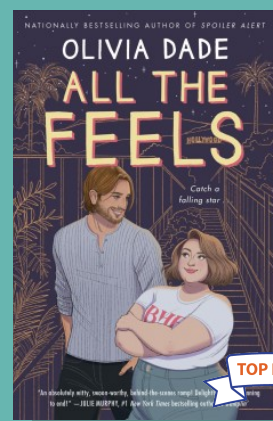




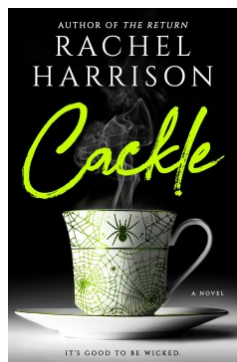
## All the Feels A Novel by Olivia Dade (Avon)

"Alex is an actor on a Game of Thrones-type TV show entering its final season. Lauren's job is to keep him out of trouble. Their relationship develops over forced proximity, a road trip, and tons of fanfic tropes (only one bed!). This steamy romance, with flawed, genuine characters and sensitive treatment of mental health and body issues, is a delight from start to finish. For fans of *Spoiler Alert*, *Girl Gone Viral*, and *One To Watch*."

—Lauren Mitchell, Neenah Public Library, Neenah, WI  
NovelList read-alike: *Incense and Sensibility* by Sonali Dev



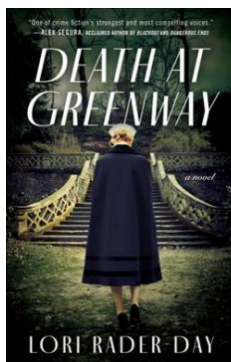
## October 2021 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



### Cackle by Rachel Harrison (Berkley)

"Annie is floundering after an unexpected breakup and a subsequent move to a small, quirky town. Her new friend Sophie is a little strange, but Annie is so happy to have someone who has chosen her that she ignores her concerns. This delightfully creepy fall story will work well for those who like paranormal fiction and light horror, and fans of *The Year of the Witching* and *The Deep*."

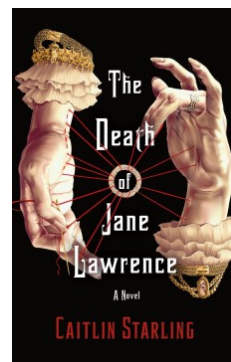
—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, WI  
NovelList read-alike: *We Ride Upon Sticks* by Quan Barry



### Death at Greenway A Novel by Lori Rader-Day (William Morrow Paperbacks)

"In this departure from Rader-Day's usual thrillers, two young women, hired as nurses to care for a group of children, are evacuated to Agatha Christie's country estate during WWII. Then a dead body shows up, and suddenly there's no telling what is safe and who can be trusted. For fans of Agatha Christie and Louise Penny."

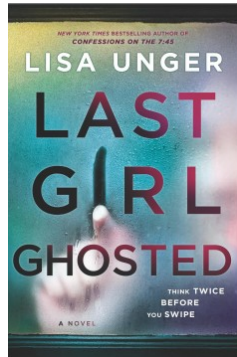
—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
NovelList read-alike: *In Farleigh Field* by Rhys Bowen



### The Death of Jane Lawrence A Novel by Caitlin Starling (St. Martin's Press)

"Jane, a sensible young woman, decides that she must get married. Her first choice is Dr. Lawrence, but she soon discovers his dark, terrifying secrets and becomes engulfed in a tangled mystery of magic, ghosts, demons, and bizarre rituals. A well-written story for fans of gothic fantasy and horror like *Gideon the Ninth* and *Mexican Gothic*."

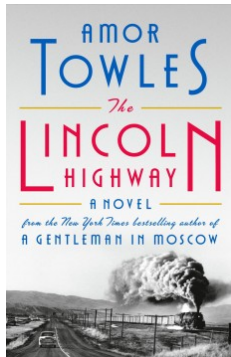
—Sandra Allen, South Community Library, St. Petersburg, FL  
NovelList read-alike: *The Silent Companions* by Laura Purcell



### Last Girl Ghosted by Lisa Unger (Park Row)

"Wren meets Adam on a dating app, and they seem to hit it off. After she tells him a secret, though, he ghosts her. She refuses to let it go and starts searching for him. What she finds is shocking, but she can match him in the secret department. Chilling, twisty, and hard to put down. Give to fans of *Ghosted* and *The Couple Next Door*."

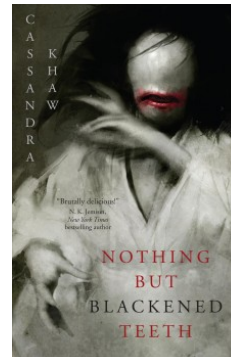
—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Goodrich, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *The Date* by Louise Jensen



### The Lincoln Highway A Novel by Amor Towles (Viking)

"In 1952, castoffs from a Nebraska juvenile detention camp embark on a road trip that takes them in different directions than initially intended. There's so much genuine sweetness and aching loss in this exuberant book full of characters you'll care about deeply. For fans of John Irving and Ann Patchett."

