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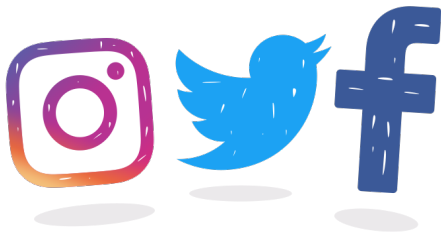
October 2023



CHECK OUT WHAT'S IN STORE
FOR YOU THIS OCTOBER ...

IF YOU DARE!

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Congratulations to Lizzie, Maintenance Assistant, for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"The Lockport Branch smells so fresh & clean! Thank you, Lizzie, for making an inviting environment!"

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Congratulations to Allison, Larose Branch Assistant, for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Thank you for helping me with all of my computer needs. Awesome job!"

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**DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
ASK FOR A NOMINATION FORM AT ANY
BRANCH CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK!**

STAR WARS SNAPSHOTS!



Snap an epic selfie, you must! October is Star Wars Reads Month & your favorite Star Wars characters will be available at our branches all month long for photo ops. (Characters vary by branch.)

HALLOWEEN



Ghouls just wanna have fun! Pick up a branch calendar or visit lafourche.org for our full spooky season schedule. Events with an *asterisk require registration.

BAYOU BLUE: Boo To-Do Celebration for Kids - Wed, 10/25 @ 4:15 PM

CHOCTAW: Cauldron Art for Ages 5-11 - Tue, 10/24 @ 4:30 PM

GHEENS: Goth Planter for All Ages - Wed, 10/18 @ 4:15 PM

LAROSE: *I Smell Children Door Hanger for Adults - Tue, 10/3 @ 1 PM

LOCKPORT: *Howl at the Moon Painting for Adults - Thu, 10/12 @ 1 PM

RACELAND: *Pumpkins & Pie Painting for Ages 15+ - Mon, 10/16 @ 3 PM

THIBODAUX: *Painting Pumpkins for Ages 0-5 - Mon, 10/30 @ 1 PM

*Painting Pumpkins for Ages 8-12 - Mon, 10/30 @ 5 PM



On Saturday, October 14, a rare "ring of fire" annular solar eclipse will occur in the Southwest United States. In an annular solar eclipse, the moon appears slightly smaller than the sun, resulting in a beautiful ring of fire effect. While we will not be able to view the total solar eclipse at home in Louisiana, we will see the sun approximately 70% obscured by the moon. Celebrate with these special events @ your library!

Events with an *asterisk require registration. Contact us to sign-up!

BAYOU BLUE: Hello, Mr. Moon Story Time - Mon, 10/2 @ 11 AM
Eclipse Art for Teens - Tue, 10/3 @ 3:30 PM
Moon Activity for All Ages - Wed, 10/4 @ 3:45 PM

CHOCTAW: *Space Slime for All Ages - Tue, 10/10 @ 10 AM
Foil Moon Activity for Kids - Wed, 10/11 @ 3-5 PM

GHEENS: Solar Glow Party for All Ages - Tue, 10/10 @ 2 PM
Galaxy Paint Pour Canvas for All Ages - Thu, 10/12 @ 4:15 PM

LAROSE: Moon & Stars Baby Time - Thu, 10/12 @ 10 AM
In the Moon's Shadow Story Time - Sat, 10/14 @ 10 AM

LOCKPORT: *Howl at the Moon Painting for Adults - Thu, 10/12 @ 1 PM
Our Friend the Moon Story Time - Sat, 10/14 @ 10:30 AM

RACELAND: Oreo Eclipse for Kids - Tue, 10/3 @ 4 PM

SAVE THE DATE!
There's another eclipse next year!
The Great North American
Solar Eclipse is happening on
Monday, April 8, 2024.



FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Fire Prevention Week 2023 @ Your Library

FIRE TRUCK VISITS

BAYOU BLUE: Mon, 10/9 @ 10:30 AM

CHOCTAW: Mon, 10/9 @ 1 PM

GHEENS: Mon, 10/9 @ 1 PM

LAROSE: Thu, 10/5 @ 1 PM

LOCKPORT: Thu, 10/12 @ 10:30 AM

RACELAND: Tue, 10/17 @ 11 AM

THIBODAUX: Wed, 10/11 @ 11:15 AM

No registration required!



POTION COMMOTION! WITH BAYOU STEM

Join us for SPOOKY STEM activities with BayouSTEM! Learn about chemical reactions by making a Witches Brew & explore electricity by creating wearable Safety Circuits for Trick-or-Treating!

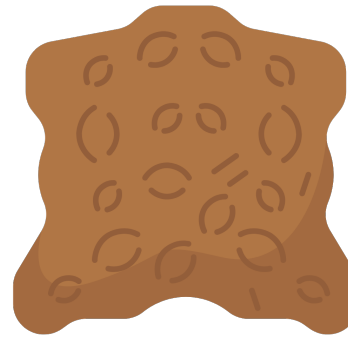
FOR AGES K-3 GRADE
*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

BAYOU BLUE: Wed, 10/18 @ 3:30-5 PM

CHOCTAW: Mon, 10/23 @ 4-5 PM

RACELAND: Wed, 10/11 @ 3:30-5 PM

THIBODAUX: Wed, 10/4 @ 3:30-5 PM



WILDLIFE SENSORY DAY WITH LDWF

Our friends at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries are bringing furs & skins from Louisiana animals to the library for a learning & exploring sensory experience!

**FOR ALL AGES
NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

THIBODAUX: 10 AM

LOCKPORT: 1 PM

LAROSE: 3 PM



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Check out these magazines in Flipster for all of your happy haunting inspo!

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- Bake & Decorate
- Baking Heaven
- Food Network
- Taste of Home



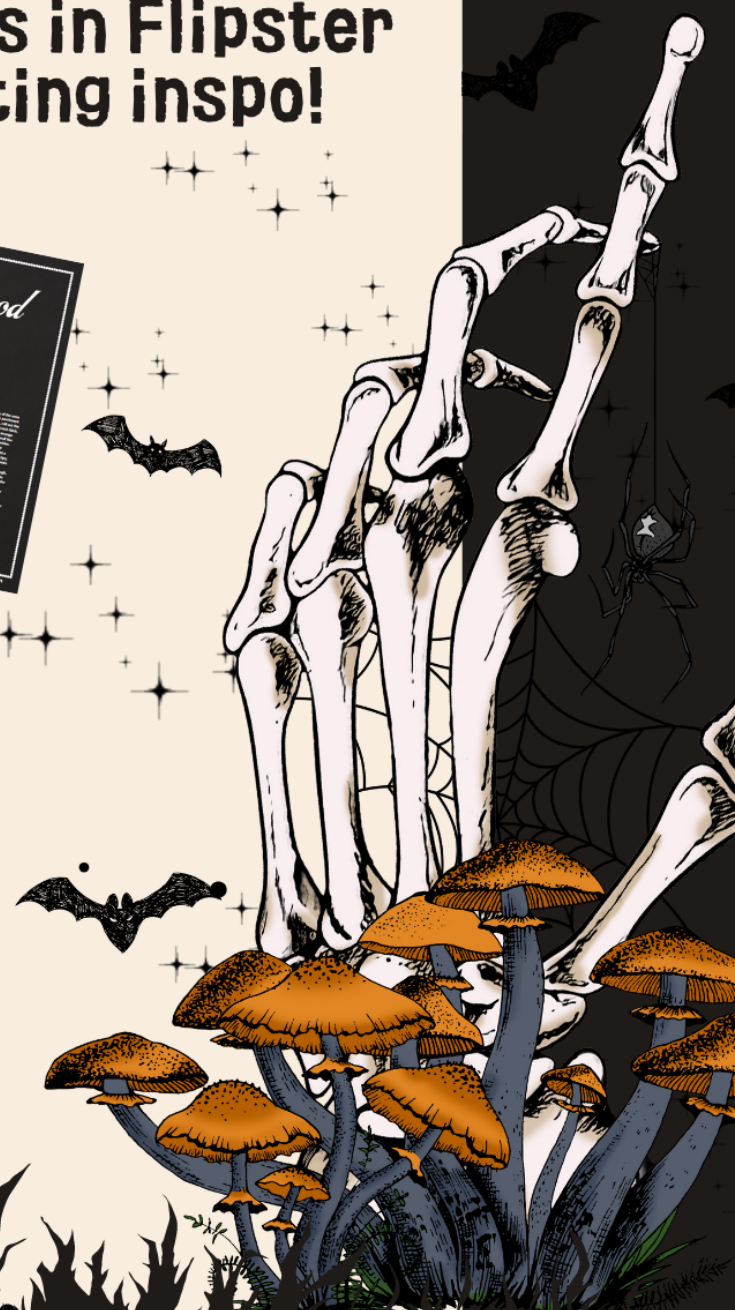
Decor :

