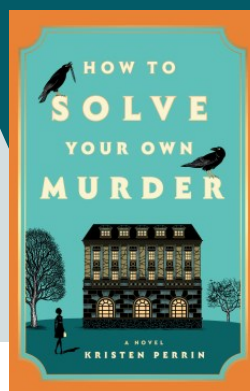




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The Top Ten Adult Fiction and Nonfiction Chosen Monthly by America's Library Staff

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How to Solve Your Own Murder: A Novel
Kristen Perrin
(Dutton)

TOP PICK

It's 1965, and Frances is at a country fair with her friends when she ducks into a fortune teller's tent and is given a fortune that predicts her murder. She then becomes obsessed with figuring out who will murder her. Many years later, when she sends for her great-niece, she starts a race against time for her murder to be solved. This novel is original, witty, and a real page-turner.

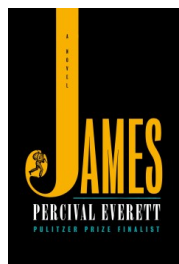
—Linda Quinn, LibraryReads Ambassador
Novelist read-alike: *One Puzzling Afternoon*
by Emily Critchley



The Other Side of Disappearing
Kate Clayborn
(Kensington Books)

Four lives collide: two sisters whose mother deserted them 10 years ago to run off with a con man, a podcaster working on the case, and a journalist with a mission. The mystery—where did their mom go?—meshes neatly with the group's clashing goals as they follow the woman's trail across the country. This beautifully written novel is a thoughtful look at the many faces of love.

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, NY
Novelist read-alike: *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*
by Alicia Thompson



James: A Novel
Percival Everett
(Doubleday)

In this superb counterpoint to *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, we get the point of view of the enslaved character Jim. Through Jim's eyes, readers experience many of the familiar events from Twain's novel. However, this narrative reveals more details and realities of the horrible state of slavery. With added storylines of Jim's humor and family dedication, this book stands out as an illuminating addition to the American classic.

—MarySue Waterman, Westport Library, CT
Novelist read-alike: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver



The Mystery Writer: A Novel
Sulari Gentill
(Poisoned Pen Press)

This intriguing mystery delves into the world of book publishing. Theo is an aspiring author who meets one of her childhood idols, Dan. As they grow closer, Dan is murdered and Theo becomes embroiled in scandal and conspiracies as she tries to solve his murder and outrun those who mean her harm—before she or someone she loves is next. This novel has a million twists that will keep readers guessing until the last page.

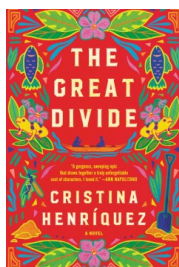
—Lauren Maxwell, Geneva Public Library District, IL
Novelist read-alike: *Under Lock and Skeleton Key* by Gigi Pandian



Everyone Is Watching
Heather Gudenkauf
(Park Row)

Five people are brought together to be game show contestants with a prize of ten million dollars. They are to live in tense isolation as the show is broadcast to the world and secrets begin to be revealed amongst them. The show won't end until their secrets are all uncovered. This is a delicious book to be devoured in one binge reading session.

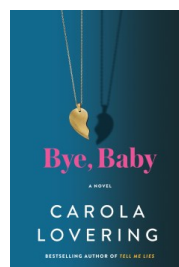
—Beth Emmerling, Enoch Pratt Free Library, MD
Novelist read-alike: *The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell



The Great Divide: A Novel
Cristina Henríquez
(Ecco)

Set during the construction of the Panama Canal, this novel captures the lives of the people in the canal's orbit: locals, laborers, and a doctor studying mosquito-borne illnesses. An atmospheric and compelling novel filled with characters that leap off the page and into readers' hearts.

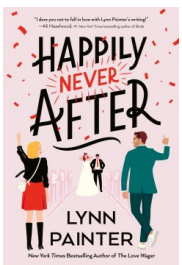
—Rachel Rooney, Mid-Continent Public Library, MO
Novelist read-alike: *How Much of These Hills Is Gold* by C. Pam Zhang



Bye, Baby: A Novel
Carola Lovering
(St. Martin's Press)

Longing to reconnect with her best friend, Billie West stalks her on Instagram, and in one desperate moment takes her friends' infant baby, only to return her a few hours later, anonymously. Can she reconstruct her life and live with the consequences of her rash decision, or has she destroyed everything that was good in her life?

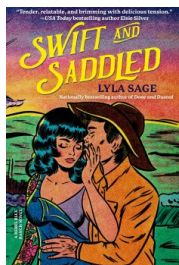
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *The Perfect Ones* by Nicole Hackett



Happily Never After
Lynn Painter
(Berkley)

Sophie Steinbeck finds out that her fiancé has cheated on her and wants to end the wedding. She hires a Professional Objector, Max, whose whole purpose is to show up and yell "I object!" When Sophie joins his team, they realize they are attracted to one another. What a funny, sweet, and hot rom-com! Definite stars for Sophie's elderly roommates!