—Diana Armstrong, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR  
NovelList read-alike: *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig



### Nothing But Blackened Teeth by Cassandra Khaw (Tor Nightfire)

"This short, creepy haunted house tale, brimming with Japanese folklore, cleverly reveals the monstrosity in ordinary human callousness—we're awful not from horrendous actions or beliefs, but because we just react and shout each other down. For fans of *My Heart is a Chainsaw* and *The Toll*."

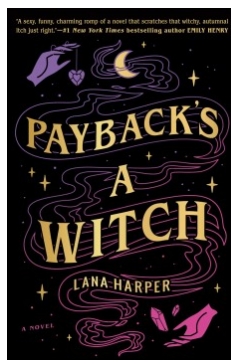
—Matthew Galloway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO  
NovelList read-alike: *Slade House* by David Mitchell



### Once More Upon a Time by Roshani Chokshi (Sourcebooks Casablanca)

"In this classic fairytale with a twist, a prince and princess who became a cursed king and queen are given a second chance at a future. The storyline and characters are engaging, but it's the beautiful, flowing writing that really stands out. Recommended for readers of *Stardust* and *Kill the Farmboy*."

—Sandra Woodbury, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *Monkey Around* by Jadie Jang



### Payback's a Witch by Lana Harper (Berkley Jove)

"Emmy reluctantly returns to her hometown to serve as arbiter of a magical tournament. But the town now seemingly has much more to offer, including a gorgeous witch. Will she be enough incentive for Emmy to stay? Romance and a well-developed magical system make this perfect for fans of TJ Klune and Seanan McGuire."

—Alicia Ahlvers, Henrico County Public Library, Henrico, VA  
NovelList read-alike: *The Ex Hex* by Erin Sterling



### A Spindle Splintered by Alix E. Harrow (Tordotcom)

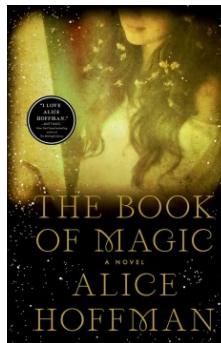
"Harrow delights with a queer fractured fairy tale novella. Zinnia Grey, forever obsessed with the Sleeping Beauty story, gets a spindle for her 21st birthday. When she pricks her finger, she's transported to another dimension and finds a princess who'd rather not marry the dashing prince. For fans of Naomi Novik and Margaret Atwood."

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA  
NovelList read-alike: *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen



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*The Book of Magic*

A Novel

by Alice Hoffman  
(Simon & Schuster)

"If you want a deep story about women, mothers, daughters and love in all its forms, look no further. We follow the Owens family as they try to break the curse that kept them from loving freely. This is a beautiful ending for these characters readers have grown to love. For fans of *The Orphan Witch* and *Cackle*."

—Kris Hickey, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH  
NoveList read-alike: *The Forbidden Garden* by Ellen Herrick



*A Line to Kill*

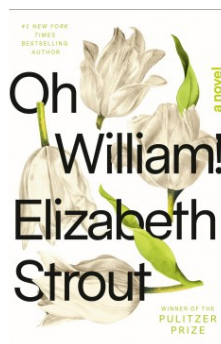
A Novel

by Anthony Horowitz  
(Harper)

"Ex-D.I. Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick Anthony Horowitz face a locked-island murder at an exclusive literary festival on the island of Alderney. The author's subtle humor and phrasing shines in this latest book in the Hawthorne & Horowitz series, which is full of brilliant misdirection, beautifully set-out clues, and a diabolically clever denouement. Readers who enjoy English detective stories that overwhelm you with characters and plot devices will be thrilled."

—Jane Easterly, Galesburg Public Library, Galesburg, IL

NoveList read-alike: *Fiction Can Be Murder* by Becky Clark



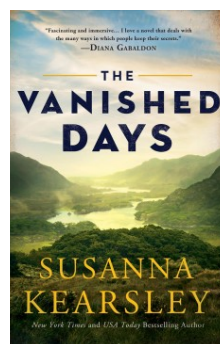
*Oh William!*

A Novel

by Elizabeth Strout  
(Random House)

"Readers of *I Am Lucy Barton* will delight in the chance to revisit the character. The reflections on life, love and marriage are conveyed in Ms. Strout's conversational yet concise writing. Readers will feel like they are having a personal discussion with Strout in their minds. For fans of Marilynne Robinson and Ann Patchett."

—Carol Tuttle, Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library, Willoughby, OH  
NoveList read-alike: *The Silent Treatment* by Abbie Greaves



*The Vanished Days*

by Susanna Kearsley

(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"In 1707 Scotland, Adam is given the task of proving or disproving Lily's claim that she should receive a widow's pension. Political unrest, strong women, a hint of romance and danger adds up to a sweeping historical saga. This is the book to read if you love Diana Gabaldon and the Sara Donati series."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
NoveList read-alike: *The Island House* by Posie Graeme-Evans



*Well Matched*

by Jen DeLuca

(Berkley Jove)

"When Mitch asks April to pose as his girlfriend for an upcoming family event, you immediately know where this is going. If you're a fan of Lyssa Kay Adams or Tessa Bailey, then you'll enjoy this light, feel-good romance!"

—Rosanna Johnson, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ  
NoveList read-alike: *The Dating Plan* by Sara Desai