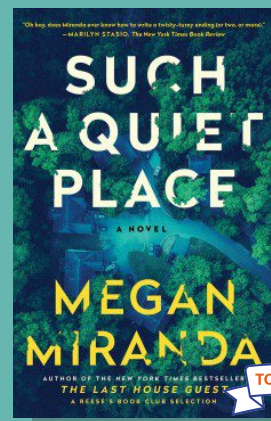




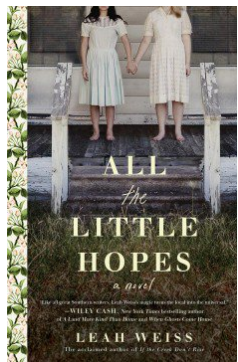
*Such a Quiet Place*  
A Novel  
by Megan Miranda  
(Simon & Schuster)

"The tight-knit neighborhood of Hollow's Edge is supposed to be a safe, private place where the neighbors all know each other. But secrets lie behind every door. Miranda creates a vivid setting where the characters develop quickly, and the twisty plot will keep readers guessing until the end. For fans of psychological thrillers like *The Other Mrs.*, *Into the Water*, and *Every Secret Thing*."

—Leslie Hagel, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
Novelist read-alike: *A Good Marriage* by Kimberly McCreight



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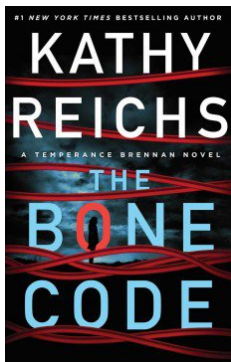


*All the Little Hopes*

A Novel  
by Leah Weiss  
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"In WW II-era North Carolina, two best friends use their love of Nancy Drew mysteries to help find a missing man, while tending honeybees for the war effort and working on the family's tobacco farm alongside Nazi POWs. This coming of age story is heartfelt, mystical, and full of love and family. Reminiscent of *Summer of My German Soldier* and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*."

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ  
Novelist read-alike: *The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna



*The Bone Code*

A Temperance Brennan Novel  
by Kathy Reichs  
(Scribner)

"Set in 2021, with some references to Covid, this thrilling read has a very contemporary feel, combining current scientific and forensic terminology with a sinister plot. A waste container turns up with two bodies, similar to an old unsolved case of Brennan's. For fans of fast-paced, suspenseful mysteries like *Prime Suspect* and *Carved in Bone*."

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI  
Novelist read-alike: *Nikki Heat* mysteries by Richard Castle



*Devil in Disguise*

by Lisa Kleypas  
(Avon)

"In this addition to the Ravenels series, Merritt, a young London widow, shares an instant attraction with a Scottish whiskey distiller named Keir, and they begin a steamy and passionate romance. But someone wants him dead. And Sebastian, aka Lord St. Vincent, is also in the picture. For fans of the *Brides of Redemption* and the *Hellions of Havisham* series."

—Leah Cummings, Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale, IA  
Novelist read-alike: *Seduction Diaries* series by Jennifer McQuiston

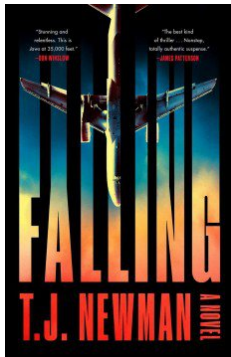


*Everyone in This Room Will Someday Be Dead*

A Novel  
by Emily Austin  
(Atria Books)

"In need of a short novel with a unique and lovable character, genuine LOL moments, and an ending that is richly deserved, hopeful, and joyful? Then this is for you. It's brilliantly written and also a brutally honest depiction of what it's like to have severe anxiety. For fans of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *Mostly Dead Things*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA  
Novelist read-alike: *Goodbye, Vitamin* by Rachel Khong



*Falling*

A Novel  
by T. J. Newman  
(Avid Reader Press/Simon & Schuster)

"A pilot is given an impossible choice: crash the airplane that he is flying, killing everyone on board, or his family will be murdered. A tense, white-knuckle thriller with all the makings of a summer blockbuster. Perfect for fans of *The Chain*."

—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *Flight or Fright* eds. Stephen King and Bev Vincent

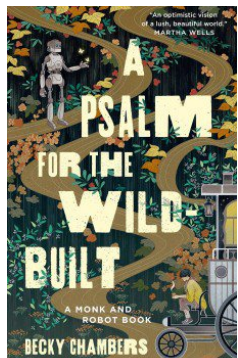


*The Forest of Vanishing Stars*

A Novel  
by Kristin Harmel  
(Gallery Books)

"Stolen from her parents at two years old, Yona learns to survive in the forest. Years later, Yona teaches Jews fleeing the Holocaust to survive in the forest. A tale of personal responsibility, betrayals, loss, and love that stays with you long after you've read it. For readers who enjoyed *The Nightingale*, *Salt to the Sea*, and *The Baker's Secret*."

—Cynthia Hunt, Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo, TX  
Novelist read-alike: *The Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton

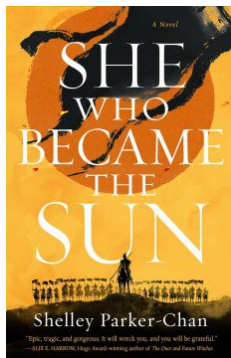


*A Psalm for the Wild-Built*

by Becky Chambers  
(Tor.com)

"The quiet life of a tea monk is interrupted when a robot arrives after centuries to honor a promise to check in. The robot cannot return to the wilderness until the question of "what do people need?" is answered. This is a book I will be recommending to everyone! For readers who enjoyed *The Bear and The House in the Cerulean Sea*."

—Liz Aleshunas, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, MO  
Novelist read-alike: *The Sol Majestic* by Ferrett Steinmetz

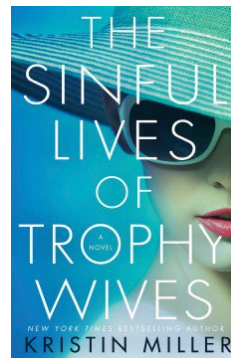


*She Who Became the Sun*

by Shelley Parker-Chan  
(Tor Books)

"In her intense, wonderfully written, and completely absorbing debut, Parker-Chan gives 14th century China a stunner of a rewrite. When her father and brother die as a consequence of a brutal attack, Zhu leaves her impoverished village and takes on her brother's identity and his fate. For readers who enjoyed *Priory of the Orange Tree*, *Gideon the Ninth*, and *The Poppy War*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington, NY  
Novelist read-alike: *Empire of Sand* by Tasha Suri



*The Sinful Lives of Trophy Wives*

A Novel  
by Kristin Miller  
(Ballantine Books)

"When Brooke moves to the exclusive California neighborhood of Presidio Terrace, she befriends both Erin and Georgia. She finds out much more than she ever expected. Readers will be so wrapped up in the drama, privilege, and mystery, they might finish in one sitting. For readers who enjoyed *Big Little Lies* and *Never Have I Ever*."

—Danielle Aronowitz, South Plainfield Public Library, South Plainfield, NJ  
Novelist read-alike: *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins