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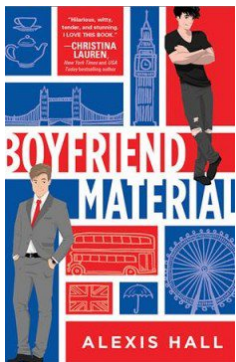
Peace Talks  
by Jim Butcher  
(Ace)

"Eagerly awaited by wizard Harry Dresden's legion of fans, this 16th book in the series is definitely worth the wait. Wonderful scenes feature magical illusions, and many familiar characters return for peace talks in Chicago. Not much is peaceful for Harry, as the wizards might kick him off the White Council, faerie Queen Mab wants him to do a couple of favors for vampire Lara, and Harry's half-brother is in prison after an assassination attempt. For series fans of *The Hollows*, *The Iron Druid Chronicles*, and *The Nightshade*."

—Brenda O'Brien, Woodridge Public Library, Woodridge, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Arcadia Project* series by Mishell Baker



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

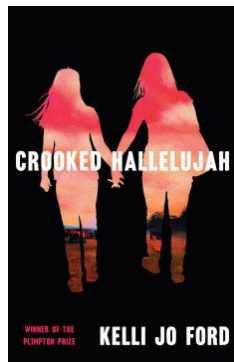


**Boyfriend Material**

by Alexis Hall  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Incredibly proper Oliver and drama-laden Luc are extreme opposites. Despite a case of annoyance at first sight, the two antagonists reluctantly agree that faking a relationship might help each of them out of a bind. Hall crafts a well-paced relationship that will have readers completely invested in a happy ever after. Perfect for fans of *If I Never Met You* and *Red, White, and Royal Blue*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *Jilted* by Lilah Suzanne



**Crooked Hallelujah**

by Kelli Jo Ford  
(Grove Press)

"A well-crafted story of identity, survival, and loyalty that explores the terrain of love and heartbreak, loss and displacement for four generations of Native American women across four decades. Finding their own sources of strength, these proud, fierce women magnetically draw the reader in. For readers who enjoy Louise Erdrich and Diane Glancy."

—Janet Schneider, Peninsula Public Library, Lawrence, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *Where the Dead Sit Talking* by Brandon Hobson

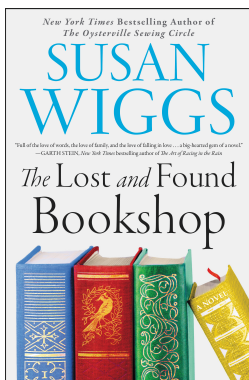


**The Heir Affair**

by Heather Cocks & Jessica Morgan  
(Grand Central Publishing)

"This sequel to *The Royal We* follows Nick and Bex through the first years of their marriage—a challenging time for anyone, let alone a royal couple whose wedding was disrupted by a sex scandal. As they settle into their new home, they uncover a secret that could change the future of Britain. Fans of *Royal Wedding* (Cabot) and *Royals* (Hawkins) will enjoy this funny and sensitive novel."

—Heather Bistyga, Anderson County Library, Anderson, SC  
NovelList read-alike: *American Royals* by Katherine McGee

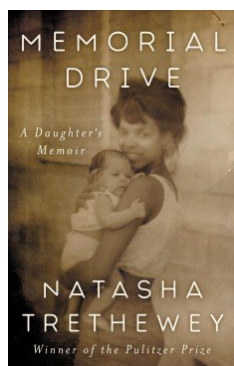


**The Lost and Found Bookshop**

A Novel  
by Susan Wiggs  
(William Morrow)

"Personal tragedy turns Natalie's life upside down and leads her back to her childhood home, including her family's beloved homegrown bookstore. Natalie faces the decline of her grandfather's health, a building in need of repair, and a business in the red but also finds unexpected love. Give to readers who liked *How to Find Love in a Bookshop* and *The Readers of Broken Wheel*."

