

Books and Bytes *on the Bayou*

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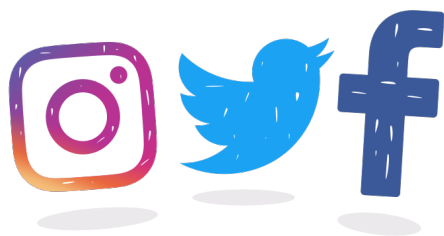
January 2023

WHAT'S
POPPIN'?

THERE'S NO
"BUTTER" PLACE
TO BE THAN THE
LIBRARY IN 2023!

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Thibodaux Staff

Congratulations to our entire Thibodaux staff for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"I'd like to compliment everyone who works at this library. No exclusions. You are all here giving a wonderful service for FREE! I love bringing my grandbaby here on Wednesday for story time.

She loves it. However, I am also an avid reader & thoroughly appreciate you all! Thank you so much for being here for us all."

- *Amanda Guerrero, Thibodaux Patron*

Tricia Azema

Congratulations to Tricia, Thibodaux staff member, for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Tricia provides amazing service & was such a huge help!"

- *Samantha Gomes, Thibodaux Patron*

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



Library Closures

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed Monday, January 2 in honor of the new year. Branches will also be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

We are always open @ lafourche.org!



EXPLORE EVERYTHING YOU'RE INTO @ YOUR LIBRARY!

January is National Hobby Month making it the perfect time to grow an existing hobby or learn a new one. No matter what you're into, your Lafourche Parish Public Library has a plethora of resources to help you dive into your passions & interests this year.



COOKING

Print Cookbook Collection
Creativebug Classes
Digital Cooking Magazines
eCookbooks in cloudLibrary



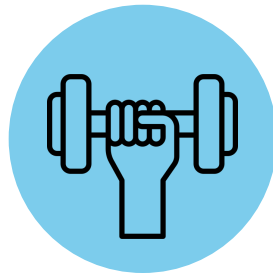
CRAFTS & DIY

In-Branch Crafting Classes
Creativebug Classes
Thibodaux Branch Makerspace
Crafting & DIY Book Collection



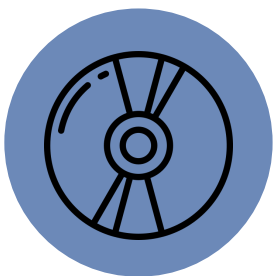
READING

Print Book Collection
eBook Collection in cloudLibrary
Summer Experience
Reading Challenges



FITNESS

In-Branch Fitness Classes
Video Classes in Hoopla
Fitness Class DVDs
Health & Fitness Book Collection



MOVIES & MUSIC

DVD & CD Collection
Movie Streaming in cloudLibrary
Music & Movie Streaming in Hoopla
Music Streaming in Freegal



GAMING

Video Game Collection
In-Branch Gaming Consoles
Gaming Magazines
In-Branch Gaming Programming

PROGRAMS "POPPING" WITH FUN!

Celebrating National Popcorn Day
@ the Library



BAYOU BLUE: Popcorn Painting for Adults - Wed, 1/18 @ 1:30 PM

CHOCTAW: Dancing Popcorn for All Ages - Thu, 1/19 @ 4:15 PM

GHEENS: Popcorn Races for Ages 0-12 - Tue, 1/17 @ 4 PM

LAROSE: Pop, Pop, Popcorn! Story Time for All Ages - Thu, 1/19 @ 1 PM

LOCKPORT: Popcorn Tree for Ages 5-12 - Tue, 1/17 @ 4 PM

RACELAND: Popcorn Flower Hyacinths for Adults - Tue, 1/3 @ 4 PM

P is for Popcorn Craft for Early Learners - Thu, 1/19 @ 4 PM

THIBODAUX: Popcorn Day Baby Time for Babies & Toddlers - Thu, 1/19 @ 10:30 AM

POP OVER TO
LAFOURCHE.ORG
FOR MORE EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS
MONTH!

LIBRARY -2- GEAUX
LAROSE BRANCH

New Year, New Hours!

