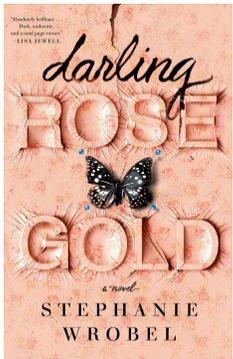


**My Dark Vanessa**  
A Novel  
by Kate Elizabeth Russell  
(William Morrow)

"A Lolita for the #MeToo era, it's unsettling, but not necessarily for the reasons you might think. The narrative shifts from 2000, when Vanessa gains admission to an elite New England prep school, to 2017, when she tries to come to terms with her experience, her role in it, how it's affecting her present, and the choices she faces to find resolution and move forward. For fans of *Notes on a Scandal* (Heller), *Trust Exercise* (Choi), and *His Favorites* (Walbert)."

—Michelle Sampson, York Public Library, York, ME  
Novelist read-alike: *The Coming Storm* by Paul Elliott Russell

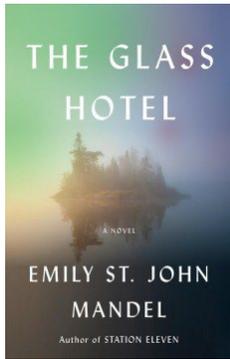
March 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



**Darling Rose Gold**  
by Stephanie Wrobel  
(Berkley)

"Terrific psychological suspense based on an actual case where a mother deliberately made her daughter sick for years. The story is told in alternating perspectives from the points of view of Rose Gold and her mother, Patty, complex characters who are masterfully drawn, seeming sympathetic at some points and unsympathetic in others. For readers who liked *The Silent Patient* and *The Execution of Noa P. Singleton*."

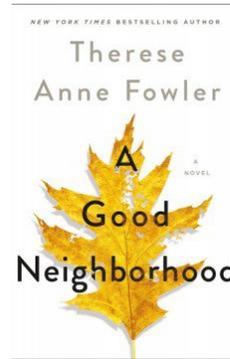
—Alice Kober, Arapahoe Library District, Englewood, CO  
Novelist read-alike: *Mother, Mother* by Karen Zailckas



**The Glass Hotel**  
A Novel  
by Emily St. John Mandel  
(Knopf)

"A gorgeously written, immersive book about how easy it is to cross lines into questionable moral territory. At its center is Vincent, who loses her mother when she's 13 and as an adult makes her way into the heart of the Country of Money in New York City. Narrated by a number of well-drawn characters in a shifting timeline. For fans of *A Visit from the Goon Squad* and *The Goldfinch*."

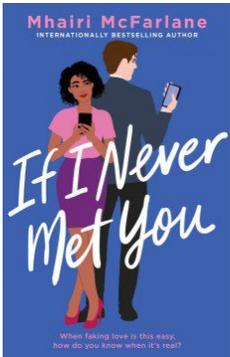
—Diana Armstrong, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR  
Novelist read-alike: *The Luminous Heart of Jonah S.* by Gina Bakhordar Nahai



**A Good Neighborhood**  
by Therese Anne Fowler  
(St. Martin's Press)

"When a local businessman removes several old trees to build a mini-mansion, he isn't seen favorably by his new neighbor Valerie, an ecology professor. When their teenagers begin to secretly date you know it's not going to end well. Told from multiple viewpoints (including the neighborhood chorus), this heart-wrenching novel explores class, race, and what it means to be a good neighbor. For those who enjoyed *Commonwealth*, *The Hate U Give*, and *A Place for Us*."

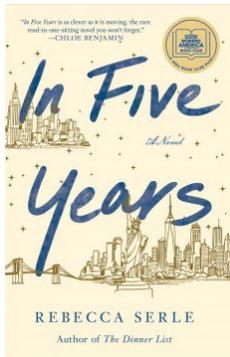
—Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library, Morton, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng



**If I Never Met You**  
A Novel  
by Mhairi McFarlane  
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"When Jamie and Laurie become trapped in an elevator, they conjure up a fake relationship in order to get what they want from work and make an ex jealous. They end up falling for each other...but can they trust it? An enjoyable romance with characters you care about. For readers who liked *Not the Girl You Marry* and *The Flatshare*."