—Joyce Livingston, Collinsville Community Library, Brogue, PA  
NovelList read-alike: *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson

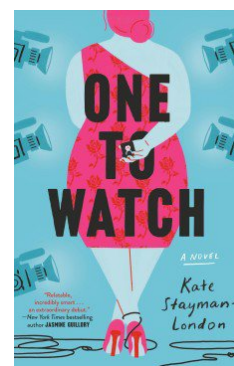


**Memorial Drive**

A Daughter's Memoir  
by Natasha Trethewey  
(Ecco)

"Explores the author's relationship with her mother, piecing together events that led up to her mother's murder at the hands of her stepfather. For fans of *No Visible Bruises* by Rachel Louise Snyder and *The Red Parts* by Maggie Nelson."

—Mary Bell, Wilbraham Public Library, Wilbraham, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *Blood* by Allison Moorer

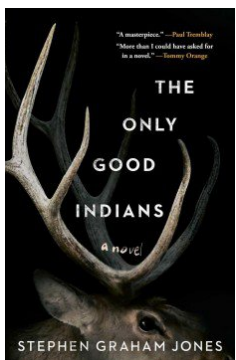


**One to Watch**

A Novel  
by Kate Stayman-London  
(Dial Press Trade)

"In this hilarious and poignant rom-com debut, Bea Schumacher is a highly influential, body positive, heartbroken fashion blogger, who one day writes a blistering, viral, blog post about the lack of diversity on her favorite reality tv dating show, *Main Squeeze*. For readers who enjoyed *Bridget Jones's Diary* and *Me Before You*."

—Ann-Marie Anderson, Tigard Public Library, Tigard, OR  
NovelList read-alike: *Insert Groom Here* by K.M. Jackson

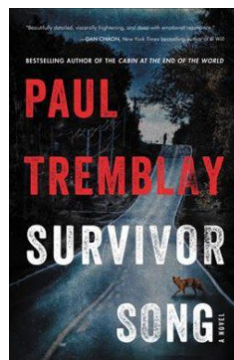


**The Only Good Indians**

by Stephen Graham Jones  
(Gallery/Saga Press)

"An own voices horror novel that begins with four young Native American men on a hunting trip that will haunt each of them in unimaginable ways. For fans of *Owl Going Back's Coyote Rage*."

—Sarah Fetzer, West Palm Beach City Library, West Palm Beach, FL  
NovelList read-alike: *Boy in the Box* by Marc E. Fitch

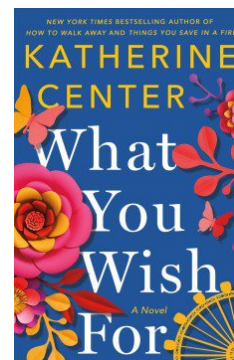


**Survivor Song**

A Novel  
by Paul Tremblay  
(William Morrow)

"The gripping story opens with a rampant strain of virus (in this case rabies), followed by quarantines, lockdowns, fear, and irrational behavior. It hits alarmingly close to home. For fans of *Severance* by Ling Ma and *Contagion* by Robin Cook."

—Sandra Woodbury, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *Sealed* by Naomi Booth



**What You Wish For**

A Novel  
by Katherine Center  
(St. Martin's Press)

"Sam thought the dynamic Duncan Carpenter was out of her life forever, until he returns to the school at which she's a librarian and makes her think she might just get her happily ever after. For fans of JoJo Moyes and Rebecca Serle."

—Tracy Babiasz, Chapel Hill Public Library, Chapel Hill, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *Josh and Hazel's Guide to Not Dating* by Christina Lauren

