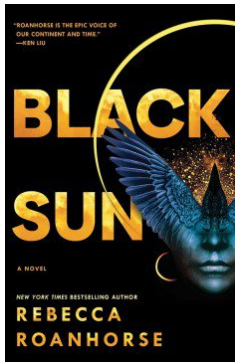


*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*  
by V. E. Schwab  
(Tor Books)

"Addie is an adventurer and not ready to settle for village life, so she makes a deal with the devil. Instead of relinquishing her soul, however, she becomes immortal, and also completely forgotten by anyone who meets her. Then, after a lonely 300 years, she meets Henry. For fans of the *Shades of Magic* series, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, and *Life after Life*."

—Patti Lang, Pima County Public Library, Tucson, AZ  
NovelList read-alike: *The Sudden Appearance of Hope* by Claire North

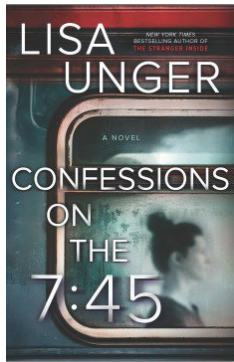
October 2020 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



*Black Sun*  
by Rebecca Roanhorse  
(Gallery/Saga Press)

"Fans of epic fantasy looking for something new will surely love the amazing world-building and strong characters in this pre-Columbian Americas story about prophecy, destiny, politics, and revenge, all with a healthy dose of magic. For fans of *Gods of Jade and Shadow* and the *Broken Earth* series."

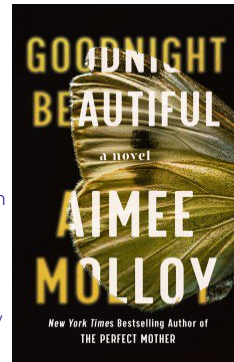
—Dan Brooks, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC  
NovelList read-alike: *The Winds of Khalakovo* by Bradley Beaulieu



*Confessions on the 7:45*  
A Novel  
by Lisa Unger  
(Park Row)

"Serena finds out that her husband is sleeping with the nanny, and then confides in a mysterious woman she meets on the train. The woman continues to contact Serena as her world implodes. Who is this strange woman, and is she responsible for the mess Serena finds herself in? Full of twists, turns, and many POVs, this page turner is perfect for those who like Gillian Flynn and Paula Hawkins."

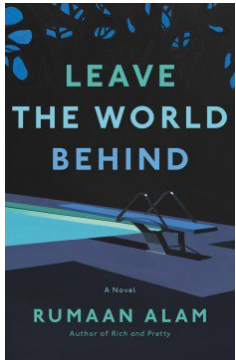
—Shari Suarez, Genesee District Library, Goodrich, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter Swanson



*Goodnight Beautiful*  
A Novel  
by Aimee Molloy  
(Harper)

"Dr. Statler, a psychologist, reformed womanizer, and new husband, is staring down his demons and trying to be a better man. Sam and Annie relocate to upstate New York to try their hand at a simpler life and to care for his dementia-ridden mother. One night Sam leaves his office and never makes it home. For fans of *The Last Mrs. Parrish* and *The Silent Patient*."

—Vanessa Phillips, Pelion Branch Library, Pelion, SC  
NovelList read-alike: *You Should Have Known* by Jean Hanff Koretz



*Leave the World Behind*  
A Novel  
by Rumaan Alam  
(Ecco)

"What appears on the surface to be a simple story of a family on vacation morphs into a narrative about humanity, shared fear, misconceptions of people, and more. Amanda, Clay, and their two children rent an Airbnb. Then homeowners Ruth and G.H. appear on the doorstep in a panic, and suddenly nothing is normal. For readers who enjoyed *Station Eleven* and *The Children's Bible*."

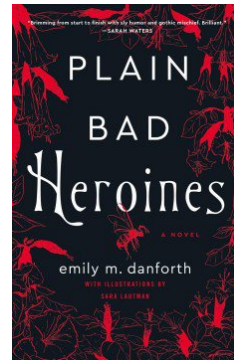
—Marika Zemke, Commerce Township Library, Commerce Township, MI  
NovelList read-alike: *Do Not Become Alarmed* by Maile Meloy



*The Once and Future Witches*  
by Alix E. Harrow  
(Redhook)

"In a world where women and magic have been burned and bound, three sisters set about to bring power and rights back to women and in doing so, find their way back to each other. For fans of *Uprooted* and *Circe*."

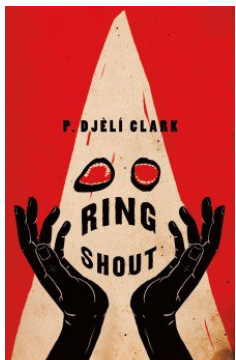
—Melanie Liechty, Logan Library, Logan, UT  
NovelList read-alike: *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness



*Plain Bad Heroines*  
A Novel  
by Emily M. Danforth  
(William Morrow)

"A horror-comedy centered around a New England boarding school, follows characters across four different time periods exploring themes of sexuality, female agency, authenticity, and self-worth. For readers who enjoyed *Bunny*."

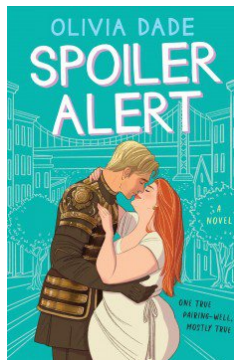
—Alicia Porterfield-Block, New York Public Library, New York, NY  
NovelList read-alike: *The Remaking* by Clay McLeod Chapman



*Ring Shout*  
by P. Djèli Clark  
(Tordotcom)

"Set in 1920s Georgia, this fantastical horror story follows Maryse Boudreaux, a bootlegger seeking revenge for the killing of her family who joins a motley group of soldiers in a battle against the Ku Klux Klan. For fans of *Friday Black*."

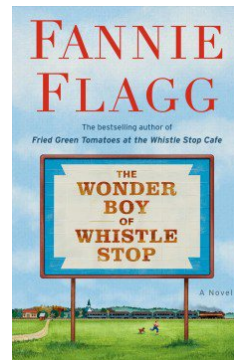
—Anna Mickelsen, Springfield City Library, Springfield, MA  
NovelList read-alike: *Lovecraft Country* by Matt Ruff



*Spoiler Alert*  
A Novel  
by Olivia Dade  
(Avon)

"Marcus, the star of a fantasy TV series, secretly writes fanfiction and becomes online friends with April, who he asks out on a date after a post of her cosplay costume goes viral. This delicious romance deals with topics like fatphobia, dyslexia and toxic families in a way that feels real and grounded, but which does not dampen the triumphant happiness of the ending. For fans of *Dangerous Curves Ahead*."

—Christi Hawn, Naperville Public Library, Naperville, IL  
NovelList read-alike: *Well Played* by Jen DeLuca



*The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop*  
by Fannie Flagg  
(Random House)

"Revisits the small town of Whistle Stop, Alabama. Dot, the postmistress, sends out a yearly Christmas letter and brings the former residents up to speed with one another. Each chapter focuses on a different year, from the thirties through the present day, tied together with Dot's annual letter. For readers who enjoyed *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*."

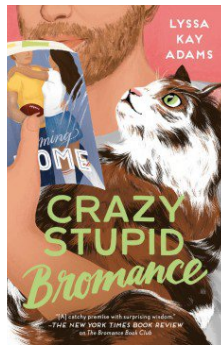
—Sharon Hutchinson, Keytesville Library, Keytesville, MO  
NovelList read-alike: *The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues* by Edward Kelsey Moore

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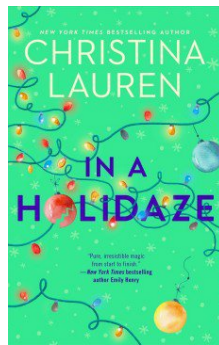


*Crazy Stupid Bromance*  
by Lyssa Kay Adams  
(Berkley Jove)

"Another enjoyable addition to the Bromance Book Club series. One of the elements I like about this series is how the author uses the book club as a tool to analyze various themes within the romance genre. This one was particularly good because it dealt with abandonment and forgiveness."

—Erica Naranjo, Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento, CA

Read-alike: *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne  
Read-alike: *Bet Me* by Jennifer Crusie

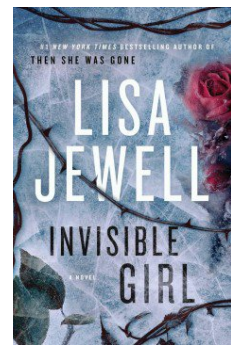


*In a Holidayze*  
by Christina Lauren  
(Gallery Books)

"Mae and Andrew's families always vacation together at Christmas. This year's no different, except Mae keeps experiencing the same days over and over, à la Groundhog Day. Can she get out of the loop long enough to tell Andrew she's in love with him? Christina Lauren doesn't disappoint!"

—Michelle Magnotta, Greenburgh Public Library, Elmsford, NY

Read-alike: *Moonlight Over Manhattan* by Sarah Morgan  
Read-alike: *The Friend Zone* by Abby Jimenez

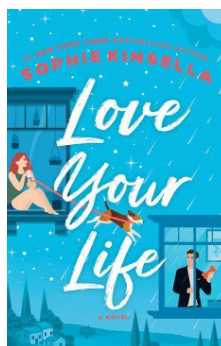


*Invisible Girl*  
A Novel  
by Lisa Jewell  
(Atria Books)

"A teenage girl disappears. A loner living where she was last seen is taken into custody. Case closed? Nothing is this book is that simple. Jewell is a master at complex characters and plots that keep the reader constantly guessing."

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT

Read-alike: *The Party* by Robyn Harding  
Read-alike: *The Perfect Neighbors* by Sarah Pekkanen

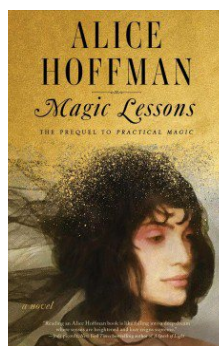


*Love Your Life*  
A Novel  
by Sophie Kinsella  
(The Dial Press)

"Ava and Matt's whirlwind romance at a writers' retreat turns upside down when they return to London and really get to know one another. Kinsella delivers another charming rom-com full of quirky characters and lighthearted humor."

—Annabelle Mortensen, Skokie Public Library, Skokie, IL

Read-alike: *Would Like to Meet* by Rachel Winters  
Read-alike: *Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall

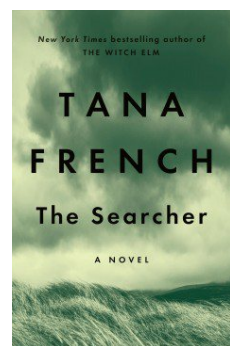


*Magic Lessons*  
The Prequel to Practical Magic  
by Alice Hoffman  
(Simon and Schuster)

"In the 1600s, witch/healer Hannah Owens finds a baby girl abandoned in a basket guarded by a crow. The resulting tale provides the backstory to the 'Owens curse' central to Hoffman's 1995 novel. Those who've read *Practical Magic* will want a re-read after devouring this prequel."

—Donna Ballard, East Meadow Public Library, East Meadow, NY

Read-alike: *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield  
Read-alike: *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry



*The Searcher*  
A Novel  
by Tana French  
(Viking)

"Cal is an ex-Chicago cop now living in a small Irish town. His hopes for a quiet retirement are dashed when he's drawn into local intrigue. With intricate plotting and an atmosphere thick as fog, this standalone combines the attitude of the Dublin Murder Squad with the politics of small town life."

—Caitlin Loving, Bedford Public Library, Bedford, NH

Read-alike: *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell  
Read-alike: *Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn