

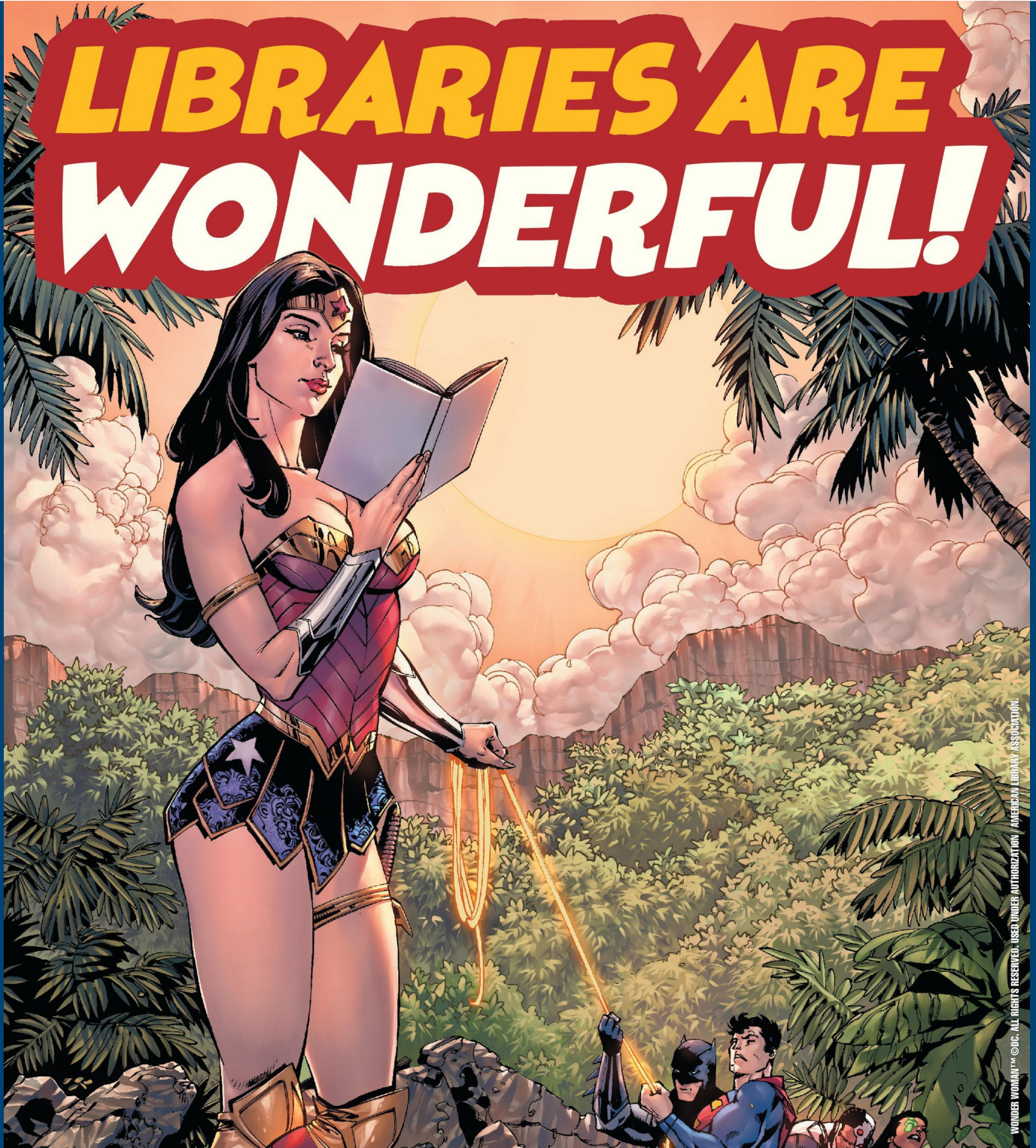


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September 2020

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**CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
WITH WONDER WOMAN THIS SEPTEMBER.**

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KIM CHIASSON

Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux Branch Associate Kim for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"We would like to recognize Ms. Kim Chiasson for the outstanding work she did with the summer program. We had several members of our family win weekly drawings & Kim ensured that they were notified."

- *Kenneth Borne, Thibodaux Patron*

"Ms. Kim was wonderful with our curbside service during the pandemic. She picked a mixture of books for my boys a few times & answered questions I had with ease & a smile."

- *Elizabeth Babin, Thibodaux Patron*

SHELLEY STERNFELS



Big congratulations go out to Thibodaux staff member Shelley for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Shelley is a super helper!"

- *Debbie Ruester, Thibodaux Patron*

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LIBRARY CLOSURE

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, 09/07 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. WE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, 09/08.



WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



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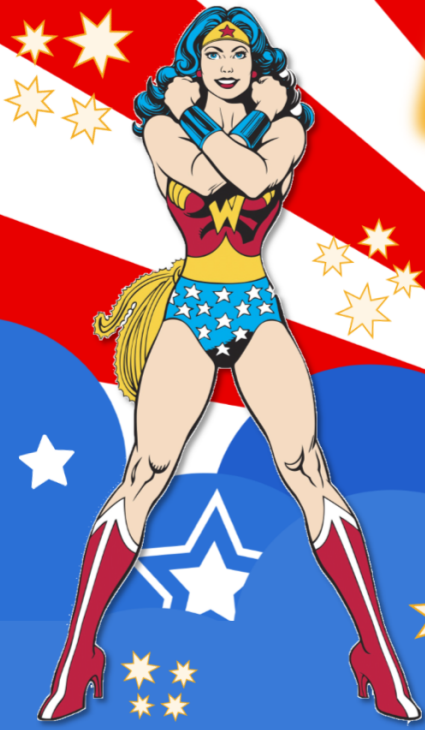
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Dress in superhero cosplay or come as you are - just don't miss your chance to strike a super pose at your library in celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month!

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WHAT'S NEW!

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- Head over to Beanstack (or download the app) to register your family.
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Meet Gail Dubis!

Gail is our newest staff member at the Lockport Branch - she joined the team in August! Gail comes to us with a diverse work experience, having been a baker, innkeeper, tour guide/historical interpreter, manager, & an interpretive trainer, all of which have helped her build up an interesting knowledge base & have given her the opportunity to work with people from all walks of life & interact with visitors

from all over the world. Libraries have had a large positive influence on Gail's life - they have been a support system & retreat throughout the years for her. She is honored & excited to now be a part of LPPL & have the opportunity to offer those experiences back to her community. In her new position, Gail's goal is to help wherever she is needed, & she tells us that so far it looks like she will be doing a little bit of everything, so her goal & duties go hand-in-hand.

Outside of work, Gail enjoys cooking & baking, dance, sewing & costuming, watching movies, going on adventures with friends (especially food adventures), visiting her large extended family, & playing with her three dogs. Gail also recently purchased her 1st house & she is now on the journey to turn it into a home! If you are looking for a recommendation, Gail's favorite book is The Sapphire Pendant by Audrey White Beyer. She also loves Criminal Minds. When it comes to movies, her favorites are the 2008 BBC rendition of Emma and The Martian with Matt Damon. We're glad you're here, Gail - welcome to the LPPLibrary family!



STAFF PICKS

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The Royal Governess By Wendy Holden

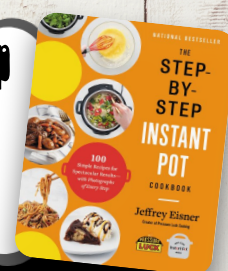


Laura's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Royal Governess* by Wendy Holden is a look into the early years of then Princess Elizabeth & Princess Margaret, told from the perspective of their governess of 16 years. Although the story has been fictionalized for easy reading, the characters are all real. Marion, known to her charges as Crawfie, spent 16 years teaching the girls the basic subjects, as well as teaching them what real life was like for their subjects in England. She took them on the subway, to museums, & to classrooms of other children their age. At the end of her tenure, Marion was approached by *Ladies Home Journal* to write a first-hand account of her life with the princesses. The Queen believed that her life with the girls should stay private. Unfortunately, Marion's husband pushed her to write a book & Marion was never contacted by the Royal Family again. I enjoyed this story overall - it was rich in historical details. It also lets you see into the private life of Marion, about whom no one really knew anything. The book was a bit of a slow read, & I often had to put it down. I did enjoy seeing the inner workings of the Royal Family & a look into the many houses they call home."

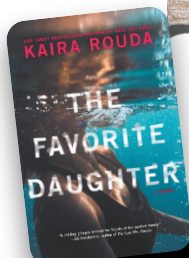


The Step-by-Step Instant Pot Cookbook By Jeffrey Eisner



Diane's Pick: ★★★★★

"My favorite Dewey Decimal number is 641. That number means food. Since my favorite thing to do besides reading is eating, I spend a lot of time in this section in the library. Santa Claus gave me an Instant Pot a few years ago & I've mastered the techniques, but I'm always looking for new recipes to try. I stumbled upon Jeffrey Eisner's recipes & loved them. He is a regular guy who started testing out various recipes in the Instant Pot & found a following when he posted these on his website & blog. He recently published his first cookbook. *The Step-by-Step Instant Pot Cookbook* has 100 simple recipes with pictures! I really appreciate when cookbooks have photographs. It gives me something to strive toward when I create food. He even puts step-by-step pictures with the directions. Eisner's recipes are filled with easy to find ingredients & simple steps. The recipes in this cookbook range from soups to desserts. Each section has a variety of cuisines represented like Hungarian Goulash or Jambalaya. With this cookbook, you can create yummy meals in no time. So far, I've made Apple Crumb Cobbler & Barbecue Ribs & I have my eye on a few other recipes to try."



The Favorite Daughter By Kaira Rouda



Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"If you're looking for twisted entertainment, *The Favorite Daughter* by Kaira Rouda is a must-read! Jane Harris is obsessed with being a devoted wife & mother of two daughters. About a year ago, her older daughter Mary died in a tragic accident. Since then, grief-stricken Jane has been spending her days at home. Not far into the book, you'll notice that something is really strange about Jane. She is narcissistic, delusional, & controlling. Of course, she's grieving the loss of her daughter, but she is also grieving the loss of her former life. The one-year memorial is approaching soon, & Jane is waking up to a new reality. She needs to reconnect with her family, but things have changed. We learn that things may not be as they seem with this family. I recommend this book to readers of mystery & suspense, & contemporary & psychological fiction."

GENRE: Psychological Suspense
THEME: Unreliable Narrator
CHARACTER: Flawed
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted
TONE: Darkly Humorous; Suspenseful
WRITING STYLE: Compelling

If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



Ghosted in L.A. Series By Sina Grace



Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Sina Grace & Siobhan Keenan team up to pen *Ghosted in L.A.*, a contemporary coming of age story about a young girl trying to find herself in a big city. Daphne Waters leaves her humdrum life behind to follow her high school boyfriend to college in Los Angeles. When he dumps her, she finds herself in a new city without the support of family & friends. She moves into the beautiful, abandoned, & haunted Rycroft Manor, where she learns about finding love, friendship, & living life to the fullest from a group of ghosts who are not quite done living. If you are looking for a short series of graphic novels to casually read through, *Ghosted in L.A.* is the book series for you. Sina Grace & Siobhan Keenan's characters are quite contemporary & relatable, especially for young adult & teen readers. I enjoyed the unique premise of the book. Siobhan Keenan & Cathy Le's artwork is cute & charming; it works with the lightheartedness of the graphic novel."

GENRE: Comics & Graphic Novels; Paranormal Comics
CHARACTER: Religiously Diverse
TONE: Angst-Filled; Melancholy
ILLUSTRATION: Detailed



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The Exorcist

By William Peter Blatty



Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"William Peter Blatty was haunted by a tale that inspired him to write a fictionalized account of a similar event - *The Exorcist*. His book would become an instant bestseller & would be made into a film two years later that terrified millions. Blatty would write the movie screenplay & also win an Oscar for his efforts. The book & film took extremely believable, flawed, & sympathetic characters & placed them in the most horrific situation imaginable. Most have seen the classic film, but few have read the book. Both are very similar, but the novel does definitely add dimension to the film by delving into many character subplots & extended scenes. The novel, like the film, does an excellent job of building the story to its unforgettable conclusion. The writing is clear, suspenseful, & atmospheric. Blatty makes Regan's transformation from a gentle, sweet girl to a foul-mouthed, inhuman monster entirely believable & terrifying. This unforgettable novel will add extra depth & detail that the classic film could barely cover."

GENRE: Books to Movies; Horror Classics
THEME: Possessed!



The Comeback

By Ella Berman



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"In the Author's Note, Ella Berman shares that she started writing *The Comeback* before the #metoo movement took hold in recent years, & while she wasn't directly inspired by what happened in the wake of the accusations against prominent figures, it can be said that this is absolutely a novel of the times. Telling the story of Grace Turner, a young starlet who quickly rose to fame as a teenager only to disappear suddenly & unexpectedly after many years of success in Hollywood, *The Comeback* is an intimate, poignant portrait of a young woman trying to put together the pieces of her shattered life. They say the comeback is stronger than the setback, & that is exactly the theme explored in Berman's intelligent & reflective novel. Berman's portrayal of Grace as she comes to terms with the damage that has wrecked her life is introspective & profound, revealing the fragile nature of humans, & our tendency to make our worlds smaller when our lives fall apart. But what is truly beautiful about *The Comeback* IS the struggle, the very thing Grace is fighting so hard against. This is as much a novel about discovering your inner self, as it is about standing up against abuse."

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- ★★★★★ Loved It
- ★★★★ Really Liked It
- ★★★ Liked It



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If It Bleeds

By Stephen King



Katina's Pick: ★★★★★

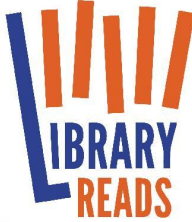
"Famed horror & suspense author Stephen King is back with a new collection of noteworthy novellas to keep readers in goosebumps. *If It Bleeds* is another stellar offering of shorter tales meant to quicken the heart beat, & possibly, make one think. King is as good at writing novellas as he is novels. One only has to think back to those included in *Different Seasons* (& later adapted for the screen). In *If It Bleeds*, King touches on universal themes such as life, death, human connections (and, of course, some non-human ones) as, some would argue, only he can, tossing human emotions & frailties in the mix. Here we have inter-generational friendship, the ills & gains of technology, & yes, the inevitable creepy factor such as in "Mr. Harrigan's Phone," when Craig, a child, discovers that the iPhone he gave to his elderly neighbor & employer & which he'd snuck into Mr. Harrigan's pocket right before he was buried still works. Stephen King can always be trusted to turn out writing that is as unsettling as it is good. Fans of his work won't be disappointed with this latest venture."

GENRE: Horror If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



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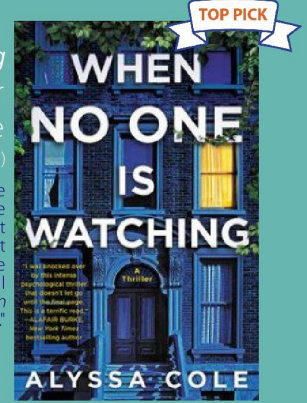
BOOKS TO ADD TO YOUR TO-READ PILE



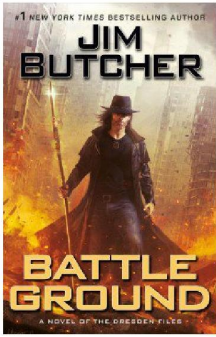
When No One Is Watching
A Thriller
by Alyssa Cole
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"The gentrification of her beloved Brooklyn neighborhood has longtime resident Sydney Green mourning what's lost. Striking up an uneasy alliance with new neighbor Theo, she starts research for a walking tour to highlight the area's rich history and diversity but quickly comes to realize that something far more sinister is going on. A sense of mounting dread and some startling twists and turns will keep readers turning the pages. Where HAVE all those old neighbors gone? For fans of *An Unwanted Guest*, *The Woman in Cabin Ten*, and *Watching You*."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY
NovelList read-alike: *BTTM FDRS* by Ezra Clayton Daniels



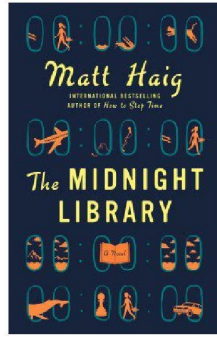
September 2020 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



Battle Ground
by Jim Butcher
(Ace)

"*Battle Ground* has more at stake than any previous book in the Dresden Files series, and more changes for Harry. Filled to the brim with non-stop action, this entry has Harry and almost every supernatural being he knows coming to defend Chicago from a mad Titan bent on reshaping reality. For fans of *Mercy Thompson* series (*Briggs*) and the *Iron Druid Chronicles* (Hearne)."

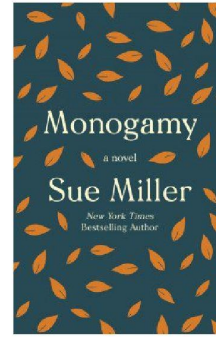
—Dan Brooks, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, NC
NovelList read-alike: *The Brimstone Files* series by Jason Sean Ridler



The Midnight Library
A Novel
by Matt Haig
(Viking)

"At a seminal moment in her life, Nora visits a unique library. Every book she chooses is one that she becomes part of and is a possible life she might have led. There are adventures, close calls, and joy. Give this totally engrossing page turner to fans of *Here and Now and Then* (Chen) and *Life after Life* (Atkinson)."

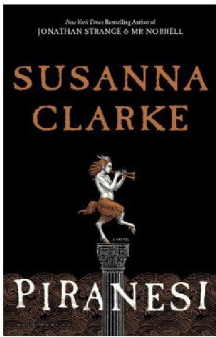
—Deborah Margeson, Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, CO
NovelList read-alike: *Or What You Will* by Jo Walton



Monogamy
A Novel
by Sue Miller
(Harper)

"Annie and Graham have been married for 30 years. When Graham unexpectedly dies, Annie finds out he had a recent affair. As she reevaluates her relationship and deals with feelings of anger and betrayal, a few secrets in her own past are revealed. This story of grief, sadness, and acceptance is perfect for fans of *Hausfrau* and *Unsheltered*."

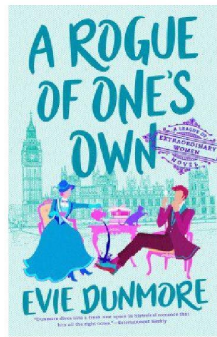
—Laura Fowler, J.V. Fletcher Library, Westford, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Shadow Tag* by Louise Erdrich



Piranesi
by Susanna Clarke
(Bloomsbury Publishing)

"*Piranesi* is the sole inhabitant of a mysterious "house" with endless rooms full of statues and a surging ocean below. With lyrical and hypnotic writing in his journal, he guides readers through his beloved labyrinthine home and introduces "The Other," a sporadic visitor and the only other living human being...or so he thought. For fans of *The Starless Sea* and *The Bedlam Stacks*."

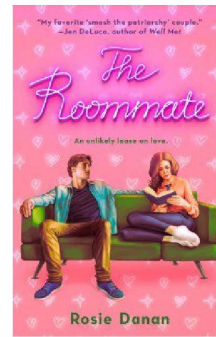
—Catherine Tarver, Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien, IL
NovelList read-alike: *Little, Big* by John Crowley



A Rogue of One's Own
by Evie Dunmore
(Berkley)

"The second book in the League of Extraordinary Women series revolves around Lady Lucie and her old nemesis Lord Ballentine. Their love/hate relationship is passionate and steamy. For fans of the *Royal Wedding* series and *Dukes Behaving Badly* series."

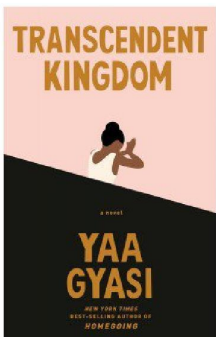
—Natalie Peitsinovski, Roselle Public Library, Roselle, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *The Suffragette Scandal* by Courtney Milan



The Roommate
by Rosie Danan
(Berkley)

"When Clara decides to move from New York to LA to live with her forever crush/childhood best friend Everett, he tells her he is going on the road with his band all summer, but not to worry, he has a roommate lined up for her. This roommate, it turns out, works in the adult entertainment industry. For readers who enjoyed *My Favorite Half-Night Stand* (Lauren)."

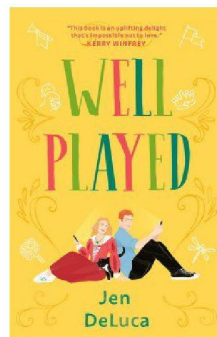
—Afton Finley, Waseca Library, Waseca, MN
NovelList read-alike: *The Kiss Quotient* by Helen Hoang



Transcendent Kingdom
A Novel
by Yaa Gyasi
(Knopf)

"Gyasi is a force of a writer and in her new novel, *Gifty* is a Ph.D student of neuroscience fueled by the need to understand her brother's addiction and mother's depression. For fans of *Imagine Me Gone* (Haslet) and *Chemistry* (Wang)."

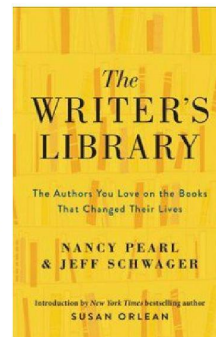
—Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, KS
NovelList read-alike: *A Particular Kind of Black Man* by Tope Folarin



Well Played
by Jen DeLuca
(Berkley)

"Upon hearing of Simon and Emily's engagement, best friend Stacey is jolted into reevaluating her own life. Stacey reaches out to her old Ren Faire flame, Dex, but accidentally connects with Daniel, Dex's cousin. When their friendly messages turn into something more, Stacey is faced with a surprise upon learning of the identity of her online paramour. For readers who enjoyed *99 Percent Mine* (Thorne)."

—Morgan Malyn, Clermont County Public Library, Cincinnati, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Attachments* by Rainbow Rowell



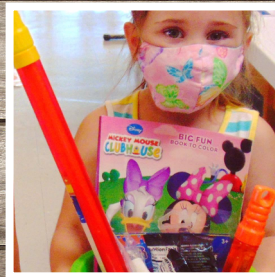
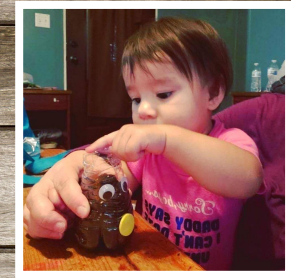
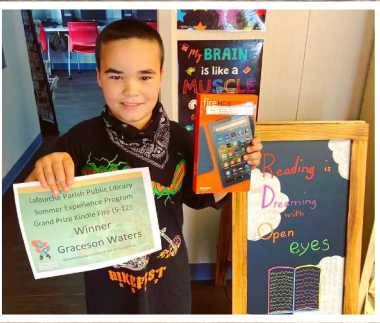
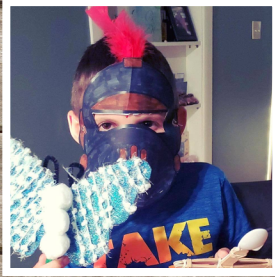
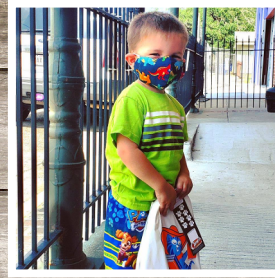
The Writer's Library
The Authors You Love on the Books That Changed Their Lives
by Nancy Pearl & Jeff Schwager
(HarperOne)

"As someone who loves reading, books, and talking about books this was perfect for me. I found it fascinating to get a glimpse of what books influenced such an eclectic group of writers. It made me look at my own reading history and at books and reading in a different way. For fans of *My Life with Bob* (Paul)."

—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH
NovelList read-alike: *My Ideal Bookshelf* by Thessaly La Force & Jane Mount



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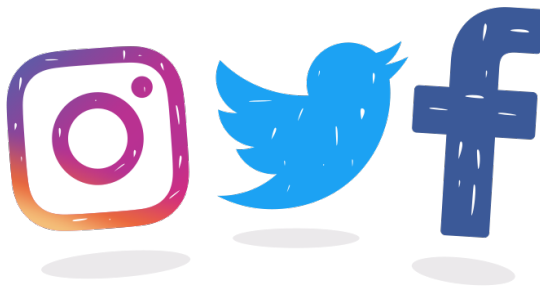
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