



Love on the Brain by Ali Hazelwood (Berkley)

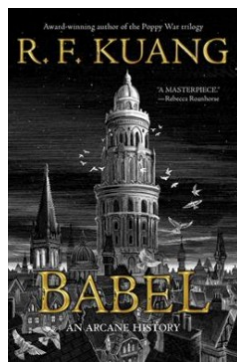
"Bee's worked hard to get her big break leading a NASA project. However, she learns that she'll be working with Levi, an old acquaintance who detests her. Or does he? Hazelwood's done it again with another fantastic romance filled with the real-world struggles of being a woman in STEM. For fans of Helen Hoang and Christina Lauren."

—Brenna Timm, High Plains Library District, Greeley, CO
NovelList read-alike: *The Marriage Code* by Brooke Burroughs



TOP PICK

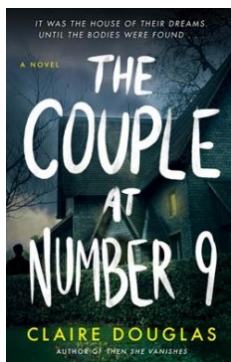
August 2022 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution
by R. F. Kuang
(Harper Voyager)

"What power do words really have? Kuang explores this question in a unique standalone fantasy where a magical system drawn from translation and silverwork fuels colonialism. With beautiful writing and well-developed characters, this is a fabulous book. For readers of Katherine Addison, Zen Cho and N.K. Jemisin."

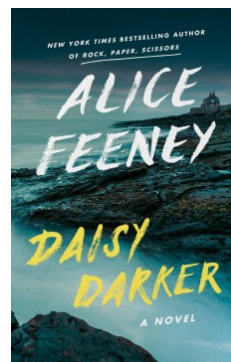
—Danielle Deaver, Montgomery County Public Libraries, Bethesda, MD
NovelList read-alike: *The Atlas Six* by Olivie Blake



The Couple at Number 9
A Novel
by Claire Douglas
(Harper Paperbacks)

"Pregnant Saffy and her partner Tom are thrilled when her ailing grandmother gives them a cottage to make their home—until they find two bodies buried on the property. Featuring multiple points of view and realistic characters, the latest twisty thriller from Douglas will appeal to fans of taut page-turners like *The Turn of the Key* and *The Guest List*."

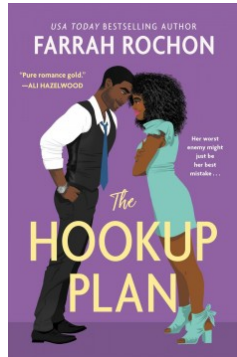
—Amy Medeiros, Westport Free Public Library, Westport, MA
NovelList read-alike: *The Witch Elm* by Tana French



Daisy Darker
A Novel
by Alice Feeney
(Flatiron Books)

"Darker isn't just Daisy's surname: it's the mood of this closed-room mystery as Daisy's family members die one by one at a remote island home. Deftly told, this nod to Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* mixes suspense and secrets with heartbreaking and poignant observations about family and childhood."

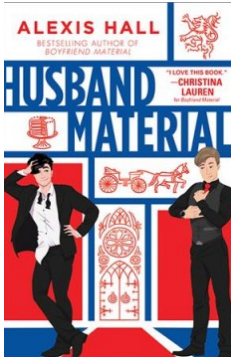
—Jennifer Ohzour, West Des Moines Public Library, West Des Moines, IA
NovelList read-alike: *The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse



The Hookup Plan
by Farrah Rochon
(Forever)

"Dedicated pediatric surgeon London looks to de-stress through a no-strings-attached hookup with her former high school nemesis (and current millionaire) Drew. But Drew wants more than a one-night stand. London jumps off the page with her vibrant personality, and it's fun to see a man pursuing a woman in an enemies to lovers tale. For fans of Abby Jimenez and Talia Hibbert."

—Hannah Spratt, New York Public Library, New York, NY
NovelList read-alike: *How to Fail at Flirting* by Denise Williams



Husband Material
by Alexis Hall
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Luc has grown up and feels the pressure to get married. Oliver is still a devoted boyfriend, but his problems are now acknowledged. It's great to see character development even in minor characters, and how they've progressed in the two years since *Boyfriend Material*."

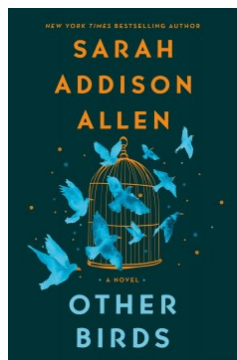
—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL
NovelList read-alike: True Colors series by Annabeth Albert



The Last Housewife
A Novel
by Ashley Winstead
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"When yet another of her college roommates turns up dead, Shay investigates with the help of her BFF true crime podcaster. Will Shay find answers in her past, which includes a misogynistic sex cult, or will she be lured back in? Psychological thriller fans, take this to the beach! For fans of *I'll Be You* or *This Might Hurt*."

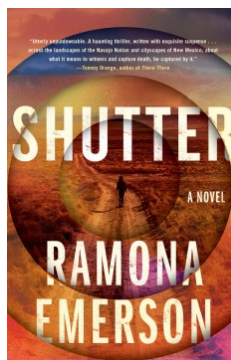
—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD
NovelList read-alike: *Don't Call It a Cult* by Sarah Berman



Other Birds
A Novel
by Sarah Addison Allen
(St. Martin's Press)

"To keep a connection to her late mother, Zoey moves into her old apartment on Mallow Island, S.C. The complex and its residents are characters, too. This book is a quick and sweet read about the stages of love from the tickle of a spark to the longing its absence can bring."

—Sara Schettler, Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale, AZ
NovelList read-alike: *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* by Heather S. Webber



Shutter
by Ramona Emerson
(Soho Crime)

"Rita Todacheene, a crime scene photographer for the Albuquerque PD, can communicate with the dead. Her latest job involves a woman who allegedly killed herself... but she won't leave Rita alone. A cinematic thriller set on the edge of the Navajo Nation, Emerson's debut is a must-read."

—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS
NovelList read-alike: *When the Reckoning Comes* by Latanya McQueen



The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches
by Sangu Mandanna
(Berkley)

"Mika is one of the few witches secretly living in Britain when someone reaches out for help teaching three young witches. She becomes entangled in the lives of her pupils and the household, including the handsome yet grouchy librarian Jaime. A cozy romance for fans of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*."

—Danielle Geiger, Brentwood Public Library, Brentwood, TN
NovelList read-alike: *Payback's a Witch* by Lana Harper



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Carrie Soto Is Back

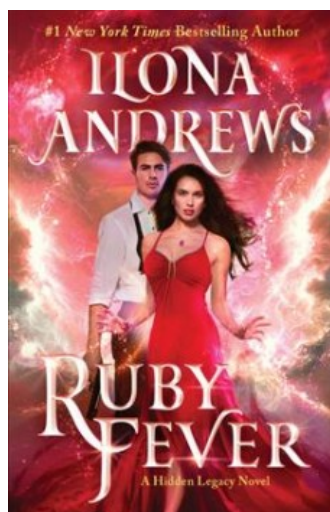
A Novel

by Taylor Jenkins Reid
(Ballantine Books)

"With fierce determination, Carrie Soto comes out of retirement to claim her title as the GOAT of tennis. Will she also use this opportunity to repair relationships with her father/coach and the other players on the tour? Jenkins Reid is at the top of her game with another winning page-turner."

—Stacy Lienemann, Waseca-Le Sueur
Regional Library System, Waseca, MN

Novelist read-alike:
Evie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes



Ruby Fever

A Hidden Legacy Novel
by Ilona Andrews
(Avon)

"This action-packed sixth book in the Hidden Legacy series features Catalina Baylor. Together with her fiancé, Alessandro, Catalina must use her full abilities to prevent a catastrophic collapse of House Baylor—and the city of Houston. This conclusion to Catalina's story arc satisfies questions that arose earlier in the series, while leaving the door open for future installments."

—Caroline Quintanilla, Seminole County
Library, Casselberry, FL

Novelist read-alike:
Shifters series by Rachel Vincent



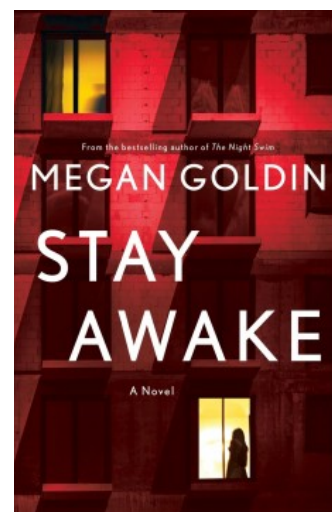
Sophie Go's Lonely Hearts Club

by Roselle Lim
(Berkley)

"Sophie Go can see red threads extending from everyone's heart—threads that show how ready a person is for love. Despite her mom's disapproval, Sophie aspires to use her gift to become Toronto's premier matchmaker. When she corrals a group of elderly Chinese men in her apartment building as potential clients, she has the chance to realize her dream and break free from her overbearing mother."

—Maureen Rothenberg, Clayton County
Public Libraries, Jonesboro, GA

Novelist read-alike:
Rules of Arrangement by Anisha Bhatia



Stay Awake

A Novel

by Megan Goldin
(St. Martin's Press)

"Liv wakes up in a cab she doesn't recall boarding and is dropped off without her purse or phone. She dumps a bloody knife wrapped in a t-shirt and sees on her hand the message, 'Stay Awake'. Liv realizes she is the prime suspect for a murder. What's more, trauma from two years ago causes her to lose short-term memories every time she falls asleep. This thriller may cause readers to lose sleep so they can find out who is the true killer!"

—Debbie DeLouise, Hicksville Public
Library, Hicksville, NY

Novelist read-alike:
Our House by Louise Candlish