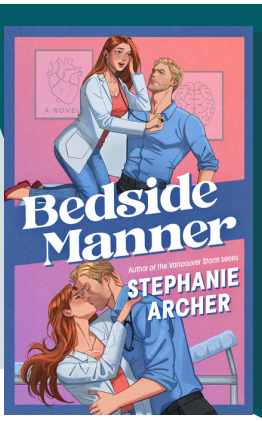
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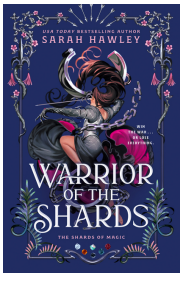


Bedside Manner
Stephanie Archer
(Dell)

TOP PICK

Sunny medical resident Linden and grumpy surgeon Grant's relationship begins as a transactional arrangement, but of course, feelings have a way of complicating everything. Romance readers will enjoy watching their relationship shift to something much more meaningful. The story is definitely spicy, with plenty of chemistry and some steamy moments, but also has a sweet emotional side.

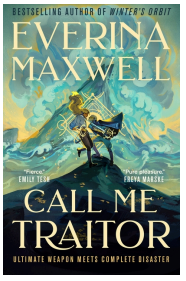
—Robin F., Indian Valley Public Library, PA
NoveList read-alike: *Not in Love* by Ali Hazelwood



Warrior of the Shards
Sarah Hawley
(Ace)

The fight over Mistei continues as Kenna tries to restore the balance of the shards. Hawley captivates with an instantly lovable protagonist, unique kingdom-building, and a suspenseful narrative full of twists. In this final book of the trilogy, readers get to see the true bonds that Kenna has formed.

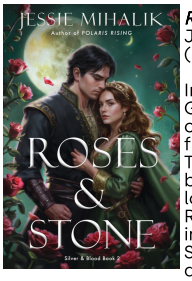
—Amy Hunter, St. Louis County Library. MO
NoveList read-alike: Fair Folk series by Lyra Selene



Call Me Traitor
Everina Maxwell
(Tor Books)

En is a magical war-tank stuck with useless soldier Tamol. But all is not what it seems, and En's mind is beginning to play tricks on her. A queer love story, non-stop action, and questions of identity, loyalty, and grief make this dual-timeline story come together like the patterns the magic-users weave.

—Jennifer Tyson, William Jeanes Memorial Library, PA
NoveList read-alike: *A Broken Blade* by Melissa Blair



Roses & Stone
Jessie Mihalik
(Avon)

In this duology's finale, Garrick and Riela's mature conversations and top-tier flirting are pure perfection. Their bond makes this a beautifully low-stress, low-stakes romantasy. Riela doesn't sacrifice independence for power. She struggles, asks for help, and has hilarious banter with her tutors.

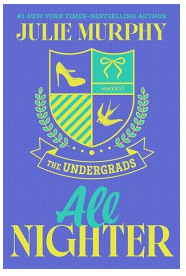
—Arlene Anderson, Hamden Public Library, CT
NoveList read-alike: *Queen of Foxes* by Jennifer Estep



Winter Song
Rebeca Lee Morales
(Ecco)

Byron served time for an accident that killed a young child. Now he's come home to prove his innocence. Everyone pushes Byron to move on, especially lonely, widowed police chief Gordon Trent—until he begins to believe Byron. Set in deep winter, this tale tempers the cold with glimpses of justice's warmth.

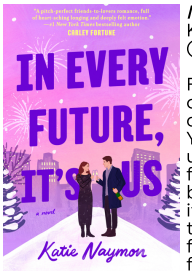
—Crystal Faris, Kansas City Public Library, MO
NoveList read-alike: *The Fervent Whites* by De'Shawn Charles Winslow



All Nighter
Julie Murphy
(Balzer + Bray)

Book 2 in the Undergrads trilogy finds Daisy wanting to bloom into the fun, popular girl she always dreamed of being. When she meets brooding tattoo artist Heath and asks him to take her virginity, he counter-offers: five dates, then he'll sleep with her. A spicy romance with realistic characters.

—Magaly Coronado, Sacramento Public Library, CA
NoveList read-alike: Campus Drivers series by C.S. Quill



In Every Future, It's Us
Katie Naymon
(Berkley)

For nearly a decade, childhood best friends Tom and Florence had a New Year's tradition they loved until last year, when their friendship was shattered by a secret letter. Now that it's New Year's again, can they take a chance on a future that is unknown? A fast-paced dual timeline romance about friendship and love.

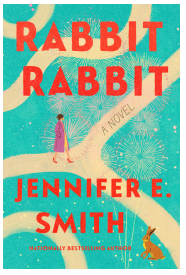
—Angela Haislip, Jackson District Library, MI
NoveList read-alike: *Eight Ways to Say I Love You* by Amanda Elliot



One Good Thing
Alexandra Potter
(Zibby Publishing)

After a shock divorce, Liv Brooks changes her whole life, moving from London to Yorkshire, and adopting a grumpy old dog called Harry. Getting to know her quirky neighbors, Liv finds out that she isn't the only one in need of a new beginning. A heartwarming novel about friendship and being open to an unexpected life.

—Vicki Nesting, LibraryReads Ambassador, LA
NoveList read-alike: *Walking Back to Happiness* by Lucy Dillon



Rabbit Rabbit: A Novel
Jennifer E. Smith
(Ballantine Books)

An hour after deciding to become a single mother, Billie meets Arthur, who seems perfect for her—except, he never wants children. Over the next year Billie juggles fertility treatments and romantic getaways, then must decide which version of her life she really wants. A romance about trying to follow your heart when it wants different things.

—Jo Hick, Phillips Public Library, WI
NoveList read-alike: *One & Only* by Maurene Goo



The Magic of Chamomile Cottage
Heather Webber
(St. Martin's Press)

Nova runs the Chamomile Cottage teashop, a bright spot in her depressed hometown. Despite her special healing tea, she is at a loss on how to help her town heal. When her long-lost cousin Sunny arrives in town with a broken heart, they band together to help each other and save the town. Magical and cozy.

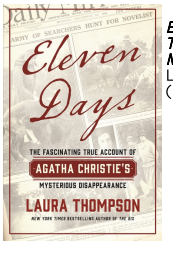
—Sharon Hutchinson, Keytesville Library, MO
NoveList read-alike: *The Magical Cheese Emporium* by Sarah Beth Durst

Bonus pick:



Lina & June: A Novel
Genevieve Wheeler
(St. Martin's Press)

Notable Nonfiction:

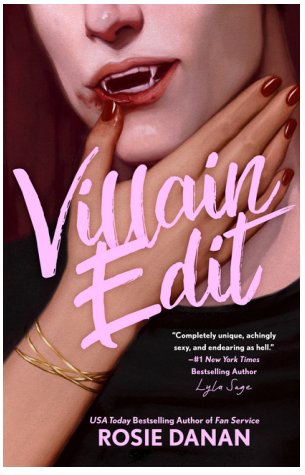


Eleven Days: The Fascinating True Account of Agatha Christie's Mysterious Disappearance
Laura Thompson
(St. Martin's Press)

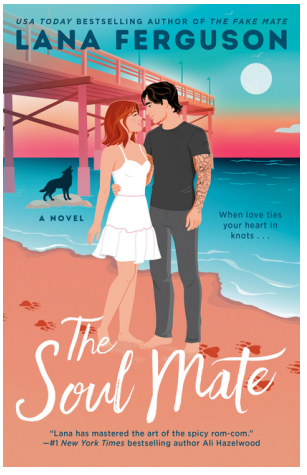
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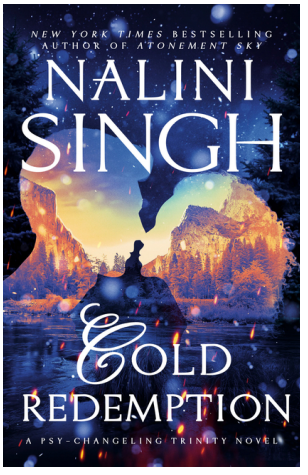
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Villain Edit
Rosie Danan
(Berkley)



The Soul Mate
Lana Ferguson
(Berkley)



Cold Redemption
Nalini Singh
(Berkley)

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