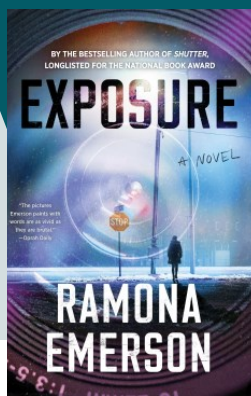




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The Top Ten Adult Fiction and Nonfiction Chosen Monthly by America's Library Staff

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Exposure
Ramona Emerson
(Soho Crime)



A serial killer hides in plain sight, killing the indigent Native people of Gallup, New Mexico. On the verge of an emotional crisis, Rita, a forensic photographer, heads home to her Navajo reservation for a long-overdue rest. Soon her life is put at risk. Can she save others while attempting to save herself? Readers who enjoyed Emerson's debut novel *Shutter* will enjoy this followup.

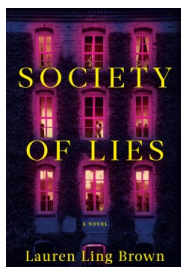
—KC Davis, LibraryReads Ambassador, CT
NovelList read-alike: *Sisters of the Last Nation* by Nick Medina



Libby Lost and Found
Stephanie Booth
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

Libby is one of the most famous and sought-after children's authors, but her identity is also a complete secret. She is under pressure to write the final book in her series, but something is wrong and she just can't get it done. In her search for answers, she starts a quest that will bring her to a very different place in life.

—Linda Quinn, Library Reads Ambassador, CT
NovelList read-alike: *The Wishing Game* by Meg Schafer



Society of Lies: A Novel
Lauren Ling Brown
(Bantam)

Two sisters attend Princeton ten years apart. Days before the younger sister's graduation, she's found dead. Maya can't believe Naomi's death was an accident, and looks toward Greystone, a secret society to which both sisters belonged, and a charismatic professor. Told in dual timelines, there are twists and turns that readers won't see coming. This novel is a welcome addition to academic thrillers.

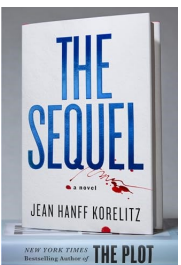
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *In My Dreams I Hold a Knife* by Ashley Winstead



Bull Moon Rising
Ruby Dixon
(Ace)

A lonely noble's daughter enters into marriage with a minotaur so that she can join a treasure hunting guild to restore her family's wealth and protect her people. Her new husband, Hawk, who happens to be a member of the guild, has no idea that his wife is a noble in disguise. This steamy paranormal fantasy romance is filled with found family and sweet characters.

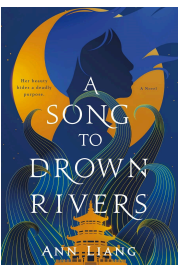
—Mindie Marsh, Eugene Public Library, OR
NovelList read-alike: *That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon* by Kimberly Lemming



The Sequel: A Novel
Jean Hanff Korelitz
(Celadon Books)

This fiendishly blackhearted takedown of the literary world is a follow-up to Korelitz's bestseller *The Plot*, a novel about a washed up writer who finds success after he steals the storyline from a deceased student. This time we follow the story of Anna, the widow of the aforementioned writer, who surprisingly now has a runaway bestseller of her own.

—Alisa Stanfield, LibraryReads Ambassador, IL
NovelList read-alike: *I'm Not Done With You Yet* by Jesse Q. Sutanto



A Song to Drown Rivers
Ann Liang
(St. Martin's Press)

Fanli, advisor to a defeated king, plots to bring down the victors. To do so, he embarks on a search for a beauty to present to the new king, who can also act as his spy. Xishi is more than a pretty face: she is adept and cunning, and has her own reasons to want vengeance. A fascinating story covering themes of revenge, sacrifice, and the political realities of war.

—Joan Hipp, Florham Park Public Library, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* by Sue Lynn Tan



The Last One at the Wedding
Jason Rekulak
(Flatiron Books)

Maggie is getting married, and her dad is thrilled to be invited, even though they have been estranged for three years. Why the estrangement? The answer to that question and other crazy rumors about the family hosting the event fuel this engaging, suspenseful read. This will appeal to readers who enjoy hard-to-guess plot twists.

—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, CA
NovelList read-alike: *The Nigerwife* by Vanessa Walters



The Wedding Witch
Erin Sterling
(Avon)

This entertaining, romantic romp has it all: flirty banter, an unusual premise, and even time travel! Tamsyn and Bowen are drawn to each other, especially when a curse sends them 50 years into the past. The characters are interesting and fleshed-out in their own right, and when they get together, it's magical.

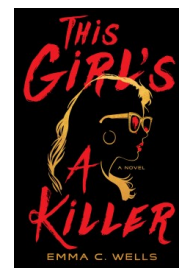
—Jody S., USS Liberty Memorial Library, WI
NovelList read-alike: *This Spells Disaster* by Tori Anne Martin



Blood Over Bright Haven
M. L. Wang
(Del Rey)

Sciona's brains and ruthlessness enable her to become the first-ever female highmage in highly civilized and magical Tiran. Rampant sexism means the only lab assistant she can get is Thomil, a janitor refugee. The partnership is surprisingly effective until they make a breakthrough that threatens to destroy Tiran. A gripping and intense fantasy that will appeal to readers of dark academia.

—Sarah Walker, Indianapolis Public Library, IN
NovelList read-alike: *Babel* by R.F. Kuang



This Girl's a Killer
Emma C. Wells
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Cordelia's hobby of killing sexual predators and getting away with it exhibits her precise planning and execution skills. But things begin to unravel when her friend starts dating someone Cordelia suspects is bad. Crazy things, such as a body in a bathtub, a kidnapped dog, and a smiling cop, combine to add dark humor, making this a thoroughly enjoyable read.

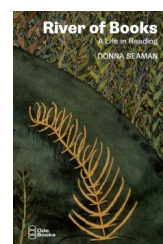
—Di Herald, LibraryReads Ambassador, CO
NovelList read-alike: *Bad Men* by Julie Mae Cohen

Bonus pick:



The Nightmare Before Kissmas
Sara Raasch
(Bramble)

Notable Nonfiction:



River of Books
Donna Seaman
(U of Chicago Press/Ode Books)

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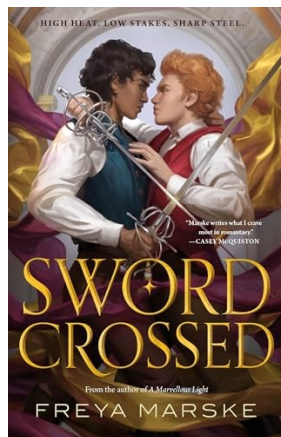
Window Shopping
Tessa Bailey
(Avon)



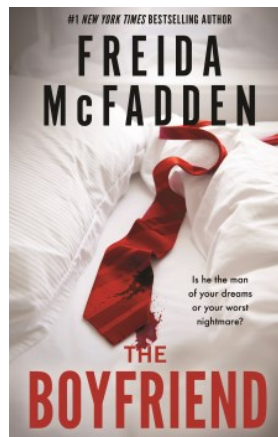
The Blue Hour
Paula Hawkins
(Mariner)



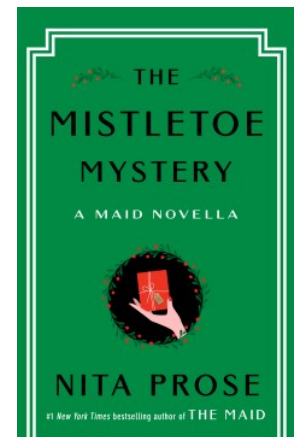
What Does it Feel Like:
A Novel
Sophie Kinsella
(The Dial Press)



Sword Crossed
Freya Marske
(Bramble)



The Boyfriend
Freida McFadden
(Poisoned Pen Press)



The Mistletoe Mystery:
A Maid Novella
Nita Prose
(Ballantine Books)

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