YOU ASKED, WE ANSWERED!
**OUR LIBRARY -2- GEAUX BOOKMOBILE
IS GETTING LONGER HOURS IN 2023!**

(TO ACCOMMODATE STAFFING FOR THE BOOKMOBILE, OUR
LAROSE BRANCH WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANGE IN HOURS.)

NEW LIBRARY -2- GEAUX HOURS

TUESDAYS (CUT OFF YOUTH CENTER)
THURSDAYS (G. MEADOW TOWN HALL)

STORY TIME: 11:00 AM

BOOKMOBILE: 12:00 - 4:30 PM



**NEW LAROSE
BRANCH HOURS**

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM
FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM - 1 PM

NEW HOURS BEGIN JANUARY 3, 2023!

Community COLLECTIONS ★ N E E D E D ★

Are you a collector? Do you have a collection that you would like to temporarily loan us to place in our display case for our library community to enjoy? If your answer is yes, we would love to display your collection!



We Would Like to Display:

- Items That You Collect
- Art or Photo Collections
- Historical Items
- Items of Community Significance

Do you have a collection?

Contact us so that we can discuss displaying it in our library!





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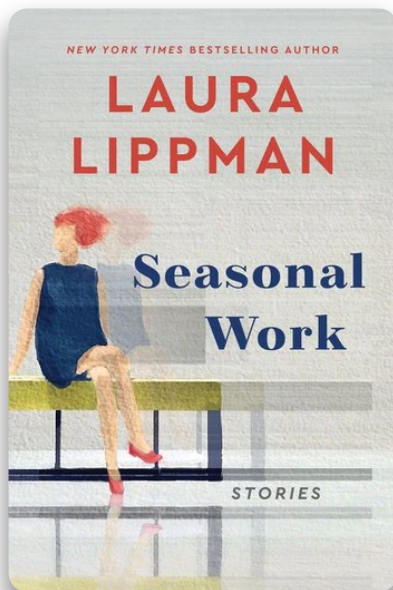
Create your free Author Check account by accessing the database through our Digital Library at lafourche.org. Have your library card number handy!



Brooke



Read-Alike



Seasonal Work: Stories By Laura Lippman

The award-winning master of psychological suspense is in top form in this collection of diverse and diabolically clever stories.

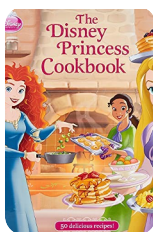
"Ever since I was a child, I have held an affinity for short stories. Unfortunately, I have found more often than not, that I love the idea of short stories more than the narratives themselves, usually due to the author failing to capture my attention & interest in the span of a few pages. This was not the case with Laura Lippman's new collection of short stories, *Seasonal Work*, an incisive assortment of tales with a tantalizing true crime/noir vibe. *Seasonal Work* is a collection without filler. Every story in this work is at the very least good, with some achieving paramount status in their ability to captivate & surprise. I would love to read a full-length novel of every single story in this collection; the plots are just that enrapturing. Some of my favorites include the eponymous story 'Seasonal Work,' in which a teenage girl plays along with her stepfather's con, in which he temporarily moves the family to a new city every holiday season to fleece the citizens in funding their Christmas; and 'Tricks' in which a New Orleans con man invites his latest victim to the French Quarter for a weekend away before he swindles her of her fortune. Quite reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's shorts, *Seasonal Work* will appeal to readers who love crafty tales of deceit.

GENRE: Anthologies; Mysteries; Psychological Suspense; Short Stories

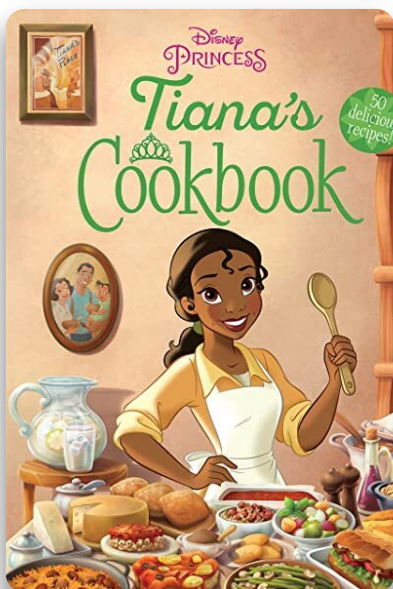
TONE: Suspenseful



Heather



Read-Alike



Tiana's Cookbook By Disney Press

Get ready to cook just like Tiana with this beautiful cookbook, featuring fifty easy and delicious recipes inspired by the Disney Princess and her New Orleans restaurant.

"Do you love *Princess and the Frog*? Have you always wanted to learn how to cook like Tiana? Well, look no further than the new *Tiana's Cookbook*. This book is aimed at young chefs, but filled with 50 delicious recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner & everything in between. The book starts with a beginner's guide that introduces cooking skills such as measuring, safety, prep, & cleaning to young readers. Then the recipes begin, including many down-home southern foods that are mentioned in the movie, such as gumbo, jambalaya, muffulettas, & of course some 'Tiana-Style Beignets.' Each recipe is equipped with a full-color photo, a vibrant illustration of a scene or character from the movie, an ingredients list, & detailed directions for recipe perfection. The book finishes with step-by-step instructions for some of the snacks included in the book, information about creating a menu, & a glossary & index so you can learn about & search your favorite recipes. As a fan of the movie & Tiana's story, I am enamored with this book & will be purchasing it for my collection. While I wish more step-by-step photos were included in this book, I appreciate the full-color photos that are included as well as the beautiful illustrations. They make the cookbook inviting & will have you second-lining to the kitchen.

GENRE: Cookbooks

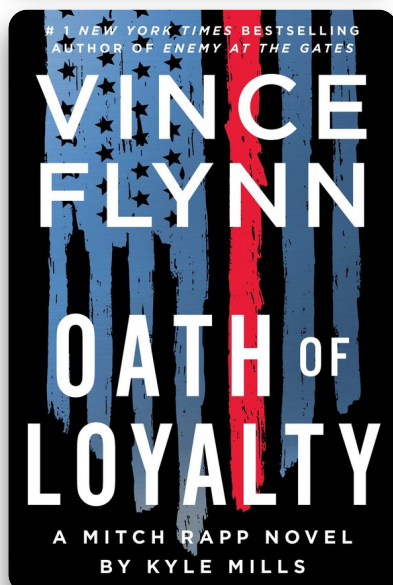
WRITING STYLE: Easy-to-Understand



Lione



Read-Alike



Oath of Loyalty By Kyle Mills

When the President's power-hungry security advisor betrays him, Mitch Rapp is faced with the impossible task of finding and stopping a killer whose business model is based on double-blind secrecy.

"One word, WOW! *Oath of Loyalty* picks up where *Enemy at the Gates* ended. Mitch Rapp is targeted & hunted by his own President, Anthony Cook. Cook thinks if Rapp is out of the picture, he can rule the United States as a dictator. Rapp, of course, will do everything in his power to eliminate any threat to his family & friends. He's one man you don't want as an enemy. Unfortunately for Cook, he has advisors using him for their own purposes. After neutralizing the threat to friend & CIA Director Irene Kennedy, Rapp focuses his attention on the assassins trying to kill him. Legion is new to the assassin game, but they are unrelenting. Rapp will stop at nothing to end the madness that has taken over the White House and the threat to his loved ones. SO GOOD! Riveting! This story drew so many raw emotions from me as I read it. Fans of Mitch Rapp will absolutely love *Oath of Loyalty*. This was Mitch Rapp at his finest. Kyle Mills did an amazing job of jumping into Vince Flynn's world of Mitch Rapp. I can't believe I have to wait an entire year for the next installment!

GENRE: Political Thrillers; Spy Fiction
SERIES: Mitch Rapp Novels #21

THEME: Shadow Organizations
STORYLINE: Action-Packed

TONE: Suspenseful
PACE: Fast-Paced

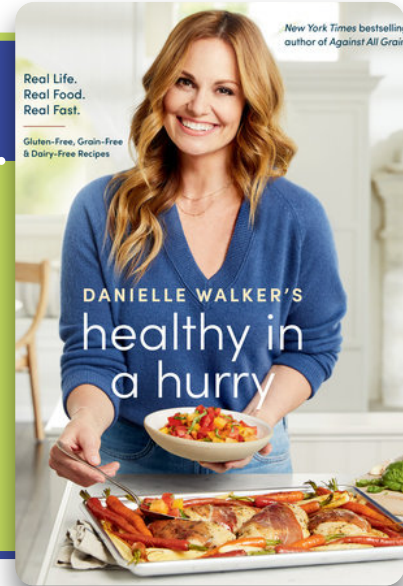


Healthy in a Hurry By Danielle Walker

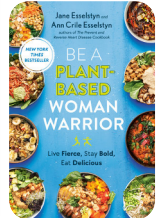
150+ quick & easy recipes to get healthy gluten-free, grain-free, and dairy-free food on the table fast from the New York Times bestselling author of the *Against All Grain* series.

"Finding time to prep & cook healthy meals can be a daunting task. In Danielle Walker's new book, *Healthy in a Hurry: Real Life, Real Food, Real Fast: Gluten-Free, Grain-Free, & Dairy-Free Recipes*, quick, weeknight friendly meals are presented in an easy-to-follow format with a picture of each recipe. The recipes in this book are for people with dietary restrictions & busy schedules. As someone who does not enjoy cooking, I found this book to be delightful. *Healthy in a Hurry* is full of recipes for kitchen & healthy-eating novices. I enjoyed how she broke down each recipe. On each page, there are symbols that mark if a recipe can be prepared in thirty minutes or less, has fewer than ten ingredients, & can be made either in a slow cooker or stove-top. Danielle has also included some dietary guidelines for the recipes (egg-free, vegetarian, Whole30, etc.) so you can find which recipes meet your health needs. As a bonus, she's also included some QR codes throughout the book that link to videos & extra information. If you're looking for an easy-to-follow cookbook filled with healthy, delicious recipes, this book is worth checking out.

GENRE: Cookbooks



Katie



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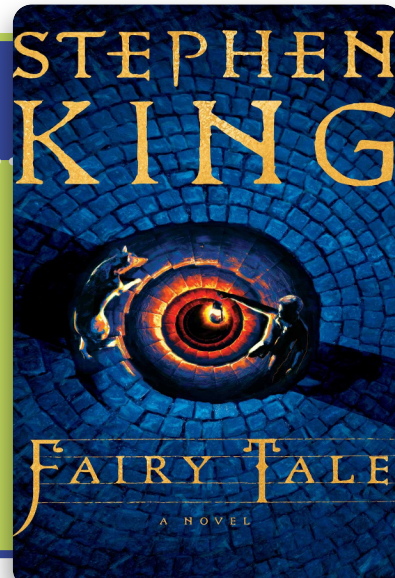
Fairy Tale By Stephen King

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

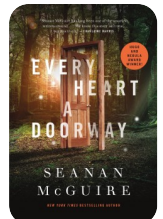
"At 75 years old, Stephen King is still going strong with his newest 600+ page novel *Fairy Tale*, an instant #1 bestseller. This is indeed a fairy tale as only King can make it with influences from such fairy tale classics as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Rumpelstiltskin,' among others, but be aware that because this is Stephen King, this will be a very dark, brutal Grimm Brothers' version of a fairy tale. However, it is also very heartwarming & redemptive. The novel begins with seventeen year old Charlie Reade, who has just helped his widowed father beat alcoholism. Charlie befriends an elderly neighbor named Bowditch, who he goes out of his way to help. The older man will soon introduce Charlie to a locked shed which is actually an open portal to another mystical world. In this strange world, Charlie will encounter an emerald city, a mysterious princess with no mouth, & untold evil. Though the novel's pacing is a little off, the story will keep the reader absorbed, enthralled, & amazed at Charlie's truly wild ride. I enjoyed it just as much, if not more than some of King's previous classics such as *The Talisman* or *The Dark Tower* series.