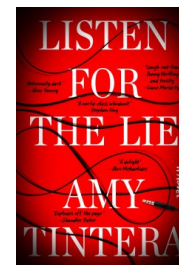
—Joy K., Free Library of Philadelphia, PA
Novelist read-alike: *Tastes Like Shakkar* by Nisha Sharma



Swift and Saddled: A Rebel Blue Ranch Novel
Lyla Sage
(Dial Press)

The second book in the Rebel Blue Ranch series is a swoony and sweet small-town romance. Readers who like found family, emotionally intelligent couples, and just overall cuteness will look forward to more in this quick-read cowboy romance.

—Yentl Diego, Smith Public Library, TX
Novelist read-alike: *The Cowboy Whisperer* by Sabrina Sol



Listen for the Lie
Amy Tintera
(Celadon Books)

Lucy murdered her best friend, Savvy—at least, that's what her small town believes. When a podcaster comes along searching for the truth, Lucy finally confronts the past. A cast of morally corrupt characters lead readers on a wild goose chase to solve the murder and the mystery of Lucy's missing memories.

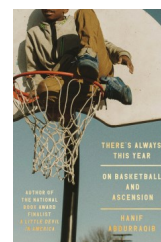
—Andrea Galvin, Mt. Pulaski Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *All Good People Here* by Ashley Flowers

Bonus pick:



This Could Be Us
Kennedy Ryan
(Forever, Grand Central Publishing, Hachette Book Group)

Notable Nonfiction:



There's Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension
Hanif Abdurraqib
(Random House)

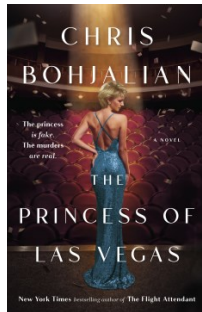
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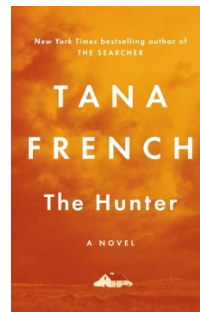
The Princess of Las Vegas: A Novel
Chris Bohjalian
(Doubleday)

Novelist read-alike:
The Spectacular
by Fiona Davis



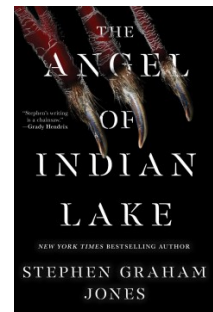
Finlay Donovan Rolls the Dice
Elle Cosimano
(Minotaur Books)

Novelist read-alike:
Spellman Files series
by Lisa Lutz



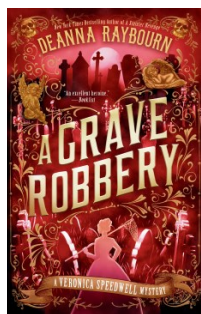
The Hunter: A Novel
Tana French
(Viking)

Novelist read-alike:
Decent People
by De'Shawn Charles Winslow



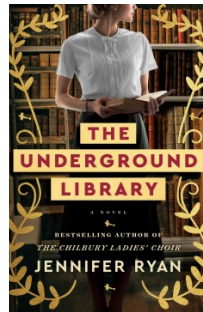
The Angel of Indian Lake
Stephen Graham Jones
(Saga Press)

Novelist read-alike:
The Final Girl Support Group
by Grady Hendrix



A Grave Robbery
Deanna Raybourn
(Berkley)

Novelist read-alike:
Of Manners and Murder
by Anastasia Hastings



The Underground Library: A Novel
Jennifer Ryan
(Ballantine Books)

Novelist read-alike:
The Librarian of Banned Books
by Brianna Labuskes



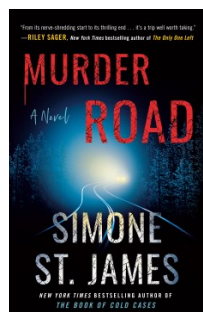
The Truth about the Devlins
Lisa Scottoline
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

Novelist read-alike:
My Sister, the Serial Killer
by Oyinkan Braithwaite



Expiration Dates: A Novel
Rebecca Serle
(Atria Books)

Novelist read-alike:
The Deja Glitch
by Holly James



Murder Road
Simone St. James
(Berkley)

Novelist read-alike:
Deep Water
by Emma Bamford



The New Couple in 5B
Lisa Unger
(Park Row)

Novelist read-alike:
The Other Mrs.
by Mary Kubica