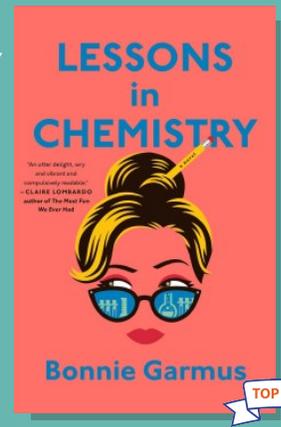




*Lessons in Chemistry*  
A Novel  
by Bonnie Garmus  
(Doubleday)

"In the 50s and early 60s when women were viewed as little more than chattel for men's convenience, Elizabeth Zott had the temerity to become a chemist. With complex and wonderful characters, her story is funny, sad, engaging, hopeful, and will have readers cheering for every character and all women everywhere. For fans of *Where'd You Go Bernadette?*, *The Rosie Project*, and *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*."

—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, Eastham, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *Park Avenue Summer* by Renee Rosen



TOP PICK

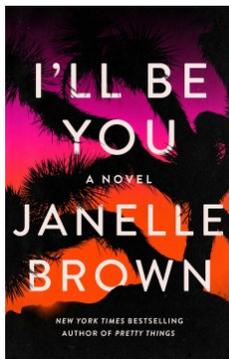
April 2022 – The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



*The Good Left Undone*  
A Novel  
by Adriana Trigiani  
(Dutton)

"Following the lives of various generations of the Cabrelli family, Trigiani takes readers through the 1920s, World War II, and modern day Italy and Scotland. With descriptive language and well-drawn characters, each generation's story is woven seamlessly into the next. For fans of *Love and Ruin* and *The Guest Book*."

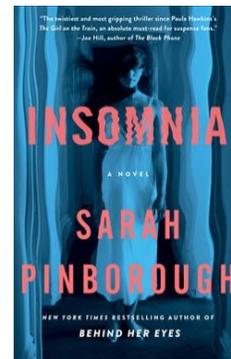
—Janet Makoujy, New City Library, New City, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee



*I'll Be You*  
A Novel  
by Janelle Brown  
(Random House)

"Sam and Elli, identical twin sisters and former television stars, have their issues. Sam is a recovering addict, and Elli has been taken in by a cult. But they are quite likable, and the story is totally engaging, a bit suspenseful, and includes well developed plot points. Give to fans of *The Good Sister* and *The Girl in the Mirror*."

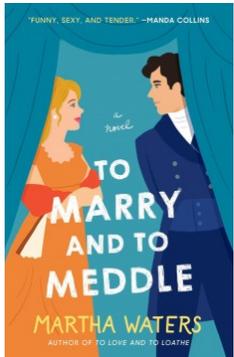
—Evelyn Cunningham, Norwalk Public Library, Norwalk, CT  
NovelList read-alike: *Until We Are Lost* by Leslie Archer



*Insomnia*  
A Novel  
by Sarah Pinborough  
(William Morrow)

"Emma has the perfect career, husband, and family. She also has a secret that is about to catch up with her. She is turning 40 and slowly spiraling out of control as the past creeps closer. Is her insomnia touching her with insanity, or is she about to relive what she has been trying to hide all these years? For fans of *The End of Her* and *Mrs. March*."

—Selena Swink, Lake Public Library, Lake, MS  
NovelList read-alike: *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson



*To Marry and To Meddle*  
A Novel  
by Martha Waters  
(Atria Books)

"After six seasons, Emily's only suitor is a gambling house owner whose father owes a lot of money. Fortunately, Julian wants to marry her to elevate him in society, which will lead to more respectable people coming to his theater. He proposes a marriage of convenience, and of course, love has to find its way. A fun, witty romance for fans of *Bridgerton* and *A Rogue of One's Own*."

—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL  
NovelList read-alike: *Portrait of a Scotsman* by Evie Dunsmore



*The Memory Librarian*  
And Other Stories of Dirty Computer  
by Janelle Monáe  
(Harper Voyager)

"These science fiction stories are set in a universe adjacent to the one featured in acclaimed actor/musician Monáe's concept albums and offer hope when despair is at its ripest. Tales of invented homes, found families, hard choices, and the exhausting work of imagining a better future jump off the page. For fans of Octavia Butler and Rivers Solomon."

—Krista Feick, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH  
NovelList read-alike: *Broken Fevers* by Tenea D. Johnson



*Portrait of a Thief*  
A Novel  
by Grace D. Li  
(Tiny Reparations Books)

"Li's debut novel is a fun heist book focusing on five Chinese-American college students recruited to steal artwork from Western museums and return them to China. The book looks at issues of diaspora, colonization, and the character's different relationships with culture and identity. Give to readers who liked *The Verifiers* and *Skin Deep*."