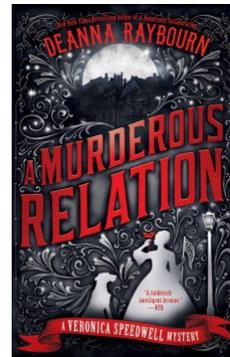
—Melissa Stumpe, Johnson County Public Library, Greenwood, IN  
Novelist read-alike: *The Betting Vow* by K.M. Jackson



**In Five Years**  
A Novel  
by Rebecca Serle  
(Atria Books)

"An ambitious young lawyer disregards a prophetic dream that doesn't fit into her five-year plan until she meets the man of her dreams five years later. Love has a plan of its own. For readers who enjoyed *Remember Me* by Sophie Kinsella, *You Were There Too* by Colleen Oakley, and *The Wedding Party* by Jasmine Guillory."

—Kristin Friberg, Princeton Public Library, Princeton, NJ  
Novelist read-alike: *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



**A Murderous Relation**  
by Deanna Raybourn  
(Berkley)

"Veronica Speedwell and her partner, Stoker, find themselves involved in a mystery that coincides with the killing spree of Jack the Ripper. For fans of the *Ladies Travelers Guide* series and the *Amelia Peabody* mysteries."

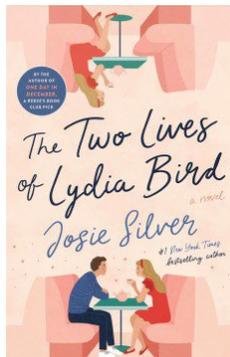
—Stacy Tomaszewski, Alameda County Library, San Jose, CA  
Novelist read-alike: *The House at Baker Street* by Michelle Birkby



**The Return**  
by Rachel Harrison  
(Berkley)

"The story of a creepy hotel, a mysterious disappearance and reappearance, and the complexities of friendships. For fans of Stephen King and Thomas Harris."

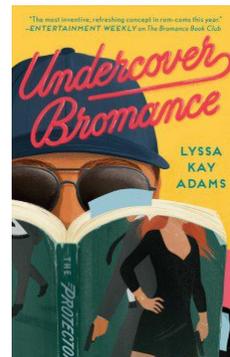
—Kate Currie, Hennepin County Library, Hennepin County, MN  
Novelist read-alike: *My Best Friend's Exorcism* by Grady Hendrix



**The Two Lives of Lydia Bird**  
A Novel  
by Josie Silver  
(Ballantine Books)

"A beautifully written exploration of heartbreak and grief, that takes place over the course of 18 months after Lydia loses her fiancé Freddie in a tragic accident. For fans of *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes and *I Almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan."

—Ashley Giangregorio, Virginia Beach Public Library, Virginia Beach, VA  
Novelist read-alike: *Time of My Life* by Allison Winn Scotch



**Undercover Bromance**  
by Lyssa Kay Adams  
(Berkley Jove)

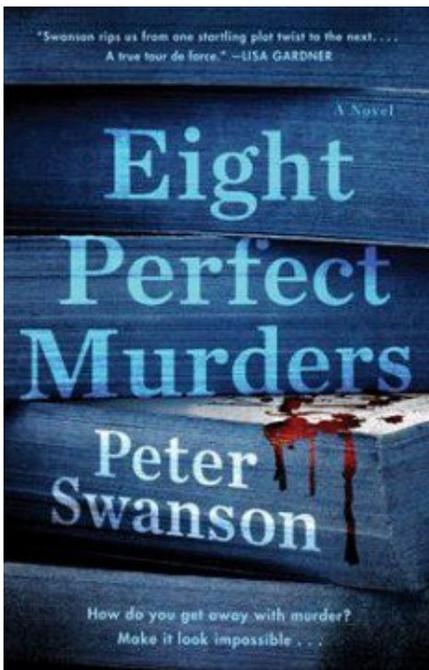
"Take one romance-reading hero, his bromance book club, and add a wickedly strong heroine. This one strikes the right balance of snark, heart, and humor. For fans of Alexa Martin and Julie James."

