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

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Sandwich: A Novel
Catherine Newman
(Harper)



This story focuses on Rocky, a woman filled with menopausal rage and immense love for her family. The witty banter and poignant musings will have readers laughing hysterically while mopping up tears a few pages later. This is a no-brainer for fans of Ann Patchett and those who enjoy a good family drama. Perfect for women's book discussion groups.

—Robin Beerbower, LibraryReads Ambassador, AZ
NovelList read-alike: *Vacationland* by Meg Mitchell Moore



Swift River
Essie Chambers
(Simon & Schuster)

In this heartbreaking debut set in the 1980s, Diamond, a Black girl growing up in New England town, feels like a misfit. When she gets a letter from an estranged branch of the family, everything she thought she knew about herself is turned upside-down. Secrets from the women that came before her allow Diamond to realize her full potential.

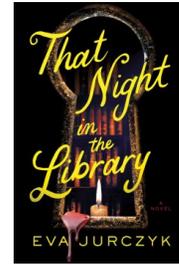
—Kaite Stover, Kansas City Public Library, MO
NovelList read-alike: *The Unsettled* by Ayana Mathis



Love Letters to a Serial Killer: A Novel
Tasha Coryell
(Berkley Books)

Twisty denouements abound in this psychological suspense about a woman falling for a suspected serial killer as she corresponds with him in jail. The author is able to depict the questionable choices of a down-on-her-luck woman who naively becomes entangled with a dangerous man. This is a darkly humorous, sexy, and entertaining thriller.

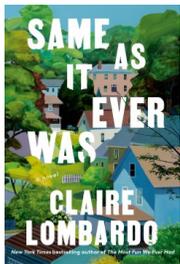
—Adrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, CA
NovelList read-alike: *I Told You This Would Happen* by Elaine Murphy



That Night in the Library
Eva Jurczyk
(Poisoned Pen Press)

A group of students gather for a party in the library's basement the night before graduation. Things quickly go awry, and bodies start piling up. There are seven main characters and multiple POVs, but readers will be able to keep up thanks to Jurczyk's witty writing. It's a bonus to get an inside look at a rare books library.

—Danielle Hansard, Westland Public Library, MI
NovelList read-alike: *If We Were Villains* by ML Rio



Same As It Ever Was: A Novel
Claire Lombardo
(Doubleday Books)

Julia is in her late fifties and seemingly has it all, but a chance meeting with an old acquaintance quickly uncovers the fissures in her carefully constructed existence. Lombardo skillfully moves back and forth in Julia's life with an incredible gift for writing seemingly mundane but charged moments in her characters' lives.

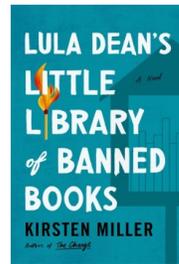
—Alisa Stanfield, LibraryReads Ambassador, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Marrying the Ketchups* by Jennifer Close



The Housemaid Is Watching
Freida McFadden
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Millie's just moved into her dream house but soon discovers it may not be as ideal as she'd hoped, with strange neighbors and happenings in the house. Those unfamiliar with the first two Housemaid books will still enjoy this standalone novel, an engrossing, psychological thriller with plot twists that will keep readers guessing.

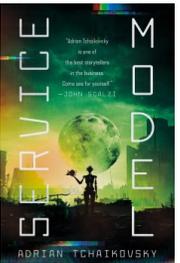
—Kristin Skinner, Flat River Community Library, MI
NovelList read-alike: *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine



Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books
Kirsten Miller
(William Morrow)

Lula Dean's mission is to rid schools and libraries of all books she deems inappropriate, and she erects a Little Free Library filled with her chosen titles. But someone is changing the books by leaving the covers and substituting a wide variety of banned books. This timely tale shows how hate is banished and books can better your life when not restricted.

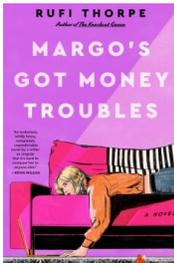
—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Bookish People* by Susan Coll



Service Model
Adrian Tchaikovsky
(Tordotcom)

This is a hilariously biting dystopian tale about a world where human civilization has collapsed and robots are stuck in poorly programmed loops that cause them suffering. We follow the adventures of a valet robot as he wanders across a bleak post-apocalyptic landscape, seeking a position where he can be of service to humans. Give this to Murderbot fans.