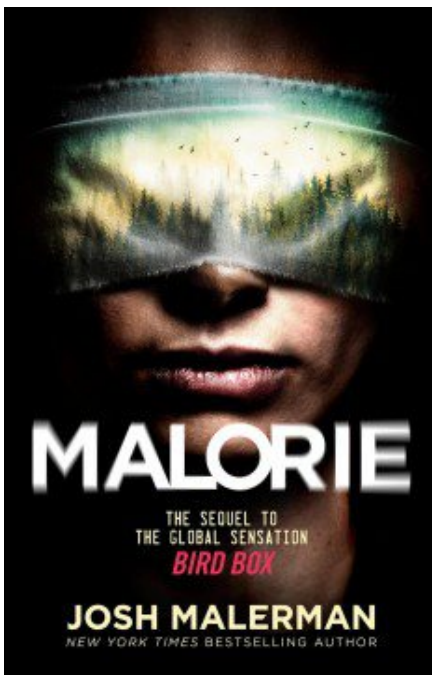
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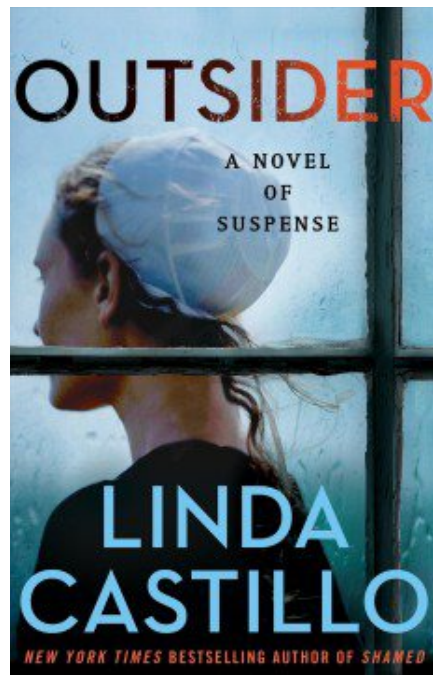


*Malorie*  
A Bird Box Novel  
by Josh Malerman  
(Del Rey)

"It's been several years since Malorie and her two young children arrived at The Janet Tucker School For the Blind. Olympia and Tom, now teenagers, crave to see the world. But at what cost? Malerman is a master of suspenseful terror and escalating mistrust. Unlike *Birdbox*, this latest installment is also filled with hope."

—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Public Library, Fairfield, CT

Read-alike: *The Passage* by Justin Cronin  
Read-alike: *The Fireman* by Joe Hill  
Read-alike: *The Changeling* by Victor LaValle

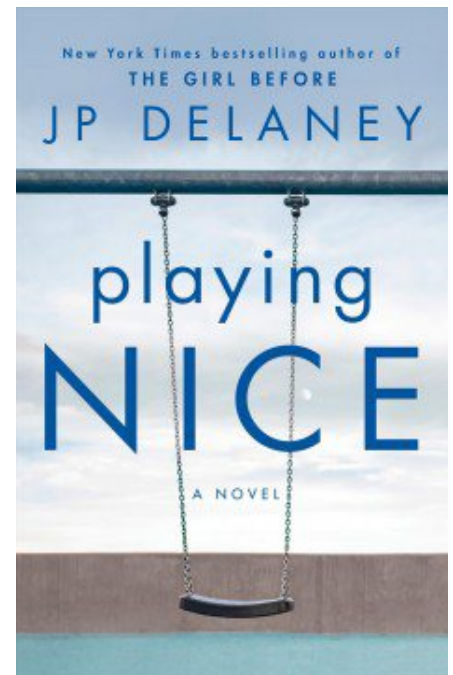


*Outsider*  
A Novel of Suspense  
by Linda Castillo  
(Minotaur Books)

"Kate Burkholder comes to the aid of an old colleague who's now on the run from her own vice unit in this slow-burn crime thriller. Many series start to lose steam when they've been around as long as this one, but Castillo just keeps improving with every book."

—Eve Hall, Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, Hopkinsville KY

Read-alike: *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer Fleming  
Read-alike: *A Killing in the Hills* by Julia Keller  
Read-alike: *A Cold Day for Murder* by Dana Stabenow



*Playing Nice*  
A Novel  
by JP Delaney  
(Ballantine Books)

"Two babies are switched at birth in the NICU. One has severe disabilities, the other doesn't. Two years later, the families learn of the mistake and their lives--and lies--become more entangled. Highly recommended for fans of psychological thrillers who are tired of typical plotlines."

—Kelly Verheyden, San Diego Public Library, San Diego, CA

Read-alike: *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewell  
Read-alike: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena  
Read-alike: *The Other Couple* by Louise Candlish

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