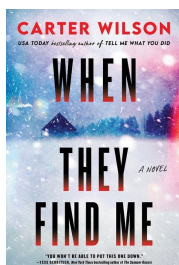
Fed up with her intense tech job, June decides to leave the city behind and buy a run-down sunflower farm. Her first love, Noah, is still living in town as a local firefighter. As they start crossing paths again, old feelings quickly resurface alongside plenty of unresolved drama. A delightful second-chance romance.

—Alene Moroni, Forbes Library, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Fall Into Place* by Kristyn J. Miller



Milkteeth
Caitlin Starling
(St. Martin's Press)
As a broodmother, Beatrice must raise and care for two young vampires when she decides to take in a third with ghoulish tendencies. As Beatrice becomes overwhelmed and her own body mutates and craves the forbidden flesh, she seeks help from a mortal OB/GYN. This unique vampire horror read is gruesome, thought-provoking, and unputdownable.

—Kristin Skinner, Flat River Community Library, MI
NovelList read-alike: Motherless Children trilogy by Glen Hirschberg



When They Find Me
Carter Wilson
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Annie and her daughter live in a remote Colorado town. Living off the grid, they have a safe room and an escape plan. Their quiet life is shattered when an old motor home pulls into their driveway, bringing a trio hell-bent on revenge. This nonstop thriller is packed with powerhouse twists and surprising turns.

—Magan Szwarc, LibraryReads Ambassador, IL
NovelList read-alike: *No Exit* by Taylor Adams

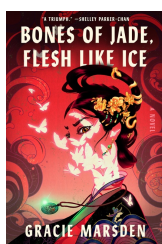


Love, Like Apples
Jeff Zentner
(Grand Central)

A man recalls his part in creating an innovative 1970s puppet TV show. The novel is heartwarming as it explores love, friendship, and found family during the show's growing pains from breaking boundaries. The story gives hope to those who work to change the world one small action at a time.

—Jennifir Huston, Boyden Library, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Bonus pick:



Bones of Jade, Flesh Like Ice: A Novel
Gracie Marsden
(Viking)

Notable Nonfiction:



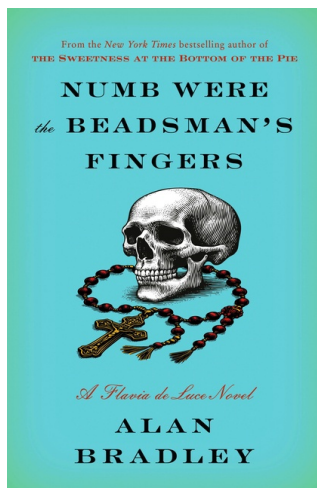
Wonderland: Memoir of a Black Market Adoption
Patricia Knight Meyer
(Unsolicited Press)

Be sure to check out our social media for the Bonus Pick annotations!

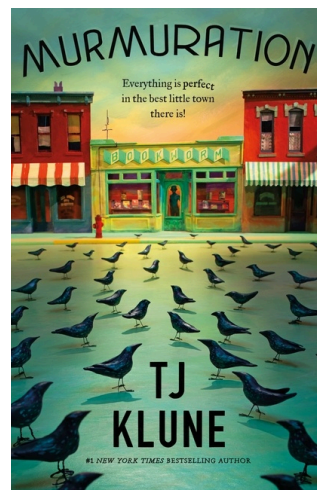


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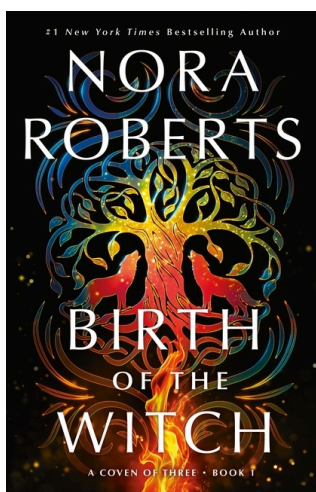
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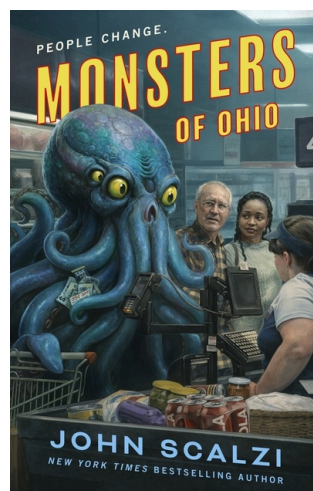
Numb Were the Beadsman's Fingers:
A Flavia de Luce Novel
Alan Bradley
(Bantam)



Murmuration
TJ Klune
(Tor Books)



Birth of the Witch
Nora Roberts
(St. Martin's Press)



Monsters of Ohio
John Scalzi
(Tor Books)

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