- Country Living
- Do It Yourself
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- Real Simple
- Southern Living
- Woman's Day



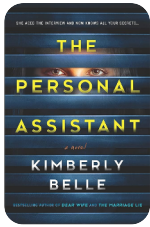
No tricks. Just treats. All you need is your library card!

Flipster





Brooke



Read-Alike



The Followers By Bradeigh Godfrey

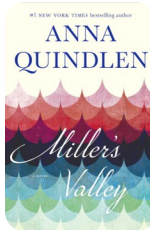
The Girl on the Train meets the world of social media in this psychological thriller about influencer culture, parasocial relationships, and the secrets we keep from those we love most.

"*The Followers* completely took me by surprise! Bradeigh Godfrey is a new-to-me author, so I wasn't sure what to expect from her, but quickly found myself compelled to keep turning the pages of this story about an influencer who knows deep down in her gut that her new husband is hiding something from her. Molly Sullivan achieved social media fame by keeping it real about the struggles of being a new & single mom. Before she knows it, Molly has become @InvincibleMollySullivan & has a two million plus following. Always transparent to her followers about her life, Molly is a very relatable open book ... until she isn't. Molly's new husband Scott does not want pictures of himself or his daughter on Molly's social media, & when she disobeys his request for privacy, Molly opens the door for someone who has been looking for Scott to embed themselves in Molly's picture perfect life. *The Followers* is a fun book that takes on some serious topics. With bite-sized chapters & a clever cast of characters, Godfrey keeps readers engaged in this story, which features one of the many dark sides of social media. *The Followers* is a suspense story for the social media age & highlights how difficult it is today to keep our secrets hidden in a world obsessed with oversharing."

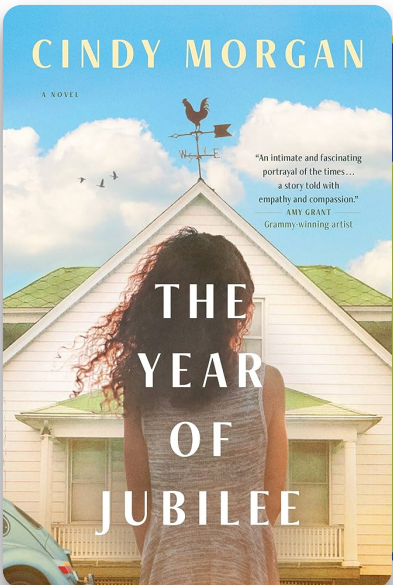
GENRE: Psychological Suspense



Crystal



Read-Alike



The Year of Jubilee By Cindy Morgan

The Year of Jubilee is a lyrical coming-of-age novel set against the backdrop of the turbulent South in the early 1960s.

