



# June 2026

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

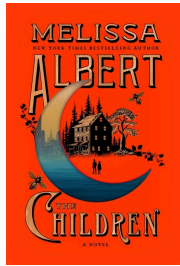
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**Maggie O'Farrell**  
*Land: A Novel*  
(Knopf)

A breathtakingly beautiful story of one Irish family and the fates of its members as they navigate the world in the years just after the Great Famine. O'Farrell's rich writing vividly captures both the characters and the wild beauty of the Irish landscape, creating an unforgettable and emotionally riveting narrative that will have readers rapt.

—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, IL  
Novelist read-alike: *Clear* by Carys Davies



**The Children**  
Melissa Albert  
(William Morrow)

Childhood in their family's isolated Vermont farmhouse was magical for siblings Guin and Ellis, until it wasn't. Years later, facades and a carefully curated life begin to crack, and they must face the truths of what happened two decades ago. This page-turning novel is full of magic and heartbreak.

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ  
Novelist read-alike: *The Book of Love* by Kelly Link



**The Housewife**  
Natalie Barelli  
(Poisoned Pen Press)

Jodie can't go to the police with suspicions about how her husband's first wife died, because she's hiding something too. The secrets are on a collision course, with an early twist that only breeds more questions. The suspense builds steadily and the payoff genuinely delivers, keeping readers second-guessing right up to the last page.

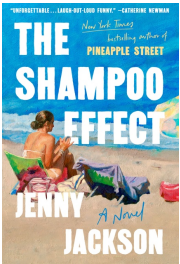
—Lupe Herrera, Mount Pleasant Public Library, TX  
Novelist read-alike: *The Soulmate* by Sally Hepworth



**Villa Coco**  
Andrew Sean Greer  
(Doubleday)

"Our young man" narrates this quirky story of falling in love with Tuscany while doing all manner of work (except the work he was actually hired for, cataloging her belongings) for the wealthy 92-year-old Baronessa. Odd developments, interesting relationships, and excellent storytelling combine for a winning summer read.

—Crystal Faris, Kansas City Public Library, MO  
Novelist read-alike: *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle



**The Shampoo Effect**  
Jenny Jackson  
(Pamela Dorman Books)

Caroline receives a scholarship and moves into a cottage near the shore of Massachusetts. There, she meets an attractive young man and is drawn into his friend group. Caroline finds it challenging to fit in and discovers there's a lot of baggage among these friends as well as a few secrets. This novel is a fantastic character-driven read.

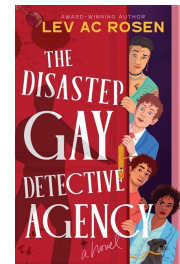
—Toni Nako, Cincinnati Public Library, OH  
Novelist read-alike: *So Old, So Young* by Grant Ginder



**Tropesick**  
Lauren Okie  
(Avon)

A clever, wink-and-a-nod masterpiece that is as much a puzzle as a romance. Katie and Tyler find that the romantic conventions they are writing for a reclusive author are manifesting in their real lives. The novel playfully deconstructs the mechanics of fate and storytelling. A joyful celebration of the genre that manages to be both self-aware satire and deeply felt love story.

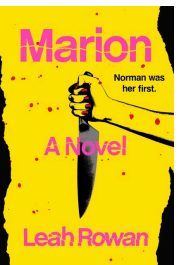
—Lee V., New York Public Library, NY  
Novelist read-alike: *How to End a Love Story* by Yulin Kuang



**The Disaster Gay Detective Agency**  
Lev Ac Rosen  
(Poisoned Pen Press)

When Brandon leaves his front desk duty and sleeps with a handsome hotel guest who then disappears, his campy group of friends gets pulled into a murder mystery they might just regret. This is a light-hearted wild goose chase with spying dog walkers, tattooed assassins, and a loveless desk clerk certain that his one night stand was anything but.

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
Novelist read-alike: *A Murder Most Camp* by Nicolas Didomizio



**Marion: A Novel**  
Leah Rowan  
(St. Martin's Press)

This gripping and darkly entertaining reimagining of *Psycho* will keep readers hooked from start to finish. The story is fast-paced, unpredictable, and full of twists, with a protagonist who is messy, morally complex, and impossible not to follow. Rowan balances suspense, dark humor, and chaos in a way that makes the book both thrilling and oddball fun.

—Amanda Ladd, DeRuyter Free Library, NY  
Novelist read-alike: *Molka* by Monika Kim



**Scandal of the Summer**  
Alexandra Vasti  
(St. Martin's Griffin)

Three ladies masquerading as royal staff at a secluded villa clash with a band of smugglers posing as the actual servants. When Captain Malcolm Archer tries to scare them off, the clever Lady Ruby refuses to budge, sparking a fierce, witty battle of wits in this spicy grumpy/sunshine Regency romance.

—Nicole Guerra-Coon, Morrill Memorial Library, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Romancing the Duke* by Tessa Dare

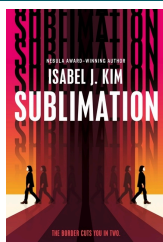


**The Jellyfish Problem**  
Tessa Yang  
(Berkley)

Blaming herself for her co-writer's fatal diving accident, a heartbroken scientist studying jellyfish accepts an invitation to a troubled Maine island. When she discovers an unknown creature that locals want to exterminate, she is plunged into a mystery of loss and connection. A book readers will savor and remember.

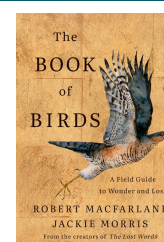
—Di Herald, Mesa County Libraries, CO  
Novelist read-alike: *The Invisible Husband of Frick Island* by Colleen Oakley

### Bonus pick:



**Sublimation**  
Isabel J. Kim  
(Tor Books)

### Notable Nonfiction:



**The Book of Birds: A Field Guide to Wonder and Loss**  
Robert Macfarlane  
(W. W. Norton & Co)

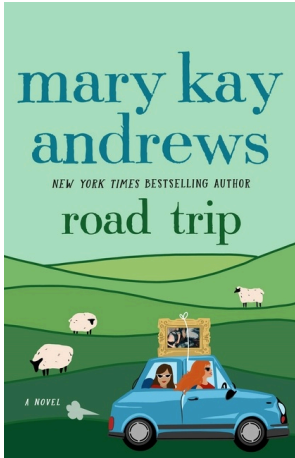
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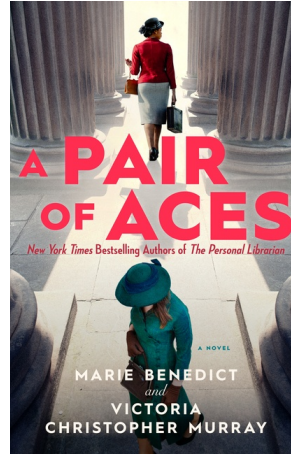
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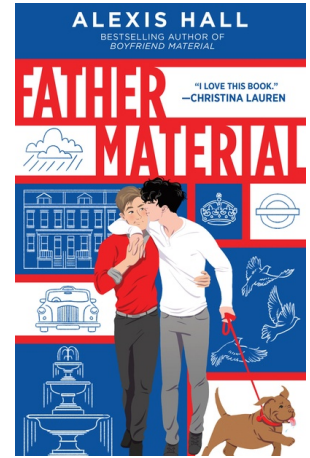
*Road Trip*  
Mary Kay Andrews  
(St. Martin's Press)



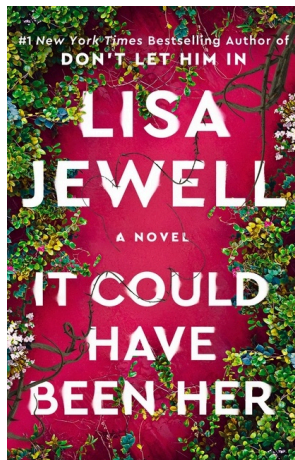
*The Unicorn Hunters:*  
*A Novel*  
Katherine Arden  
(Del Rey)



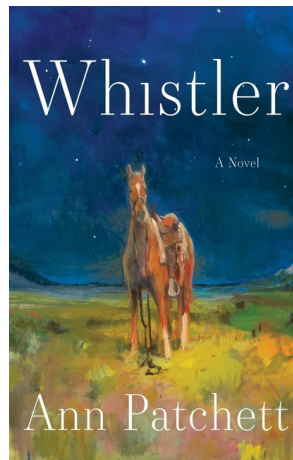
*A Pair of Aces*  
Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher Murray  
(Berkley)



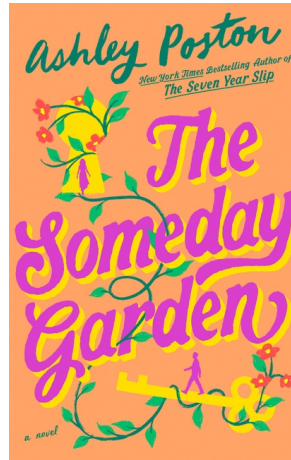
*Father Material*  
Alexis Hall  
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)



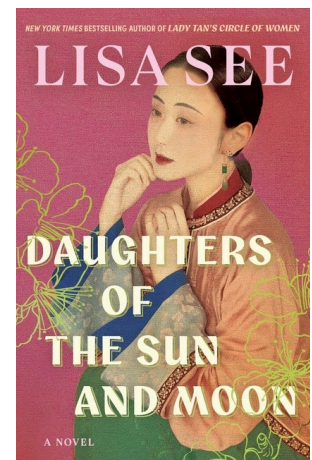
*It Could Have Been Her*  
Lisa Jewell  
(Atria Books)



*Whistler*  
Ann Patchett  
(Harper)



*The Someday Garden*  
Ashley Poston  
(Berkley)



*Daughters of the Sun  
and Moon*  
Lisa See  
(Scribner)