

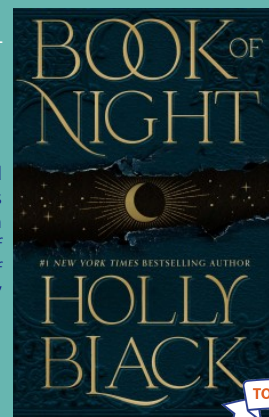


Book of Night by Holly Black

(Tor Books)

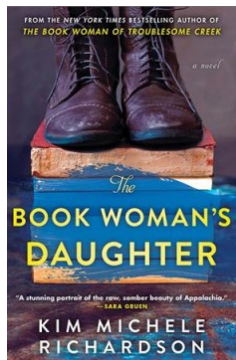
"Charlie is a hot mess. The more she tries to get on the straight and narrow, the more things fall apart. Due to childhood trauma, she trusts only herself, and maybe her shadow. But in a world where shadows can be altered, stolen, and weaponized, she has to be wary. Lots of atmospheric world building and stage setting, and perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Neil Gaiman, and V.E. Schwab."

—Emily Plagens, Allen Public Library, Allen, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Magic For Liars* by Sarah Gailey



TOP PICK

May 2022 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.

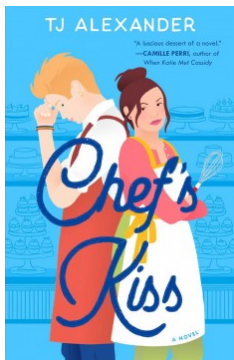


The Book Woman's Daughter

A Novel
by Kim Michele Richardson
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Cussy Mary's daughter, Honey, defies convention and the law and becomes another Book Woman, riding into the mountains to deliver books in a raw and harsh landscape. Despite the injustice and danger, a sense of homespun coziness and safety prevail, created by the hard work, love, and solidarity of mountain women. For fans of *The Giver of Stars* and *The Last Ballad*."

—Jill Minor, Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, VA
NovelList read-alike: *All The Forgivenesses* by Elizabeth Hardinger



Chef's Kiss

A Novel
by TJ Alexander
(Atria/Emily Bestler Books)

"A cute, romantic tale of Simone, a test kitchen chef for an elite magazine. Her stable life is upended by Ray, the charming and friendly new kitchen manager. When Ray comes out as nonbinary, there is pushback from administration. Can Simone and Ray forge a relationship, and survive the fraught environment? For fans of *The Charm Offensive* and *Red, White, and Royal Blue*."

—Jessica C. Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake* by Alexis Hall



The Hacienda
by Isabel Cañas
(Berkley)

"In this slow-burn Gothic novel, Beatriz joins her new rich husband at his family's dilapidating estate, where she dreams of a better life. But the rumors of her husband's first wife's death and unsettling supernatural incidents have Beatriz fearing for her own life. Her only hope of survival is a witchy priest. For fans of *Mexican Gothic* and the film *Crimson Peak*."

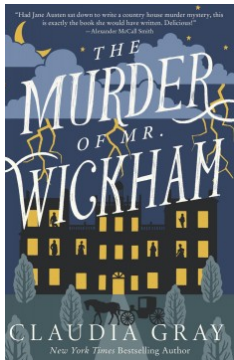
—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS
NovelList read-alike: *The Queen of the Cicadas* by V. Castro



Hide
by Kiersten White
(Del Rey)

"The premise: fourteen strangers are invited to compete in a game. The setting: an abandoned theme park. The goal: remain hidden for 7 days. The payoff: \$50,000. As the contestants are found by "seekers," and the group gets smaller, it becomes a wild, blood-pumping ride. Soon, the line between competition and survival begins to blur. For fans of *Survive the Night* and *The Final Girls Support Group*."

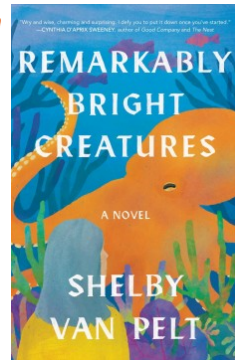
—Lindsey Colon, Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, SC
NovelList read-alike: *Reprive* by James Han Mattson



The Murder of Mr. Wickham
by Claudia Gray
(Vintage)

"This delightful cozy mystery features characters from Jane Austen and introduces sleuths Jonathan Darcy (son of Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam) and Juliet Tilney (daughter of Catherine and Henry). Jonathan and Juliet are well-matched as amateur investigators and, of course, as potential romantic partners. Perfect for fans of Stephanie Barron and Anna Dean."

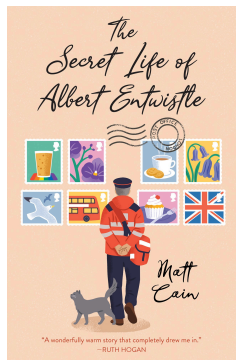
—Amy Norton, Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James



Remarkably Bright Creatures
A Novel
by Shelby Van Pelt
(Ecco)

"Cameron arrives in Solo Bay looking for his long-lost parents. Tova, who works at the local aquarium, lost her own son years ago. After Cameron takes over Tova's job, Marcellus the octopus sees that the two are linked. Told in alternating voice (including that of Marcellus), this is a witty read for fans of *A Man Called Ove* and *The Reading List*."

—Mary Robinson, Vernon Area Public Library, Lincolnshire, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen



The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle
by Matt Cain
(Kensington Books)

"This quietly touching novel follows Albert, a closeted gay mail carrier who's lived life as a perpetual outsider. His job provides comfort, but impending retirement leaves him at a crossroads: can he find a way to go on and be accepted for who he really is? Cain takes readers on a moving and hopeful journey. For fans of *The Guncle* and *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*."

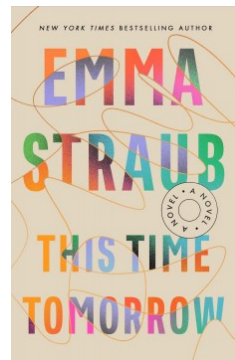
—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune



Siren Queen
by Nghi Vo
(Tor.com)

"Luli Wei is a rising star in the golden age of Hollywood, when the business is full of literal horrors and she must earn her fame by playing monsters. Vo's weaving of magical elements into an otherwise realistic story is arresting in the best way, and Luli is a strong and determined character. Highly recommended for fans of Silvia Moreno-Garcia and Alix E. Harrow."

—Kristine Magers, Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK
NovelList read-alike: *Delayed Rays of a Star* by Amanda Koe Lee



This Time Tomorrow
A Novel
by Emma Straub
(Riverhead)

"On the day before Alice turns 40, her father is near death. She then wakes the next day to find that it's her 16th birthday and her dad is young and healthy. Is there anything she'd change about the past, now that she has the chance? A poignant look at the paths we choose in life. For fans of Fredrick Backman and Rebecca Serle."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Library, Austin, TX
NovelList read-alike: *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore

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Adult Assembly Required
by Abbi Waxman
(Berkley)

"Laura Costello, a recent transplant to L.A.'s Larchmont Village, is still recovering from the emotional and physical trauma of a car accident. With the help of some new friends and the return of beloved characters like Nina Hill and hilarious little Claire, Laura slowly finds herself and her voice."

—Jaime Bink, Harford County Library, Belcamp, MD
NovelList read-alike: *No Judgments* by Meg Cabot



Book Lovers
by Emily Henry
(Berkley)

"Nora loves her big city and her literary agent job, but agrees to go on a trip to a small town to improve her relationship with her sister. Enter Charlie Lastra, a book editor from this quaint little town. This is a romance about family and finally putting yourself first. For fans of *The Worst Best Man* and *The Love Hypothesis*."

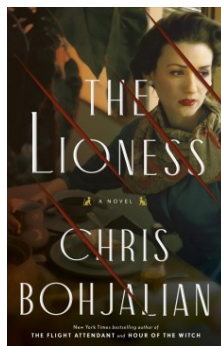
—Brenna Timm, High Plains Public Library, Greeley, CO
NovelList read-alike: *The roughest Draft* by Emily Wibberley



By the Book
A Meant To Be Novel
by Jasmine Guillory
(Hyperion Avenue)

"An enjoyable *Beauty and the Beast* inspired tale! Editorial assistant Isabelle has to handle a "cancelled" celebrity, Beau Towers, and moves into his mansion to help him with his memoir. Isabelle is likeable, and her relationship with Beau, though contentious at first, grows in a believably sweet way."

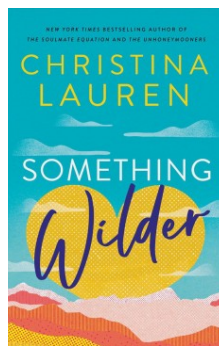
—Jill Rupp, Sun Prairie Public Library, Sun Prairie, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Must Love Books* by Shauna Robinson



The Lioness
A Novel
by Chris Bohjalian
(Doubleday)

"Set in 1964, a Hollywood starlet treats a select group of friends to a life changing experience on a safari in the Serengeti. It's a wonderful experience until they are all kidnapped. Another good page turner from Chris Bohjalian that leaves readers mesmerized and horrified. For fans of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* and *A Touch of Stardust*."

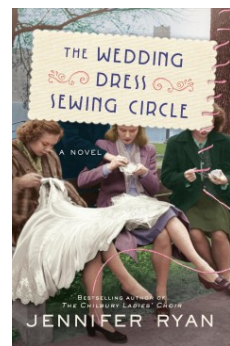
—Eileen Acosta, Cornwall Public Library, Cornwall, NY
NovelList read-alike: *We Eat Our Own* by Kea Wilson



Something Wilder
by Christina Lauren
(Gallery Books)

"Lily and Leo had a once-in-a-lifetime kind of love, but then Leo disappears. Ten years later, they are brought back together when Leo's on a boy's trip at Lily's cowboy retreat, but suddenly a misstep finds the group seeking a buried treasure. Crazy plot-twists and betrayals guarantee a fresh, readable romance."

—Taylor Banze, St. Charles City-County Library, O'Fallon, MO
NovelList read-alike: *The Name Curse* by Brooke Burroughs



The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle
A Novel
by Jennifer Ryan
(Ballantine Books)

"When fashion designer Cressida Westcott loses everything during the London Blitz, she returns to the family manor house and joins the village sewing circle. Soon the vicar's daughter needs a wedding dress despite clothing rations. The pleasurable plot focuses on overcoming adversity through friendship, with plenty of romance."

—Sarah Siegel, Rockville Centre Public Library, Rockville Centre, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Victory Garden* by Rhys Bowen

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