"Cindy Morgan's debut novel, *The Year of Jubilee*, is outstanding, well-written, & thought-provoking. Its setting is a small, coal-mining Kentucky town in 1963 amid the turmoil & chaos of the Civil Rights Movement. This coming of age story is built around Grace Mockingbird & her family. A tragic family event has caused animosity to fester between thirteen-year-old Grace & her mother. Grace's older sister is doing all she can to shut herself out from her family. Grace's younger brother Isaac gets very sick. The Klan is demonstrating their resistance to integration causing division in the community. Among the chaos, Grace is learning to navigate these changes. This book is a realistic portrayal of a family living through hard times, tragedy, injustice, unforgiveness, pain, & shame in rural America during the turbulent 1960s. Ms. Morgan did a superb job incorporating tough issues into this story. If you enjoy historical fiction set in small-town USA, I highly recommend this book. I also suggest having tissues nearby!"

GENRE: Christian Historical Fiction
THEME: Coming of Age

STORYLINE: Character-Driven
WRITING STYLE: Lyrical

STONE: Moving
LOCATION: Kentucky



Catherine



Read-Alike



A House with Good Bones By T. Kingfisher

Warned by her brother that their mother seems "off," Sam visits & discovers a once-cozy home with sterile white walls, her mom a jumpy, nervous wreck, and a jar of teeth hidden in the rosebushes.

"*A House with Good Bones* by T. Kingfisher centers around Sam Montgomery, an expert in the field of studying the insects in archaeological digs. When a dig job she is scheduled to work on is suspended, she visits her mother in North Carolina to wait things out. Upon arriving, she is immediately worried. Her mother has lost a scary amount of weight, acts uncharacteristically anxious, & has repainted the house away from the bright colors they had applied to the walls when her mother inherited the place. With a great deal of time on her hands & a scientist's mindset, Sam goes digging through family secrets & discovers that some things may be best left buried. This novel is an intricate, fast-paced Southern gothic that had me tearing through the pages to see how the supernatural mystery would unravel. Kingfisher is a master of writing creepy, even gruesome, detail while maintaining a tight plotting. I finished my first read-through over the course of a long, delightful afternoon. This is a must-read for fans of Grady Hendrix or anyone who wants to dwell in the vibe of the lingering heat of summer tinged with the frisson of spooky season on the horizon."

GENRE: Horror
THEME: Don't Go In There!

WRITING STYLE: Compelling
CHARACTER: Complex

STONE: Atmospheric; Creepy;
Darkly Humorous

What We're Reading

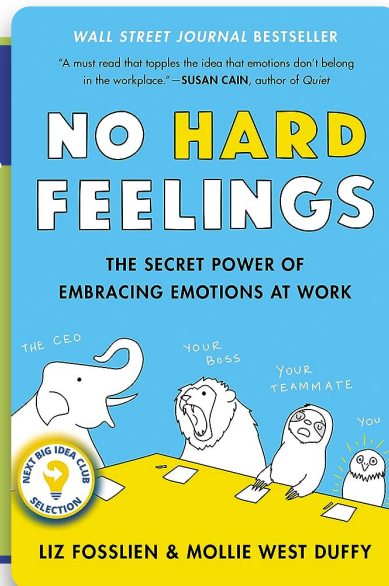


No Hard Feelings By Liz Fosslien & Mollie West Duffy

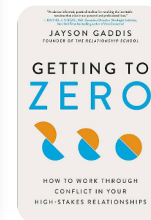
A hilarious guide to effectively expressing your emotions at the office, finding fulfillment, and defining work-life balance on your own terms.

"How do you stop the office grouch from ruining your day? How do you enjoy vacation without obsessing about the unanswered emails in your inbox? If you're a boss, what should you do when your new, eager hire wants to follow you on Instagram? The modern workplace can be an emotional minefield, filled with confusing power structures & unwritten rules. We're expected to be authentic, but not too authentic. Professional, but not stiff. Friendly, but not an oversharer. Easier said than done! As both organizational consultants & regular people, the authors know what it's like to experience uncomfortable emotions at work - everything from mild jealousy & insecurity to panic & rage. Ignoring or suppressing what you feel hurts your health & productivity - but so does letting your emotions run wild. The goal of this book is to teach you how to figure out which emotions to toss, which to keep to yourself, & which to express in order to be both happier & more effective. Drawing on what they've learned from behavioral economics, psychology, & their own experiences at countless organizations, the authors will show you how to bring your best self (& your whole self) to work every day."