—Allie Williams, Camarillo Library, Camarillo, CA  
NovelList read-alike: *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb



*Sister Stardust*  
A Novel  
by Jane Green  
(Hanover Square Press)

"Teen Claire leaves England for Marrakech and falls in with charismatic socialite Talitha Getty and her coterie of rock stars, fashion icons, and millionaires amid a buffet of sex, drugs, and alcohol. Fans of *Daisy Jones and the Six* will find much to love in this book, beautifully told in a manic pace that takes you down the rabbit hole of the swinging '60s."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
NovelList read-alike: *Songs in Ursa Major* by Emma Brodie



*Take My Hand*  
by Dolen Perkins-Valdez  
(Berkley)

"A well-paced, wrenching book about the reproductive rights of Blacks and the poor in the mid 20th century. The story moves back and forth in time with fully drawn characters, giving the reader a view of the consequences of the health care system's policies and fresh outrage at the wrongs perpetrated upon Black women. For readers of Celeste Ng and Rebecca Skloot."

—Leona Arthen, The Worthington Library, Worthington, OH  
NovelList read-alike: *Pure America: Eugenics and the Making of Modern Virginia* by Elizabeth Catte



*The Wedding Crasher*  
A Novel  
by Mia Sosa  
(Avon)

"After Solange stops Dean's wedding of convenience, they start a mutually beneficial fake relationship: Dean can make partner at his law firm and Solange can get her meddlesome family off her case. With heart, laughs, and characters you'll fall in love with, this follow up to *The Worst Best Man* is perfect for fans of Casey McQuiston and Talia Hibbert."

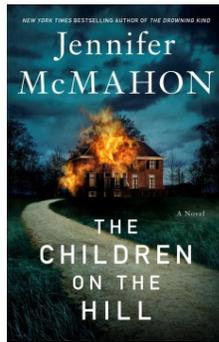
—Jillian Hayes, Queens Public Library, Jamaica, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *The Spanish Love Deception* by Elena Armas

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*The Children on the Hill*  
by Jennifer McMahon  
(Gallery/Scout Press)

"Switching between two children in 1978 living with their grandma, who brings home a strange girl, and now when podcaster Izzy goes to a town dealing with a missing girl and monster sightings, this modern take on *Frankenstein* has a delicious twist at the end. This novel is an all nighter!"

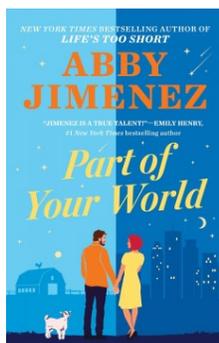
—Terri Smith, Cornelia Habersham County Library, Mt. Airy, GA  
NovelList read-alike: *A Cosmology of Monsters* by Shaun Hamill



*The No-Show*  
by Beth O'Leary  
(Berkley Jove)

"It's Valentine's Day, and three women are stood up--by the same guy. The story is told from the perspectives of the women, and their stories weave together seamlessly. The characters are delightful! Sure to please both existing fans and those new to this author."

—Karen Clements, Lake Villa District Library, Lindenhurst, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *Ghosts* by Dolly Alderton

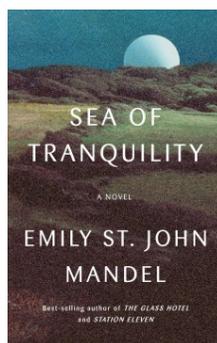


*Part of Your World*  
by Abby Jimenez  
(Forever)

"Jimenez delivers a powerful romance about overcoming domestic abuse. Alexis must decide if she will follow love and happiness or give in to family tradition and emotional abuse. Over the course of the novel, she learns to trust herself again, and finds her true calling. For fans of *The Road to Rose Bend*, *Like Lovers Do*, and *Act Your Age, Eve Brown*."

—Jennifer Davidson, Richardson Public Library, Richardson, TX

NovelList read-alike: *It Happened One Summer* by Tessa Bailey

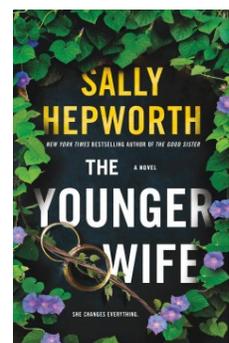


*Sea of Tranquility*  
A Novel  
by Emily St. John Mandel  
(Knopf)

"In 2400, Gaspary works at the Time Institute where he investigates the nature of reality. This book pieces together the human experience beautifully. A compelling read for time travel and sci-fi fans. The characters and insights about living through a pandemic made this a page turner! For fans of *Cloud Cuckoo Land* and *Recursion*."

—Andie Conn, Mid-Continent Public Library, Kansas City, MO

NovelList read-alike: *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell



*The Younger Wife*  
A Novel  
by Sally Hepworth  
(St. Martin's Press)

"This domestic thriller ratchets up the suspense from the beginning and never lets go. It opens at a wedding where something awful took place. The story backtracks as we learn about all the members of the family. Good character development with lots of twists to propel the story."

—Debbie Lease, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ

NovelList read-alike: *You Are Not Alone* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen