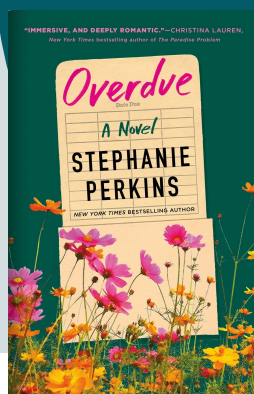




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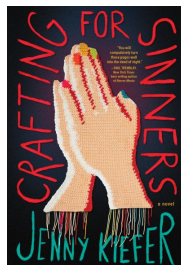


Overdue: A Novel
Stephanie Perkins
(Saturday Books)

TOP PICK

Ingrid, a librarian in a cozy mountain town, has dated her boyfriend for eleven years. When her sister gets engaged, Ingrid's at an impasse. She and her boyfriend have never dated anyone else, so they decide to take a break and see other people. Ingrid hopes to finally get over her crush, Macon, but things get interesting in this slow-burn romance.

—Anna Louise Kallas, Durham County East Regional Library, NC
Novelist read-alike: *Open Minded* by Chloe Seager



Crafting for Sinners: A Novel
Jenny Kiefer
(Quirk Books)

Ruth makes a big mistake by shoplifting from the religious craft store in her small town. Things get messy, and she's trapped and fighting for her life. The rest is a scary bloodbath with clever uses for craft supplies. The zealots are after Ruth and others they deem sinners (gays, atheists, or just non-conformists). This quick read is very scary and super gory.

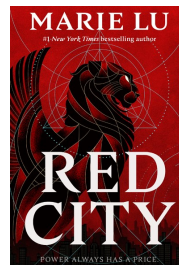
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin TX
Novelist read-alike: *Horrorstör* by Grady Hendrix



The Keeper of Magical Things
Julie Leong
(Ace)

When a new depository is needed for minor magical objects, two seemingly very different women are chosen to lead the mission. Sent to a small depressed village, they develop an unexpected relationship, and magic starts to happen. This was an easy-read romance that will keep readers captivated.

—Ron Haislip-Hansberry, Springfield City Library, MA
Novelist read-alike: *Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree



Red City
Marie Lu
(Tor Books)

Lu's tale follows two young outsiders with a powerful connection who are brought up to wield both power and magic on opposing sides of a gang war. Both deeply emotional and electrifying, this will remind readers of Fonda Lee and Erin Morgenstern.

—Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library, MO
Novelist read-alike: *Silvercloak* by L.K. Steven



The Women of Wild Hill
Kirsten Miller
(William Morrow)

Generations of women in the Duncan family have an important and magical legacy. Three members of the latest generation are going to turn the tide against patriarchal men, reclaiming the planet for the Old One and restoring Earth's balance. Readers will find it hard to put down this magical and fascinating story.

—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, MA
Novelist read-alike: *Strange Folk* by Alli Dyer



Wreck
Catherine Newman
(Harper)

Rocky is a mom who feels everything to the maximum degree. Her grown children and her dad still occupy most of her waking life. When tragedy strikes, she has to find a balance that will allow her to just breathe and be thankful for the life they have. Written with real emotions and much humor, many moms will relate to this followup to *Sandwich*.

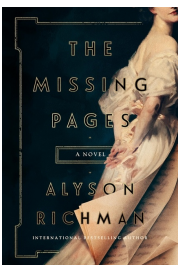
—Linda Quinn, LibraryReads Ambassador, MA
Novelist read-alike: *Small World* by Laura Zigman



Bog Queen
Anna North
(Bloomsbury)

The body of a woman is unearthed in Northern Britain in this intricate and engaging atmospheric thriller. It offers three female perspectives that reveal to readers the inner thoughts of a contemporary newly trained forensic anthropologist, a young druid healer from centuries past, and a voice from the wild peat moss bog.

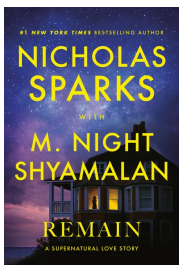
—Shirley Braunlich, Lawrence Public Library, KS
Novelist read-alike: *Daughter of Black Lake* by Cathy Marie Buchanan



The Missing Pages
Alyson Richman
(Union Square & Co.)

Harry is tragically lost when the Titanic sinks, having gone back to his cabin to retrieve a treasured book. His mother has the Harry Widener Memorial Library built at Harvard to honor his memory and to house his book collection. Years later, a young woman working at the library while dealing with her own devastating loss starts to notice strange ghostly events in and around the library.

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, NY
Novelist read-alike: *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* by R.A. Dick



Remain: A Supernatural Love Story
Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan
(Random House)

Part romance, part ghost story, part murder mystery, this novel's chilling yet heartfelt exploration of the bonds of family is written in the emotionally resonant style of Sparks and infused with Shyamalan's signature suspense. This is a seemingly familiar tale with a haunting twist.

—Cathleen Clifford, Groton Public Library, CT
Novelist read-alike: *The Shape of Night* by Tess Gerritsen



Conform: A Novel
Ariel Sullivan
(Ballantine Books)

This debut is a fascinating look at a dystopian future based on a strict caste system that relies on fear and heavy indoctrination to maintain peace. Emmaline, a relatable protagonist, is used as a pawn by both sides of a simmering rebellion, but will she settle for this fate? Readers will eagerly await a sequel.

—Sara Pietrzak, Frederick County Public Library, MD
Novelist read-alike: *Silver Elite* by Dani Francis

Bonus pick:



Vampires at Sea
Lindsay Merbaum
(Creature Publishing)

Notable Nonfiction:



F*cked Up Fairy Tales: Sinful Cinderellas, Prince Alarmings, and Other Timeless Classics
Liz Gotoauco
(W. W. Norton & Company)

Be sure to check out our social media for the Bonus Pick annotations!



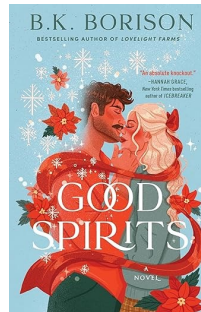
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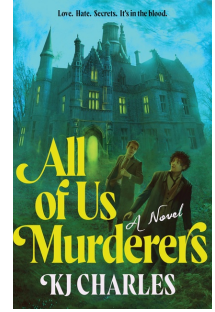
The Devil She Knows
Alexandria Bellefleur
(Berkley)



Good Spirits
B.K. Borison
(Avon)



Blind Date with a Werewolf
Patricia Briggs
(Ace)



All of Us Murderers
KJ Charles
(Poisoned Pen Press)



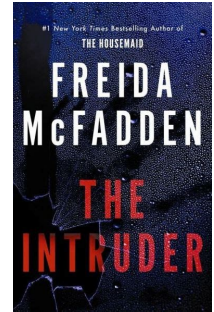
The Everlasting
Alix E. Harrow
(Tor Books)



King Sorrow
Joe Hill
(William Morrow)



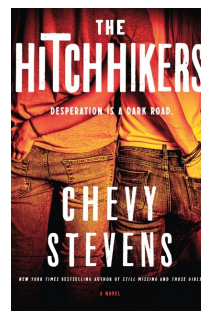
6:40 to Montreal
Eva Jurczyk
(Poisoned Pen Press)



The Intruder
Freida McFadden
(Poisoned Pen Press)



Cover Story
Mhairi McFarlane
(Avon)



The Hitchhikers
Chevy Stevens
(St. Martin's Press)