GENRE: Self-Help



Shannon



Read-Alike

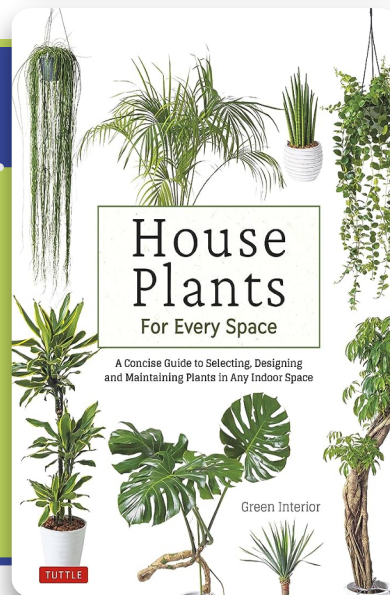


House Plants for Every Space By Etsuhino Mashita

The complete beginner's guide to selecting and maintaining the right plants for all of your spaces.

"Focusing on using plants to enhance your home or office decor, the authors showcase design features & the aesthetic appeal of various plants. Offering numerous examples with beautiful photographs of actual homes & office spaces, plants can be used to add color, individuality, & focus points to your living space. Begin by choosing the right plant for your space & your lifestyle. Consider where you would like to place the plant. Will it get enough sunlight & air? Should it be a small plant to place on a table or shelf, or a tall plant to place next to a sofa? What kind of plant, or shape of plant, appeals to you? Do you have pets? How often do you want to water & care for your plants? What kind of pot cover will go with your existing decor? All these topics are discussed to help you make informed decisions. Numerous varieties of plants are presented to stir your design ideas. Extensive, illustrated instructions for plant care are given for the different types of plants. Specific plant concerns are addressed in a question & answer section. This informative, easy-to-read book contains a wealth of knowledge for plant novices & experts alike. Innovative ideas help to spur your creativity in including plants to create living & working spaces that provide joy & reflect your unique individuality."

GENRE: Handbooks & Manuals



Kathy



Read-Alike



Fairy Tale By Stephen King

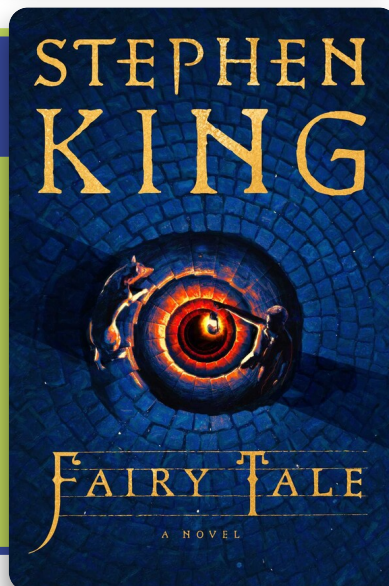
A troubled teenager befriends an elderly recluse, who dies & leaves him a taped message explaining that his shed is the portal to another world.

"It has been a long time since I have picked up a novel by Stephen King. When my family travels, we pick out a book to listen to on our road trips. My daughter, a lover of horror movies, chose *Fairy Tale*, & she may get to pick the rest of our books from here on out. This was a great one! Our story is about teenager, Charlie Reade. As Charlie is walking home one afternoon, he hears the neighbor Mr. Bowditch yelling in his backyard. After getting Mr. Bowditch to the hospital, Charlie makes it his mission to care for the older man. Eventually, Mr. Bowditch gives Charlie the info he needs to go from our world into another - The Other. This story is woven around many recognizable fairy tales & strong characters that the reader will connect with. *Fairy Tale* is more of a fantasy than a horror novel, but it kept us entertained. I enjoyed the audiobook more than just reading it. The narrator really brought the story to life. We loved the story & wished there was a sequel, although Mr. King did a great job of closing all of the story plots, making a sequel unnecessary. We just loved the characters! My daughter is a true Stephen King follower now."

