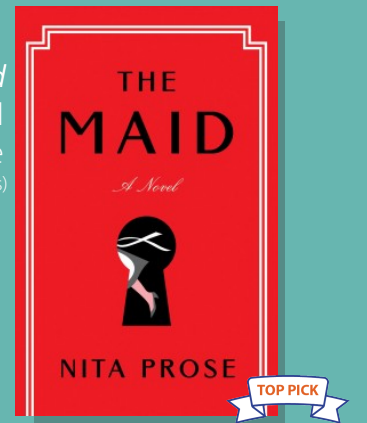




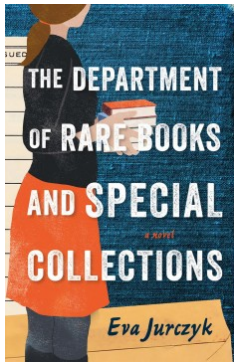
The Maid
A Novel
by Nita Prose
(Ballantine Books)

"As a maid in a posh hotel, Molly is very proud of her work and the care she takes of the guests, even though she often has difficulty navigating social cues. When she finds a wealthy guest dead, she never imagines she has the keys to uncover a killer, and finds, after the death of her beloved Gran, there are many people willing to help her. For fans of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* and *How Lucky!*"

—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, Flemington, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Pretty as a Picture* by Elizabeth Little

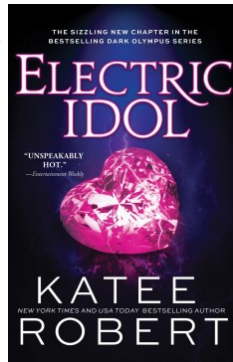


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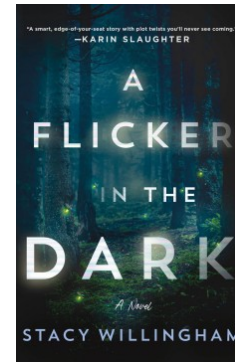
The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections
A Novel
by Eva Jurczyk
(Poisoned Pen Press)
"When the director of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections suffers a stroke, Liesl is put in charge. Then a newly acquired manuscript goes missing, and Liesl's leadership is questioned. A fast read that features older and imperfect characters, and addresses mental illness. For fans of *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*."

—Alison Zaya, Lowell Library, Lowell, MA
NovelList read-alike: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon



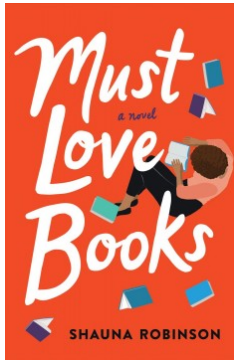
Electric Idol
by Katee Robert
(Sourcebooks Casablanca)
"A fantastic, modern retelling of the old myth of Psyche and Eros. Their romance is lovely, exploring the trope of fake relationships and forced marriage while both characters are struggling to make it out alive. For those who loved *Neon Gods* and *Lore Olympus*."

—Brenna Timm, High Plains Library District, Greeley, CO
NovelList read-alike: *Dark Desires* series by Zara Cox



A Flicker in the Dark
A Novel
by Stacy Willingham
(Minotaur Books)
"Chloe knows what it's like to be judged and whispered about, and how it feels to have your family torn apart by a serial killer: your own father. Now on the 20th anniversary of the murders, bodies start turning up, and she finds herself in the middle of the investigation. Unique, riveting, and thrilling. For fans of Jennifer McMahon and Laura Lippman."

—Shellie Taylor, Iredell County Library, Statesville, NC
NovelList read-alike: *Dark Places* by Gillian Flynn



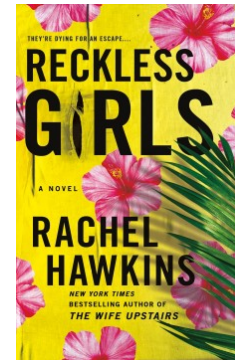
Must Love Books
by Shauna Robinson
(Sourcebooks Landmark)
"An inspiring romcom debut that tackles the question "Are you happy?" After five years of working for a publisher, Nora gets a pay cut instead of an expected promotion. She decides to work freelance on the side for a competitor, which leads to a hectic juggling of business and personal relationships. For fans of *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* and *Beach Read*."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *My Salinger Year* by Joanna Smith Rakoff



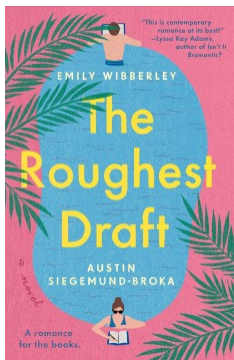
The Overnight Guest
A Novel
by Heather Gudenkauf
(Park Row)
"A violent, suspenseful page turner with a compelling plot: A young girl narrowly escapes harm when her parents are shot dead in their home and her brother and best friend (who was sleeping over) disappear. The story then toggles to follow a true-crime writer investigating the town years later. For fans of *Dark Places* and *When You See Me*."

—Heidi Sandiford, Hillsdale Free Public Library, Hillsdale, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Black-Eyed Susans* by Julia Heaberlin



Reckless Girls
A Novel
by Rachel Hawkins
(St. Martin's Press)
"When Lux and her boyfriend agree to ferry two women to a beautiful island near Hawaii, it seems like the perfect refuge for Lux, who's still grieving her mother's death. But then more people join them on the island and they find danger lurking everywhere. Give this inventive slow-burn thriller to fans of Ruth Ware and Riley Sager."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NovelList read-alike: *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley



The Roughest Draft
by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka
(Berkley Jove)
"In this bookish romance, two estranged co-authors are pressured into fulfilling the last book on their contract after their relationship goes haywire. It's always fun to read about the writing/publishing process, and there's great chemistry between the leads. For fans of Christina Lauren and Emily Henry."

—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Seven Days in June* by Tia Williams



The School for Good Mothers
A Novel
by Jessamine Chan
(Simon & Schuster)
"When recently-divorced Frida leaves her daughter home alone, she's sentenced to a reeducation center where she must prove she's a good mom by bonding with a lifelike doll. This chilling dystopian novel highlights how performative and competitive parenting can be; for readers of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Klara and the Sun*."

—Elizabeth Zielinski, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS
NovelList read-alike: *Blue Ticket* by Sophie Mackintosh



Weather Girl
by Rachel Lynn Solomon
(Berkley Jove)
"Ari and Russell scheme to get their feuding divorced bosses back together, Parent Trap-style, and regain peace in the workplace. Instead, they find love. A touching, surprisingly weighty romance, exploring issues of depression and body image and incorporating glimpses of Jewish faith. For fans of *Get a Life*, *Chloe Brown* and *The Matzah Ball*."

—Alicia Ahlvers, Henrico County Public Library, Henrico, VA
NovelList read-alike: *The Marriage Code* by Brooke Burroughs

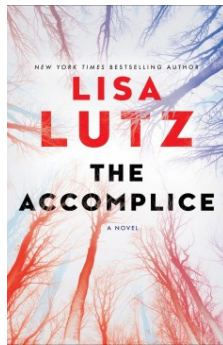
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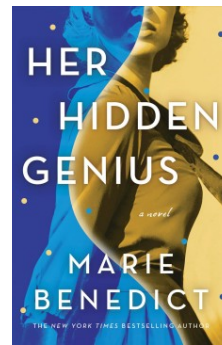
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The Accomplish
A Novel
by Lisa Lutz
(Ballantine Books)

"In an expertly crafted mystery, sly in tone, and strongly character-driven with complex personalities, Luna sets out to discover who murdered the wife of Owen, her best friend from college. Unexpected twists, red herrings, and secrets unite in a completely satisfying read. For fans of Megan Miranda, Wendy Walker, and Lexie Elliott"

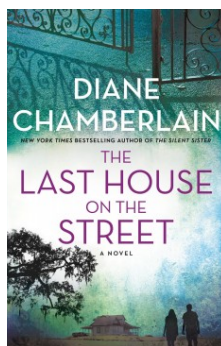
—Kelly Moore, Carrollton Public Library, Carrollton, TX
NoveList read-alike: *What Remains of Me* by Alison Gaylin



Her Hidden Genius
by Marie Benedict
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"This story takes us to the lab and shows us the internal and external struggles of Rosalind Franklin, trailblazer and a meaningful contributor to DNA research. She must deal with the objections of her family and the jealous and mean-spirited fellow scientists. For fans of *The Rose Code*."

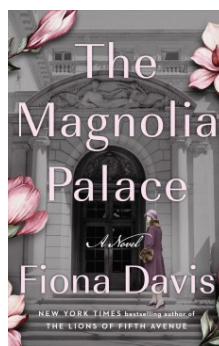
—Laura Downes, EC Scranton Library, Madison, CT
NoveList read-alike: *Half Life* by Jillian Cantor



The Last House on the Street
A Novel
by Diane Chamberlain
(St. Martin's Press)

"After her husband's accidental death, Kayla mourns in the family dream home, but her elderly new neighbor draws her into the house's history in 1965 North Carolina. This terrific novel has it all: well-rounded characters; dual time periods for suspense; and an age-old mystery. For fans of Lisa Scottoline and Jodi Picoult."

—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT
NoveList read-alike: *A Good Neighborhood* by Therese Fowler



The Magnolia Palace
A Novel
by Fiona Davis
(Dutton)

"In 1966 model Veronica and art curator Joshua discover a mystery involving a missing diamond from the Frick Museum, which is connected to Lilian, the private secretary of Helen Frick in the Gilded Age. Read if you love gorgeously written historical fiction set in New York! For fans of *Park Avenue Summer* or *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*."

—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA
NoveList read-alike: *The Art Forger* by Barbara A. Shapiro



Where the Drowned Girls Go
by Seanan McGuire
(Tordotcom)

"Cora transfers from Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children to another boarding school for children who have traveled to fantasy worlds. This is in the comfort read territory of a lengthy, excellent series – with lots of emotion and explorations of hard themes, but it took a surprising turn and opened up the world even more!
Readalikes: *Drowned Country* or *A Deadly Education*."

—Matthew Galloway, Anythink Libraries, Thornton, CO
NoveList read-alike: Scholomance series by Naomi Novik