

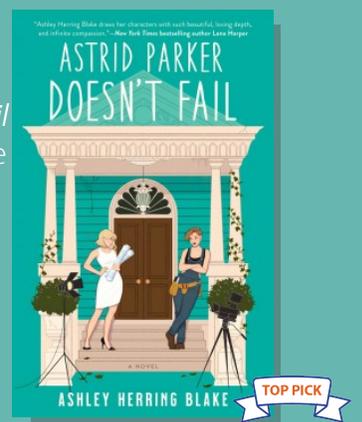


Astrid Parker Doesn't Fail

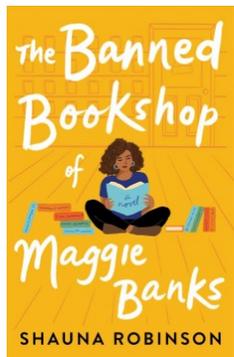
by Ashley Herring Blake
(Berkley)

"In this follow-up to *Delilah Green Doesn't Care*, Astrid is determined to bounce back from a breakup by going on a TV building reno show. When sparks fly with the show's carpenter, Astrid is thrown, having never before considered herself queer. With a little guidance from Delilah, she follows her instincts. This is a sweet/spicy romance for fans of Casey McQuiston and Alexis Hall".

— Amanda Chapman, Davisville Free Library, North Kingstown, RI
NovelList read-alike: *Chef's Kiss* by T.J. Alexander



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

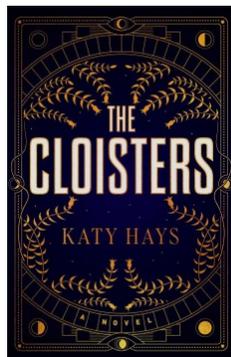


The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks

by Shauna Robinson
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Maggie takes a temp position at a friend's bookstore and gets more than she bargained for when she discovers the entire town seems to revolve around the legacy of author Edward Bell. Before she knows it, she's selling books from a secret stash, planning author events, and finding love. A fun read for fans of Abbi Waxman and Emily Henry."

—Jaime Bink, Harford County Public Library, Whiteford, MD
NovelList read-alike: *The Book Haters' Book Club* by Gretchen Anthony



The Cloisters

A Novel
by Katy Hays
(Atria Books)

"Ann lands an internship at the Met's Cloisters museum, where she works on an exhibit about tarot cards during the Renaissance. After Ann makes a surprising discovery, she sets in motion a series of sinister twists and turns. This great debut set in the atmospheric world of dark academia is perfect for those who loved *The Ninth House* and *Discovery of Witches*."

—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Genesee, MI
NovelList read-alike: *Consensual Hex* by Amanda Harlowe

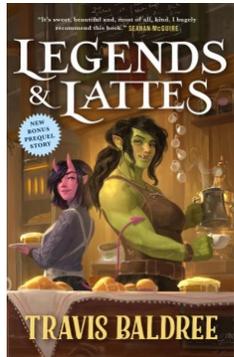


Kiss Her Once for Me

A Novel
by Alison Cochrun
(Atria Books)

"Financially struggling Ellie agrees to get fake-engaged for cash to help get back on her feet. But when she visits her fiancé's family for the holidays, she finds that his sister is the person Ellie fell for a year before. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll find the queer holiday rom-com you've always wanted. For fans of *You Had Me at Hola*, *Take a Hint*, *Dani Brown* and *Written in the Stars*."

—Andrea Tucci, Glencoe Public Library, Glencoe IL
NovelList read-alike: *In a Holiday* by Christina Lauren

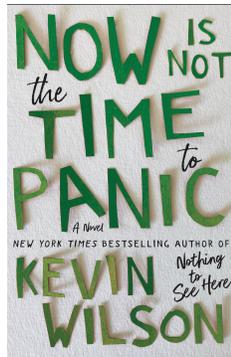


Legends & Lattes

A Novel of High Fantasy and Low Stakes
by Travis Baldree
(Tor Books)

"Weary of her boisterous warrior lifestyle, an orc hangs up her sword and pairs with a succubus to open up a coffee shop in a quirky medieval town. This light, slice-of-life speculative tale is sure to appeal to fans of cozy fantasies like *A Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking* and *The House in the Cerulean Sea*."

—Heidi Schaub, Multnomah County Public Library, Portland, OR
NovelList read-alike: *Questland* by Carrie Vaughn

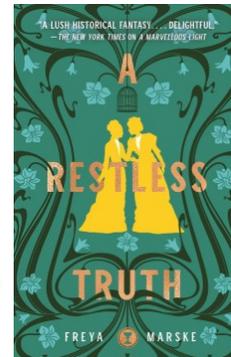


Now is Not the Time to Panic

A Novel
by Kevin Wilson
(Ecco)

"It's the summer of 1996 in the small town of Coalfield, Tennessee. Awkward teenagers Frankie and Zeke just want to make art, but lose control over their creation. This coming-of-age novel is uniquely compelling about how art can be appropriated by others and morph into legend."

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

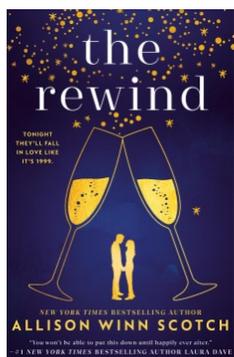


A Restless Truth

by Freya Marske
(TorDotCom)

"This second installment of *The Last Binding* trilogy focuses on a magical locked-room mystery aboard an early 1900s ocean liner. Full of thrills, steamy romance, and clever humor, this delightful queer historical fantasy will appeal to fans of Naomi Novik and C.L. Polk."

—Jessica Trotter, Capital District Libraries, Lansing, MI
NovelList read-alike: *Spellbreaker* series by Charlie N. Holmberg



The Rewind

by Allison Winn Scotch
(Berkley)

"Frankie and Ezra run into each other at a friend's wedding, revisiting the highs and lows of their college romance, and discover a lot about themselves and each other along the way. With the 1999 college campus setting, this is a nostalgic and heartfelt journey to a bygone era. For fans of *Just Another Love Song* or *The Half of It*."

—Alicia Ahlvers, Henrico County Public Library, Henrico, VA
NovelList read-alike: *The Road Trip* by Beth O'Leary



Someday, Maybe

A Novel
by Onyi Nwabineli
(Graydon House)

"The story of a woman widowed by the suicide of her husband, who was a photographer. The story walks through her grief process and what others outside of her grief must see. A poignant story, while peppered with occasional humor, is still a tough read. For readers of *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty*."

—Theresa Coleman, Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis, IN
NovelList read-alike: *And This Is How to Stay Alive* by Shingai Njeri Kagunda



Two Wrongs Make a Right

by Chloe Liese
(Berkley)

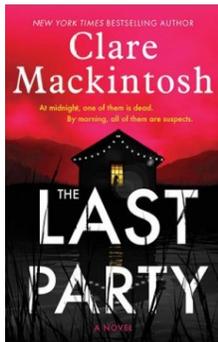
"Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* gets an update as Jamie and Bea, who have nothing in common, discover they have been tricked into going on a date. They decide to put on the performance...but will it end in true love? This is a dual perspective, slow burn rom-com full of wit and chemistry. Recommended for fans of Sarah Adams and Alina Jacobs."

—Kaite Stover, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO
NovelList read-alike: *Ben and Beatriz* by Katalina Gamarra



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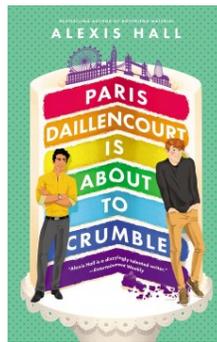


The Last Party
by Clare Mackintosh
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"When a body is found floating offshore, the annual lake plunge celebration in Cwm Coed is abruptly canceled. It soon develops that everyone in the community has a reason for wanting the victim dead. Recommended to anyone who enjoys contemporary mystery fiction like *I Know You Remember*."

—Nancy Eggert, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL

Novelist read-alike: *The Dry* by Jane Harper

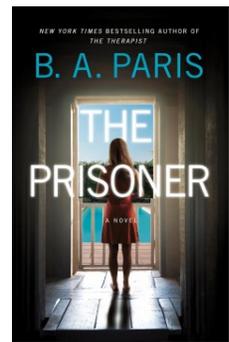


Paris Daillencourt is About to Crumble
A Novel
by Alexis Hall
(Forever)

"Paris becomes a Bake Expectations contestant but being in a reality competition isn't easy. Fortunately, he connects with Tariq in spite of the pressure of the competition and his anxiety. A realistic depiction of anxiety balanced by an adorable romance filled with fun characters. For fans of *Rosaline Palmer Takes The Cake*."

—Claire Sherman, Clearwater-Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL

Novelist read-alike: *A Brush with Love* by Mazey Eddings



The Prisoner
A Novel
by B.A. Paris
(St. Martin's Press)

"When Ned proposes a business deal - a proforma marriage that will earn her enough money to go to university, Emily accepts, despite her girlfriends having warned her about him. After the marriage, Ned isolates Emily, and everything unravels. Readalikes for this twisty tale include *The Couple at Number 9* and *The Golden Couple*."

—Tine Kristensen, Fairfax County Public Library, Fairfax, VA

Novelist read-alike: *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson



Ship Wrecked
A Novel
by Olivia Dade
(Avon)

"After starring in a TV show together, Peter and Maria's passion ignites, but what comes next now that their career paths are diverging? There are plenty of sexy scenes, genuine belly laughs, and found family joy, and I was sorry to say goodbye to Peter and Maria. For fans of *A Merry Little Meet Cute* and *One to Watch*."

—Sarah Cameron, Richland Library, Columbia, SC

Novelist read-alike: *Well Met* series by Jen DeLuca

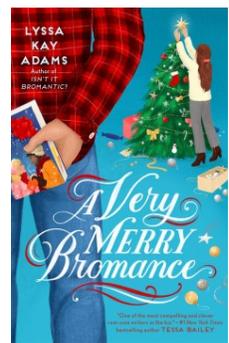


Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six
A Novel
by Lisa Unger
(Park Row)

"Three couples in an isolated luxury cabin in the woods, secrets, and unclaimed DNA tests under the tree. What can go wrong? Told in alternating chapters from different points of view, this is an excellent suspenseful read for chilly autumn nights."

—Michelle Nebbia, Hillsdale Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ

Novelist read-alike: *The Wild Girls* by Phoebe Morgan



A Very Merry Bromance
by Lyssa Kay Adams
(Berkley)

"Gretchen has an unexpected night with Colton and then avoids him for a year. Now she needs his help. Determined to be a part of her life, Colton enlists the help of the Bromance book club to provide support and advice. A story of love and the family you are born into and create."

—Chris Markley, Kingsport Public Library, Kingsport, TN

Novelist read-alike: *In the Event of Love* by Courtney Kae

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