GENRE: Book Club Best Bets;
Gateway Fantasy; Horror

TO NE: Bleak
PACE: Fast-Paced

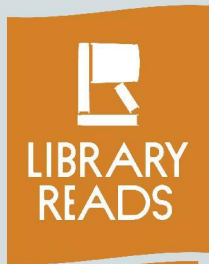
WRITING STYLE: Compelling;
Descriptive



Laura



Read-Alike

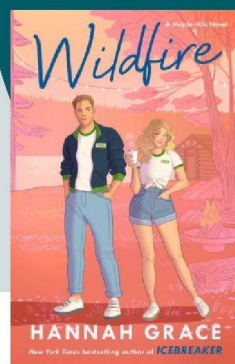


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The Top Ten Adult Fiction and Nonfiction Chosen Monthly by America's Library Staff

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org

TOP PICK



Wildfire: A Novel
Hannah Grace
(Atria)

This fun summer camp sports romance is a perfect beach read. The characters are complex, and the men (other than the 'bad guys') are written to be very respectful and thoughtful to the women in their lives, whether in friendship or romance. The book is also very sex-positive. Readers who missed the first book in this series won't feel like they are missing anything, but will want to catch up!

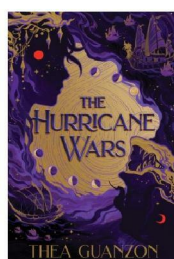
—Jennifer Lizak, Chicago Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *Never Been Kissed*
by Timothy Janovsky



Let Him In
William Friend
(Poisoned Pen Press)

After the death of their mother, young twins Sylvie and Cassia find comfort in an imaginary friend, but their father begins to worry as things escalate. Grief and the paranormal are central to this book, and the story will leave readers questioning reality. This unsettling gothic read will keep readers turning the pages!

—Kristin Skinner, Flat River Community Library, MI
Novelist read-alike: *We Hear Voices* by Evie Green



The Hurricane Wars
Thea Guanzon
(Harper Voyager)

As enemies sworn to destroy one another, Alaric and Talasyn seem like unlikely allies, let alone candidates for a political marriage. This Asian-inspired fantasy series takes all the elements needed for a new world—alliances, royalty vs. rebels, magic powers, a fierce orphan with a secret destiny, and enemies-to-lover tension—then sets them in a world of horrific storms and a kingdom under siege.

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, TX
Novelist read-alike: *Daughter of the Moon Goddess*
by Sue Lynn Tan



The Leftover Woman: A Novel
Jean Kwok
(William Morrow)

A Chinese woman desperate to find with the daughter adopted without her consent makes a dangerous journey to the U.S. Her story intersects explosively with that of an editor eager to recover from a career-ending scandal. Kwok hooks readers with an emotionally gripping story of two mothers willing to risk everything to protect what they love, skillfully balancing perspectives to a riveting climax.

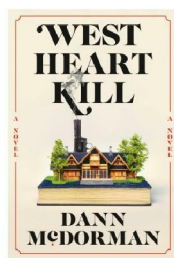
—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *Say Her Name*
by Dreda Say Mitchell



Better Hate Than Never
Chloe Liese
(Berkley)

Neighbors Kate and Christopher grew up together and over the years, snarky comments and shenanigans ensue until Kate flees home. When she returns years later, the animosity between them hasn't waned. With their families begging for peace, they determine they need to get along. Which they do...too well. Readers will find watching them fall in love to be nothing short of magical.