—Jennifer Asimakopoulos, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *The Full Series* by Janet Evanovich and Charlotte Hughes



MARCH 2020

The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly LibraryReads list since 2013. When their third title places on the list via library staff votes, the author moves into the Hall of Fame.

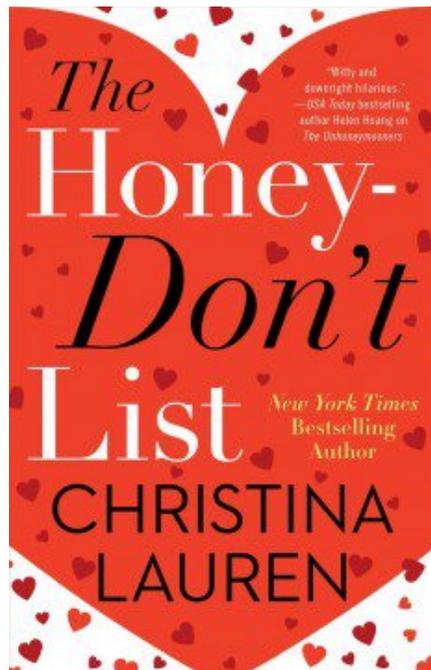


*Eight Perfect Murders*  
A Novel  
by Peter Swanson  
(William Morrow)

"Malcolm writes a blog post about eight crime novels featuring "perfect" murders. Years later, an FBI agent tells him a killer is mimicking the books on his list. In an homage to classic mysteries, Swanson creates an artful tale of murder."

—Amy Whitfield, Cary Regional Library, Cary NC

Read-alike: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan  
Read-alike: *The Oxford Murders* by Guillermo Martínez  
Read-alike: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

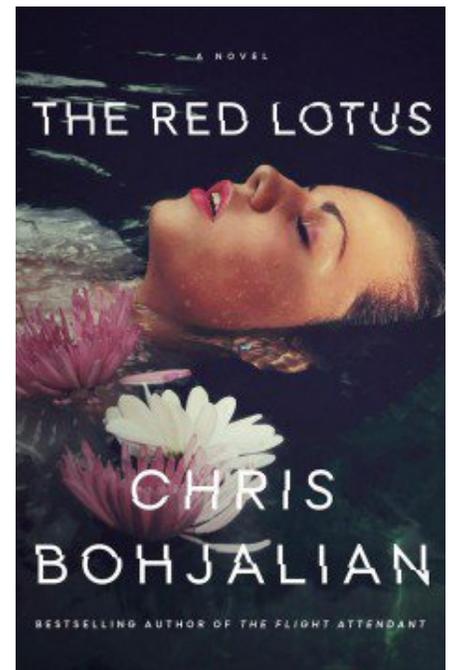


*The Honey-Don't List*  
by Christina Lauren  
(Gallery Books)

"Imagine a world in which two HGTV-style design gurus have a terrible marriage and their assistants have to keep everything from falling apart. This is a super-fun, fast, and easy read."

—Maria Maia, River Forest Public Library, River Forest, IL

Read-alike: *Playing House* by Ruby Lang  
Read-alike: *Fix Her Up* by Tessa Bailey  
Read-alike: *Wedding Night* by Sophie Kinsella



*The Red Lotus*  
A Novel  
by Chris Bohjalian  
(Doubleday)

"In the aftermath of her boyfriend's disappearance in contemporary Vietnam, a New York ER doctor discovers the shocking truth about his secret life. This is an exciting edge-of-your-seat thriller that will keep you reading well into the night."

—Marion Sheehan, Canterbury Public Library, Canterbury, CT

Read-alike: *Outbreak* by Robin Cook  
Read-alike: *The Escape Artist* by Brad Meltzer  
Read-alike: *Life Support* by Tess Gerritsen