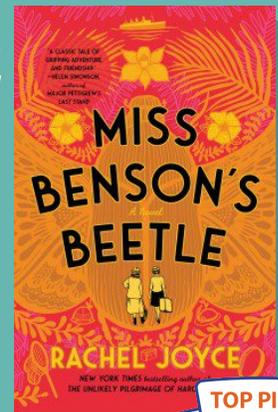




Miss Benson's Beetle
A Novel
by Rachel Joyce
(Dial Press Trade Paperback)

"Two very different women set off on a journey to New Caledonia to find a Golden Beetle, and discover so much more. A story of friendship and women breaking out of what is expected and being who they really are. By turns humorous, heartbreaking, and triumphant, you'll find yourself cheering for Miss Benson. For fans of Fredrik Backman, Elizabeth Berg, and Gail Honeyman."

—Janine Walsh, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The Ship of Brides* by JoJo Moyes

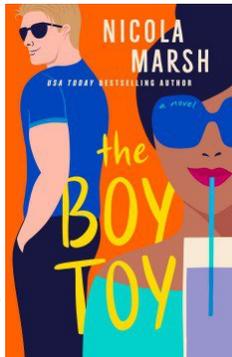


November 2020 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Before the Coffee Gets Cold
A Novel
by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
(Hanover Square Press)
"A cafe has something magical—if someone sits in a particular chair and a cup of coffee is poured, they can travel to the past. In this slender story, the lives of visitors and staff intertwine, and four hopeful people sit in the chair. While this book deals with different kinds of loss, it's ultimately warm and uplifting. For fans of *The Immortalists* and *Oona Out of Order*."

—Julie Graham, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakima, WA
NovelList read-alike: *Strange Weather in Tokyo* by Hiromi Kawakami



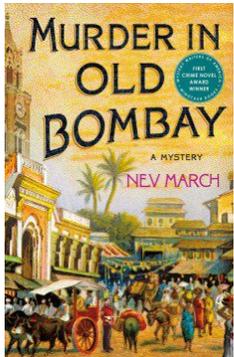
The Boy Toy
by Nicola Marsh
(Berkley Jove)
"Hot Aussie alert! After a bitter divorce (cheating husband with a pregnant nineteen year old mistress), Samira left Australia for L.A. Now her cousin has convinced her to return for 6 months. On a night out, Samira is saved from a weirdo by a cute boy much younger than she is, and she's in for the surprise of a lifetime with her new Boy Toy. For fans of *Ayesha at Last* and *The Wedding Party*."

—Afton Finley, Waseca Public Library, Waseca, MN
NovelList read-alike: *The Right Swipe* by Alisha Rai



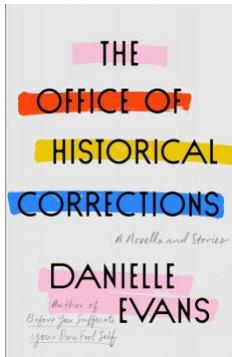
The Burning God
The Poppy War, Book 3
by R. F. Kuang
(Harper Voyager)
"In this satisfying finale to the Poppy War series, Kuang beautifully weaves in much Chinese history while maintaining a distinct storyline. Rin's similarities to Chairman Mao are fully realized by this third book, yet she remains a unique character with complex emotions of both rage and empathy. For fans of series fantasy such as Chakraborty's *Daevabad* trilogy and Liu's *Dandelion Dynasty*."

—Richard Lawhorn, East Cobb Library, Marietta, GA
NovelList read-alike: *The Burning Series* by Evan Winter



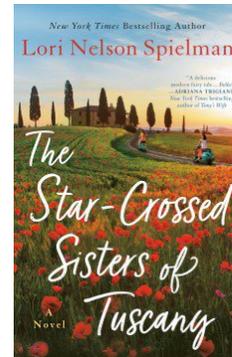
Murder in Old Bombay
by Nev March
(Minotaur Books)
"James Agnihotri has recovered from a war injury when he reads about the "suicide" of two ladies. His first interview is with the husband of one of the women, who wants to know who murdered his wife and sister. Jim follows clues, interviews observers of the tragedy, and travels through India. For readers who like intrigue, other cultures, and romance, along with fans of Kate Atkinson and Laurie R. King."

—Gail Christensen, Kitsap Regional Library, Bremerton, WA
NovelList read-alike: *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee



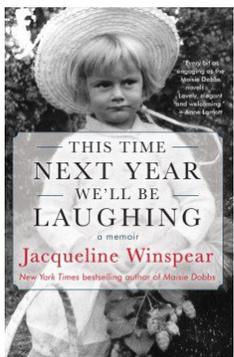
The Office of Historical Corrections
A Novella and Stories
by Danielle Evans
(Riverhead Books)
"A novella about the first African-Americans in Wisconsin and the lives of their descendants today along with several other haunting short stories. Recommended for fans of Jodi Picoult."

—Heather McIntosh, Botetourt County Libraries, VA
NovelList read-alike: *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deesha Philyaw



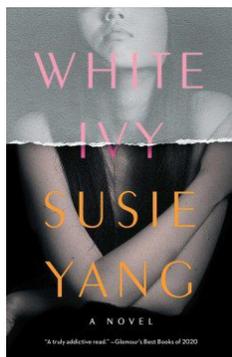
The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany
by Lori Nelson Spielman
(Berkley)
"Emilia is a devoted daughter, the second daughter in her family, and second daughters are cursed to never marry. Aunt Poppy, another second daughter, invites her on a trip to Italy promising to break the curse. For readers who enjoyed *The Old Drift* and *It's Not All Down Hill From Here*."

—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN
NovelList read-alike: *The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters* by Balli Kaur Jaswal



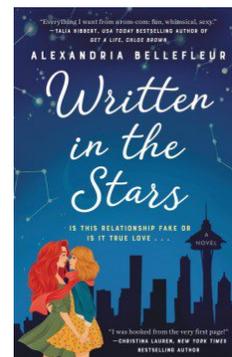
This Time Next Year We'll Be Laughing
by Jacqueline Winspear
(Soho Press)
"The author of the beloved *Masie Dobbs* novels shares both madcap and poignant stories of her nuclear and extended family, giving insight into the humor and hardships that shaped her imagination and work. For readers who enjoyed *Where the Past Begins: A Writer's Memoir* and *How to Write an Autobiographical Novel*."

—Joy Robinson, Piscataway Public Library, Piscataway, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *My History: A Memoir of Growing Up* by Antonia Fraser



White Ivy
A Novel
by Susie Yang
(Simon & Schuster)
"A coming of age immigration story, Ivy, is obsessed with her privileged classmate and will do anything to win his love. For fans of *You and Gone Girl*."

—Joann Im, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA
NovelList read-alike: *Social Creature* by Tara Isabella Burton



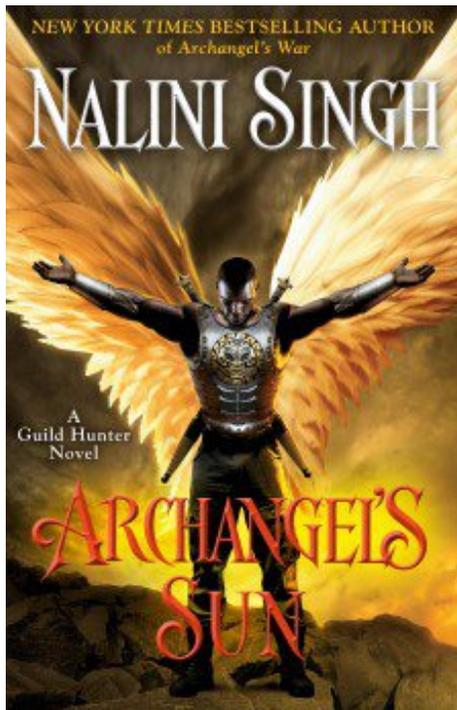
Written in the Stars
A Novel
by Alexandria Bellefleur
(Avon)
"Darcy, a buttoned-up actuary, convinces quirky astrologer Elle to fake a relationship for a couple of months to get her brother (and Elle's new business partner) off her back. For fans of *The Kiss Quotient* and *You Had Me at Hola*."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall



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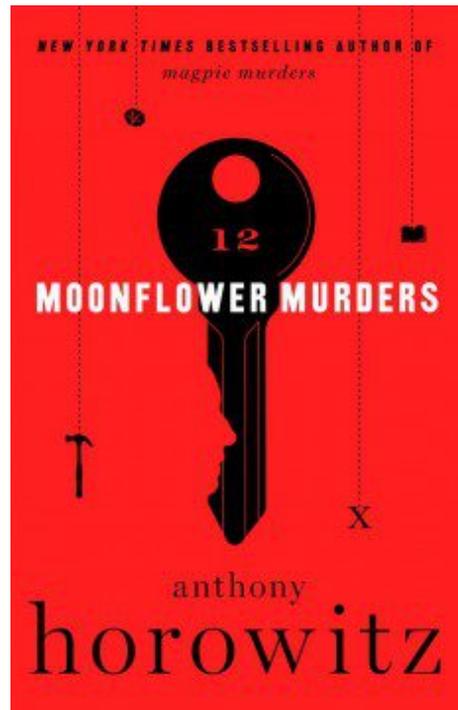


Archangel's Sun
by Nalini Singh
(Berkley Jove)

"This excellent addition to The Guild Hunters series reveals the backstory of mentally wounded angel Sharine (a.k.a. Hummingbird) and archangel Titus as they battle the evil remnants of a devastating war. Singh's fans will not be disappointed with her latest paranormal romance."

—Karen Garris, Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, NC

Read-alike: *Sin Eaters* by Kai Leakes
Read-alike: *A Touch of Crimson* by Sylvia Day
Read-alike: *Binding Shadows* by Jasmine Silvera



Moonflower Murders
A Novel
by Anthony Horowitz
(Harper)

"Retired publisher Susan Ryeland returns to London to shed light on a woman's recent disappearance, which may be connected to a novel written by Susan's former client. Agatha Christie fans will devour this story within a story, brimming with red herrings and deliciously devious suspects."

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

Read-alike: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson
Read-alike: *The Decagon House Murders* by Yukito Ayatsuji
Read-alike: *The Book of Murder* by Guillermo Martinez

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