—Taylor Banze, St. Charles City-County Library, MO
Novelist read-alike: *Kiss Me Catalina*
by Priscilla Oliveras



West Heart Kill
Dann McDorman
(Knopf)

In this twist on the trope of a locked room mystery, a private eye is trapped in an exclusive hunting cabin in the Adirondacks during a major storm with three dead bodies, while finding he is as much a suspect as the rest of the elite set of guests. A great original debut!

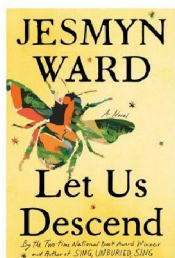
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *The Word is Murder*
by Anthony Horowitz



A Holly Jolly Ever After: A Christmas Notch Novel
Julie Murphy and Sierra Simone

When rule-follower Winnie decides to take part in a steamy Christmas movie, she doesn't have a clue how to perform racy scenes. She asks co-star Kallum, the former chubby goofball member of a boy band, for sexy practice sessions. As the two grow closer, can they get past their issues and have a real relationship?

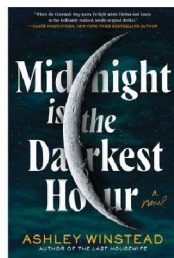
—Jessica C Williams, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, OH
Novelist read-alike: *Ship Wrecked* by Olivia Dade



Let Us Descend: A Novel
Jesmyn Ward
(Scribner)

On the long treacherous journey to the New Orleans slave markets, Annis turns inward, speaking to her lost mother and revisiting the stories of her African warrior grandmother. Ward's fluid prose assists the reader to travel alongside Annis, flowing between hell on earth and the comfort of memory. For fans of *She Would Be King* by Wayetu Moore.

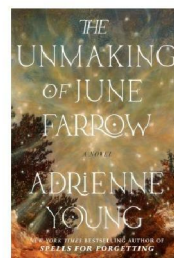
—KC Davis, LibraryReads Ambassador, CT
Novelist read-alike: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison



Midnight is the Darkest Hour
Ashley Winstead
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

In this small corner of Louisiana, religion runs deep. As a teenager, the reverend's daughter Ruth becomes summer friends with Everett, and begins seeing the truth through his eyes. Ruth chose to follow the word of the church and stay put while Everett seeks more. However, when a skull is found in the swamp, Ruth begins questioning everything she thought she knew.

—Andrea Galvin, Mt. Pulaski Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *The Toll* by Cherie Priest

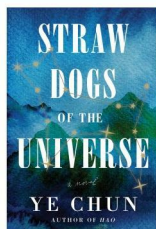


The Unmaking of June Farrow: A Novel
Adrienne Young
(Delacorte Press)

When her grandmother dies, June worries about falling prey to the family curse of hallucinations, which stole the sanity of her mother and grandmother. When a door opens leading to the past, June learns more about her family and discovers unexpected truths about herself—and her place in time.

—Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E. Schwob

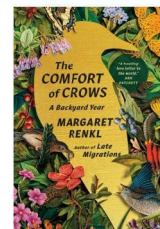
Bonus pick:



Straw Dogs of the Universe: A Novel
Ye Chun

(Catapult)

Notable Nonfiction:



The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year
Margaret Renkl

(Spiegel & Grau)

Photo Highlights



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Fri - Sun: Closed
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GHEENS

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Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

GOLDEN MEADOW

Currently Closed Due to Hurricane Ida

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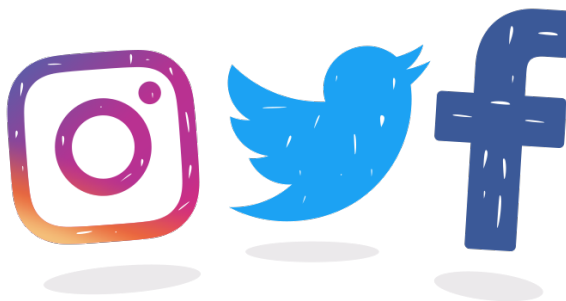
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