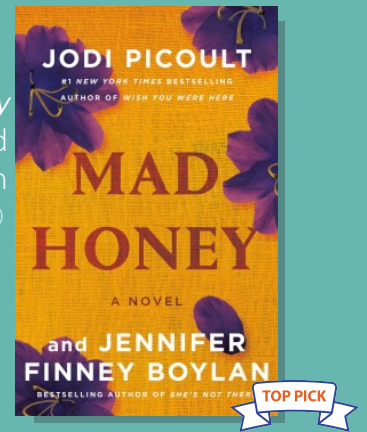




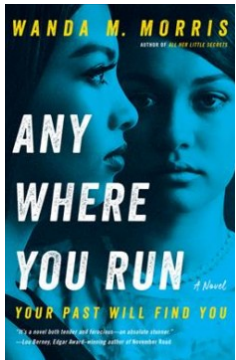
Mad Honey
by Jodi Picoult and
Jennifer Finney Boylan
(Ballantine Books)

"First love between golden boy Asher and intriguing new girl Lily ends with one teen dead and the other under suspicion of murder. This stellar collaboration is more layered, surprising, and emotional than any story has a right to be- and readers should eagerly devour every page. For fans of: *The Bad Daughter*, and *Defending Jacob*."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim



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



Anywhere You Run
A Novel
by Wanda M. Morris
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"This fast-paced heart stopper is set in Jim Crow Mississippi, where two sisters are on the run after a murder in their town. And as they run, their secrets follow. With pulse-pounding suspense that's also filled with empathy and hope, give this to fans of historical thrillers such as *Lady in the Lake* and *American Spy*."

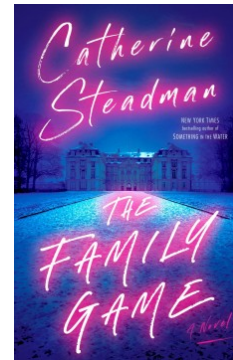
—Carol Ann Tack, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett



Demon Copperhead
A Novel
by Barbara Kingsolver
(Harper)

"From abusive foster homes to the collapse of the coal and tobacco industry and rise of the opioid epidemic, this masterpiece follows one of the most unforgettable characters in recent literary history, who comes-of-age in an Appalachian Virginia community filled with people of extraordinary character. For fans of *Dopesick* and *Raising Lazarus*."

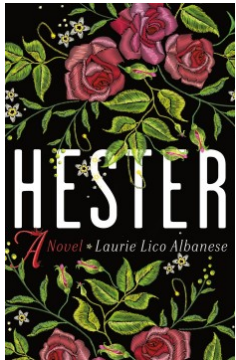
—Jennifer Schultz, Fauquier Public Library, Warrenton, VA
NovelList read-alike: *Night of the Living Rez* by Morgan Talty



The Family Game
A Novel
by Catherine Steadman
(Ballantine Books)

"Novelist Harriet 'Harry' Reed is blissfully engaged to the scion of the Holbeck family, a clan with the money and power to hide the darkest secrets. Harry knows something about secrets herself, but when she embarks on a mysterious game with the Holbecks, she realizes they're stranger, and more dangerous, than fiction. For fans of Ruth Ware."

—Jennifer French, Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport, LA
NovelList read-alike: *The Perfect Guests* by Emma Rous



Hester
A Novel
by Laurie Lico Albanese
(St. Martin's Press)

"This darkly bewitching reimagining of *The Scarlet Letter* centers Isobel Gamble as Hester. Estranged from her poppy-addled husband, Isobel works as a talented seamstress in puritanical Salem. A friendship with Nat Hathorne blooms into forbidden intimacy, highlighting America's cruel and dangerous double standards. Try *The Daughter of Dr. Moreau* or other new takes on classics."

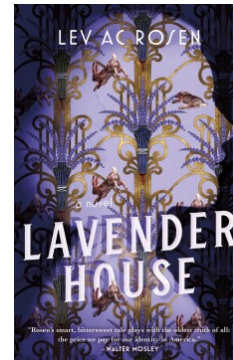
—Lori Hench, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD
NovelList read-alike: *The Whale* by Mark Beauregard



Jackal
A Novel
by Erin E. Adams
(Bantam)

"Liz goes back to her small hometown for a wedding, but then Caroline, her friend's biracial daughter, goes missing. Liz discovers that black girls go missing yearly, but the police don't care, so she hopes to uncover this serial killer. This is a well-written suspense novel with supernatural elements. The plot was well-paced, and there were enough twists."

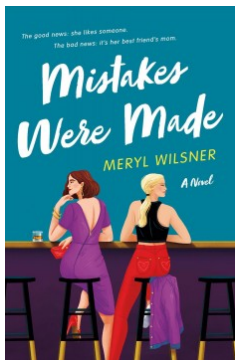
—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL
NovelList read-alike: *Red X* by David Demchuck



Lavender House
A Novel
by Lev AC Rosen
(Forge Books)

"This mystery, just a step past cozy, is set in 1950s San Francisco, where a PI is hired by a woman who needs to know the truth about the death of her wife. When he discovers their home is a protective haven for a found family of queer couples, it opens his eyes. This is an absorbing, locked-room mystery that works in commentary."

—Rebecca Swanson, Fitchburg Public Library, Fitchburg, WI
NovelList read-alike: *Last Call at the Nightingale* by Katharine Schellman



Mistakes Were Made
A Novel
by Meryl Wilsner
(St. Martin's Griffin)

"Cassie and Erin hook up at a bar, but then unexpectedly meet again the next morning at breakfast with Parker, Erin's daughter and Cassie's friend. This affecting romance is steamy. The tension is from their "forbidden" relationship--and it's because they're lying to Parker, not because they're bi or the age gap. For fans of Alexandria Bellefleur."

—Cari Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NovelList read-alike: *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akweze Emezi



Our Missing Hearts
A Novel
by Celeste Ng
(Penguin Press)

"Can a book shout quietly? This one does. In a dystopian society desperately seeking scapegoats, young Bird's missing mother is deemed "un-American." He traverses a perilous landscape in search of her: What's left when a country sells its soul for a semblance of security? Unforgettable and heartbreakingly beautiful. For fans of Margaret Atwood and Octavia Butler."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Library, New Rochelle, NY
NovelList read-alike: *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan



Station Eternity
by Mur Lafferty
(Ace)

"A science fiction murder mystery that was a blast to read, cinematically written with amazing characters. Lafferty introduces new aliens and their culture slowly enough to take in the details. The plot is *Murder She Wrote* meets sentient *Deep Space Nine*. It's all over the place but comes together satisfyingly."

—Carri Genovese Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis, IN
NovelList read-alike: *Dead Space* by Kali Wallace



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The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly LibraryReads list since 2013. When their third title places on the list via library staff votes, the author moves into the Hall of Fame.



Little Eve
by Catriona Ward
(Tor Nightfire)

“When a clan’s ritualistic murder goes awry, Chief Inspector Black investigates what led to this gruesome scene. The isolated setting of an isle off the coast of Scotland and Ward’s lyrical prose contribute to the sinister tone of this atmospheric tale.”

—Chloe Whittaker, Troy Public Library, Troy, NY

Novelist read-alike:
We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson

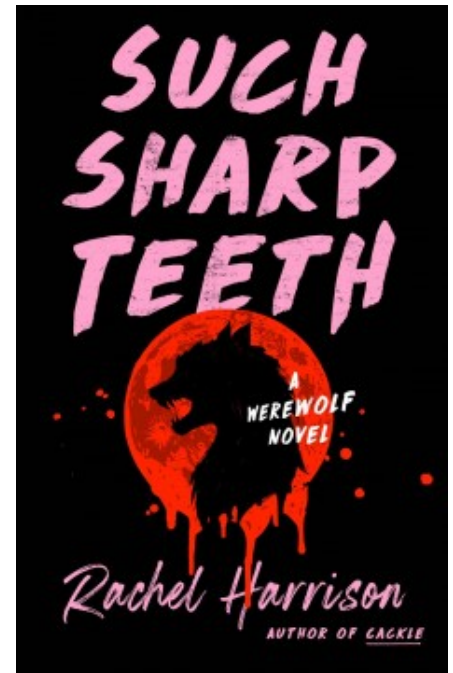


Partners in Crime
A Novel
by Alisha Rai
(Avon)

“Former lovers Mira and Nareen unexpectedly share close quarters when they are kidnapped by a gang lord. In this madcap romantic comedy, the heroine and hero transform from mild-mannered accountant and lawyer to secret agent types. While the adventure aspect entertains, the romance satisfies with a hero and heroine who evolve convincingly in their relationship.”

—Janet Schneider, Peninsula Public Library, Lawrence, NY

Novelist read-alike:
Something Wilder by Christina Laurens



Such Sharp Teeth
by Rachel Harrison
(Berkley)

“When Rory reluctantly returns to her hometown to support her pregnant twin sister, she doesn’t expect to be changed forever—by becoming a werewolf! This novel appeals with relatable characters, snappy dialogue and thoughtful commentary on what it means to have a body.”

—Allison Moore, Fairfield County District Library, Lancaster, OH

Novelist read-alike:
Mongrels by Stephen Graham Jones