



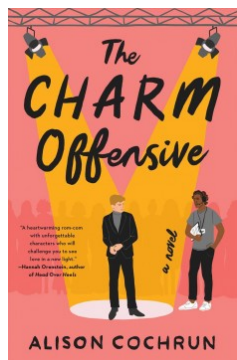
Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune (Tor Books)

"After dying of a heart attack, Wallace ends up in Charon's Crossing Tea and Treats, a shop run by Hugo the ferryman, whose job is to help people come to terms with their death and cross over. Wallace learns and grows, becoming better in death than in life. For readers who enjoy character-driven, humorous, and heartrending stories and fans of *A Man Called Ove*, *This Is Your Life*, *Harriet Chance*, and *Less*."

—Andrea Roberts, Westhampton Free Library, Westhampton Beach, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Daisy Cooper's Rules for Living* by Tamsin Keily



September 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

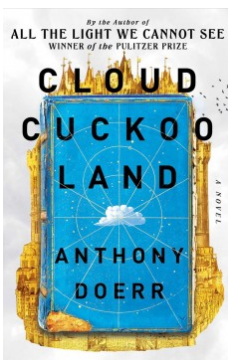


The Charm Offensive

A Novel
by Alison Cochrun
(Atria Books)

"Charlie signed up for the reality dating show to rebrand his image. Little did he know he would fall for his producer, Dev. Can Dev and Charlie create the picture-perfect romance on screen, or will their behind-the-scenes romance derail both of their career plans? For fans of reality romance, *One To Watch*, and *Something to Talk About*."

—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS
NovelList read-alike: *Red, White, and Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston

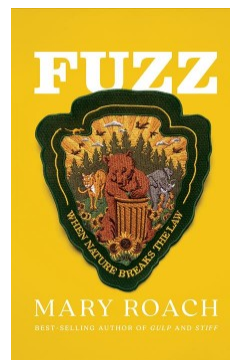


Cloud Cuckoo Land

A Novel
by Anthony Doerr
(Scribner)

"Several main storylines, all connected to a 'lost' ancient Greek manuscript, are set in 15th century Constantinople, present day Idaho, and a spaceship in the future. Much of the beauty of this novel is in watching the pieces slowly come together to tell an eternal story that is both heartbreaking and hopeful. For fans of *All the Light We Cannot See*, and *Cloud Atlas*."

—Jennifer May, Secaucus Public Library, Secaucus, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Crossings* by Alex Landragin

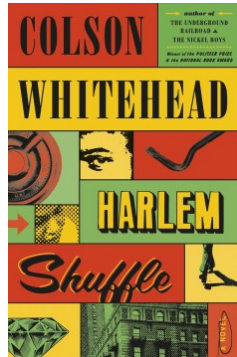


Fuzz

When Nature Breaks the Law
by Mary Roach
(W. W. Norton & Company)

"Roach once again proves that she is one of the best pop science writers out there. From door knobs to divine intervention, with some lasers and effigies thrown in for fun, she chronicles the push and pull of the human/wildlife struggle for co-existence. You will laugh, you will likely cry, and you'll never look at Indian elephants quite the same way. For fans of Bill Bryson and Sarah Vowell."

—Marianne Kruppa, Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis, IN
NovelList read-alike: *Poached: Inside the Dark World of Wildlife Trafficking* by Rachel Love Nuwer

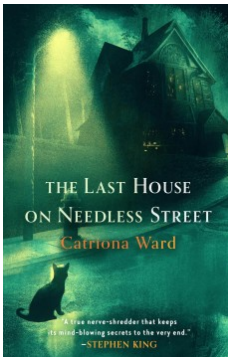


Harlem Shuffle

A Novel
by Colson Whitehead
(Doubleday)

"Read if you want a brilliantly plotted heist novel set in 1960s New York. The Harlem setting with its creeping gentrification is a significant part of the story. For readers who enjoyed *Deacon King Kong* and *Black Bottom Saints*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier County Public Library, Warrenton, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Only the Strong* by Jabari Asim

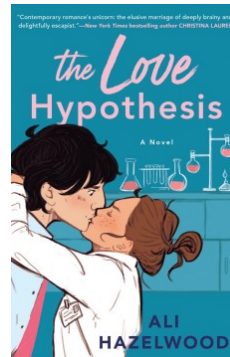


The Last House on Needless Street

by Catriona Ward
(Tor Nightfire)

"In a boarded-up house on a remote street live recluse Ted, his daughter Lauren, Dee (sister of a long-missing girl), and Olivia, a Bible-quoting cat. Wonderfully eerie and twisted psychological horror, with an ending you're sure you've read before (until you realize you haven't). For fans of Stephen Graham Jones and Shirley Jackson."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *The Cabin at the End of the World* by Paul Tremblay

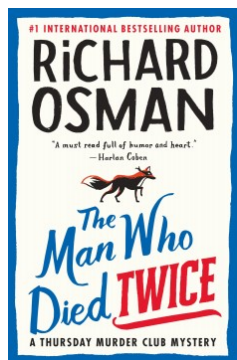


The Love Hypothesis

by Ali Hazelwood
(Berkley Jove)

"Stanford scientists Olive and Adam begin fake-dating out of mutual convenience, but their relationship causes all sorts of issues on campus. Readers will grow to root for this brainy duo in neuroscientist Hazelwood's romcom debut. For readers of *The Kiss Quotient* and *The Rosie Project*."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NovelList read-alike: *A Princess in Theory* by Alyssa Cole

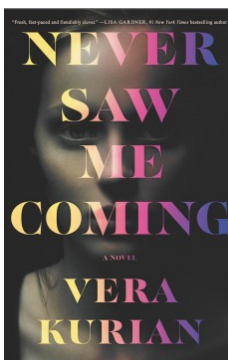


The Man Who Died Twice

A Thursday Murder Club Mystery
by Richard Osman
(Pamela Dorman Books)

"The competent senior quartet of The Thursday Murder Club returns, this time tracking down stolen diamonds while dealing with a troublesome ex-husband, a local drug queenpin, the arrival of the mafia, and a growing number of murders. An utter delight. For fans of *The Postscript Murders* and the Flavia de Luce mysteries."

—Julie Graham, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakima, WA
NovelList read-alike: *An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good* by Helene Tursten

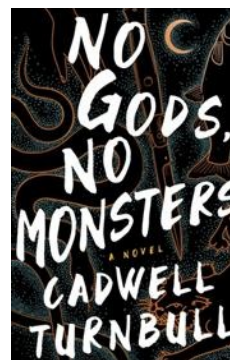


Never Saw Me Coming

A Novel
by Vera Kurlan
(Park Row)

"A trio of psychopaths attending a Washington D.C. college take part in a study to see if they can be taught to live productively. When a murderer targets campus, they need to work together to determine if they're among the hunted. This is a jaw-dropping, read-in-one-sitting thriller. For readers of Gillian Flynn and Caroline Kepnes."

—Douglas Beatty, Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD
NovelList read-alike: *I Am Not a Serial Killer* by Dan Wells



No Gods, No Monsters

by Cadwell Turnbull
(Blackstone Publishing)

"As creatures from myth and legend reveal themselves to be real, we're reminded that people often are the actual monsters. Turnbull's prose is gorgeous and lush, using contemporary fantasy as a lens to examine real-world oppression and injustice. For fans of Victor LaValle, Tade Thompson and Marlon James."

—Carol Ann Tack, Merrick Library, Merrick, N.Y.
NovelList read-alike: *The Devourers* by Indra Das

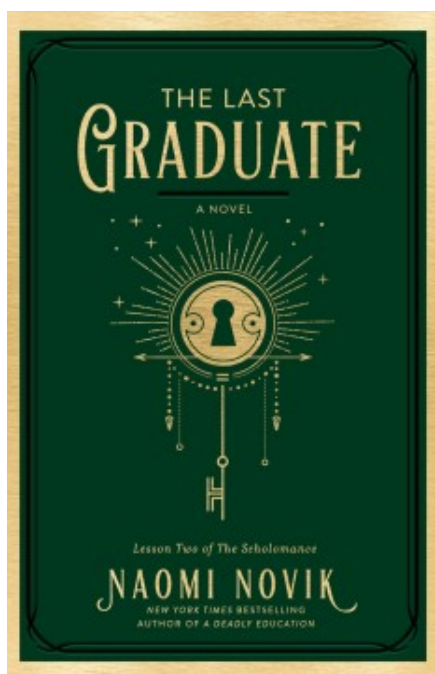
Made in LibraryAware - www.libraryaware.com

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org



September 2021

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.