—Ariel Zeitlin, Montclair Public Library, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Chosen Twelve* by James Breakwell



Margo's Got Money Troubles
Rufi Thorpe
(William Morrow)

A heartwarming and luminous coming-of-age tale of a 20-year-old single mother trying to make it on OnlyFans. Readers will be rooting for Margo and will fall in love with the wacky cast of characters, especially her dad. Thorpe perfectly captures the intensity of caring for a newborn while crafting a smart and relatable heroine.

—Shannon Gruber, River Forest Public Library, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Interesting Facts about Space* by Emily Austin



Shelterwood: A Novel
Lisa Wingate
(Ballantine Books)

In this emotional dual narrative, National Parks Ranger Val is determined to solve a mystery surrounding the recently uncovered gravesite of three children. Shifting to the early 1900s, the narrative expands to expose the abuse of Choctaw children and feature the women crusading against illegal child labor at the dawn of Oklahoma's statehood.

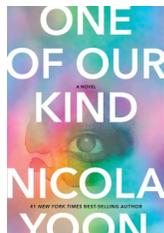
—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, KS
NovelList read-alike: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

Bonus picks:



Fire Exit: A Novel
Morgan Talty
(Tin House)

One of Our Kind: A Novel
Nicola Yoon
(Knopf)



Notable Nonfiction:



12 Trips in 12 Months: Make Your Own Solo Travel Magic
Jen Ruiz
(Blackstone)



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Winter Lost
Patricia Briggs
(Ace Books)

NoveList read-alike:
S.P.E.A.R. Mission Files series
by Ileana Young



The Rom-Commers
Katherine Center
(St. Martin's Press)

NoveList read-alike:
Nora Goes Off Script
by Annabel Monaghan



The Next Mrs. Parrish
Liv Constantine
(Bantam)

NoveList read-alike:
The Lies I Tell
by Julie Clark



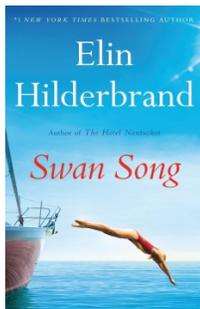
The Midnight Feast
Lucy Foley
(William Morrow)

NoveList read-alike:
Daisy Darker
by Alice Feeney



Not In Love
Ali Hazelwood
(Berkley Books)

NoveList read-alike:
The Build Up
by Tati Richardson



Swan Song
Elin Hilderbrand
(Little, Brown and Co.)

NoveList read-alike:
Summer on Highland Beach
by Sunny Hostin



**Tangled Up in You:
A Meant to Be Novel**
Christina Lauren
(Hyperion Avenue)

NoveList read-alike:
How to Find a Princess
by Jasmine Guillory



**Incidents Around
the House**
Josh Malerman
(Del Rey Books)

NoveList read-alike:
Baby Teeth
by Zoje Stage



Summer Romance
Annabel Monaghan
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

NoveList read-alike:
This Summer will Be Different
by Carley Fortune



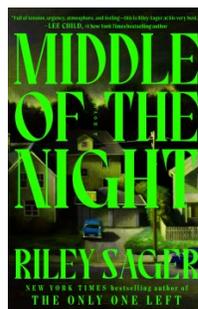
What You Leave Behind
Wanda M. Morris
(William Morrow)

NoveList read-alike:
A Spy in the Struggle
by Aya DeLeon



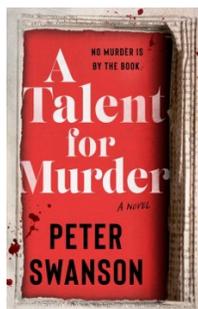
A Novel Love Story
Ashley Poston
(Berkley Books)

NoveList read-alike:
Eighty Days to Elsewhere
by KC Dyer



Middle of the Night
Riley Sager
(Dutton)

NoveList read-alike:
Looking Glass Sound
by Catriona Ward



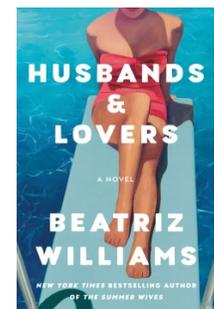
A Talent for Murder
Peter Swanson
(William Morrow)

NoveList read-alike:
Who Is Maud Dixon?
by Alexandra Andrews



Horror Movie: A Novel
Paul Tremblay
(William Morrow)

NoveList read-alike:
Burn the Negative
by Joshua Winning



Husbands & Lovers
Beatriz Williams
(Ballantine Books)

NoveList read-alike:
Homecoming
by Kate Morton