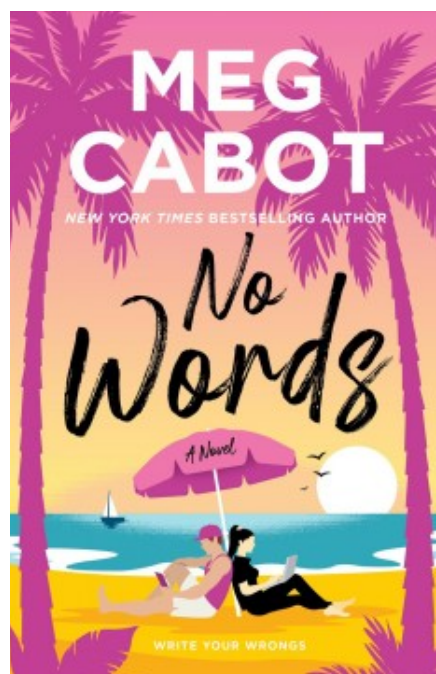
The Last Graduate

A Novel
by Naomi Novik
(Del Rey)

"El and her friends start their senior year, and if their fix worked, they should have a fighting chance against the maleficaria, beasts that feast on graduating students. But the school seems to be out to get El, as she's suddenly the only one being targeted by mals. Recommended for grown up fans of fantasy school stories that would appreciate the darker side of this one."

—Mary Bell, Wilbraham Public Library, Wilbraham, MA

Novelist read-alike: *Master of Sorrows* by Justin Travis Call



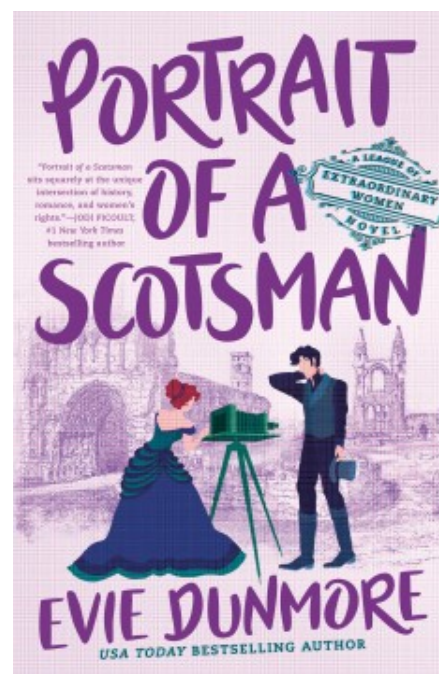
No Words

A Novel
by Meg Cabot
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"In the 3rd installment in Meg Cabot's Little Bridge Island series, readers get an inside look at the local Book Festival through the eyes of Jo Wright, a popular and prolific children's book author who is confronting her literary nemesis, Will Price. The sunshine and sea air may change their relationship for the better! A super cute offering for Cabot fans!"

—Jessica Breslin, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Bay Village, OH

Novelist read-alike: *Beach Read* by Emily Henry



Portrait of a Scotsman

by Evie Dunmore
(Berkley Jove)

"A forced marriage, an assumed affair, and a trip north to Scotland bring about multiple revelations between Hattie, a radical bluestocking, and Lucian, a self-made Scotsman. In this open-door romance, they learn to define what is important to both their emotional and sexual relationship. Dunmore does an incredible job of weaving in political and historical issues."

—Sarah Milner, Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, SC

Novelist read-alike: *A Week to Be Wicked* by Tessa Dare