GENRE: Gateway Fantasy
PACE: Fast-Paced

TOPE: Bleak
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Descriptive



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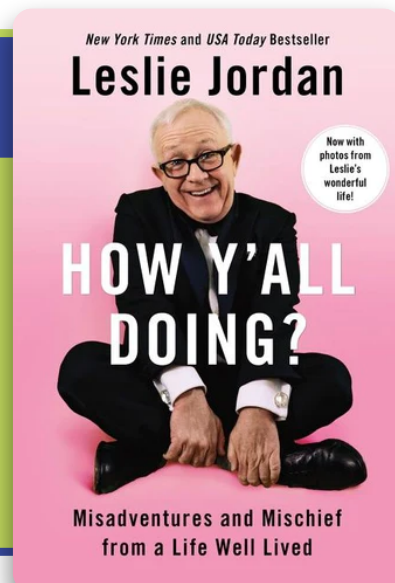
How Y'all Doing? By Leslie Jordan

A viral sensation and Emmy Award-winner regales fans with entertaining stories about the odd, funny, and unforgettable events in his life in an essay collection that echoes his droll, irreverent voice.

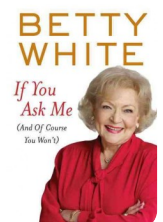
"Leslie Jordan was one of those actors. One that you recognize on-screen, but whose name you might not know. That all changed during quarantine, however. Encouraged & assisted by much younger, tech savvy acquaintances, Jordan began an Instagram account while isolating with family. His explosion of Instagram followers, to more than 5 million, & his newfound Insta fame, were the impetus for his 2021 memoir. In this book, Jordan dishes the dirt on himself in mostly amusing (sometimes serious) anecdotes about the peaks & pitfalls of his life & acting career. Standing less than five feet tall, with an infectious smile & witty personality, Jordan was funny beyond words. He died in late October in a single-car crash resulting from a medical emergency. Reading *How Y'all Doing?* so soon after Jordan's death is particularly poignant. The book ends not so much with an ending, but with Jordan promising that more adventures await as he looks ahead to the future with unbridled joy. Although his story has sadly come to an end, Leslie Jordan lived life to the fullest as this memoir makes abundantly clear. He was 67 years old.

GENRE: Arts & Entertainment; Autobiographies & Memoirs; Life Stories
WRITING STYLE: Conversational; Entertaining

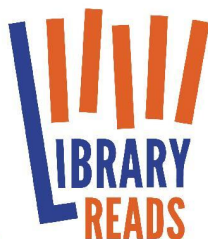
TOPE: Funny
STORYLINE: Own Voices



Katina



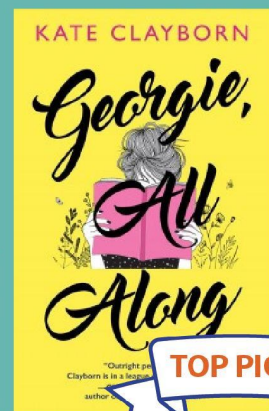
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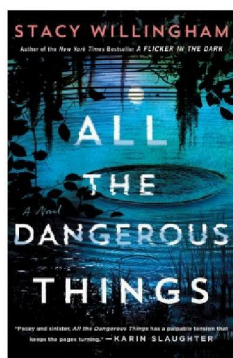
Georgie, All Along by Kate Clayborn (Kensington)

"When Georgie suddenly loses her job as a personal assistant, she heads home to her parents to regroup. While there, she comes across a teenage diary and uses it to explore her life. This is a sweet, fun novel about a genuine, competent person trying to discover her true self. For fans of *The Authenticity Project*."

—Julie Heckert, Orem Public Library, Orem, UT
NovelList read-alike: *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes



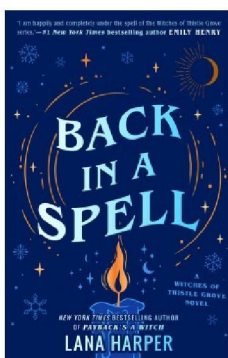
January 2023 - The top ten books published this month that library staff across the country love.



All the Dangerous Things by Stacy Willingham (Minotaur Books)

"One year after Isabelle's son was taken from his bedroom in the middle of the night, the police still have no suspects or any idea of what became of her boy. The only thing Izzy knows for certain haunts her: because she's a chronic sleepwalker, did she have something to do with her child's disappearance? For fans of Gilly Macmillan and Lisa Jewell."

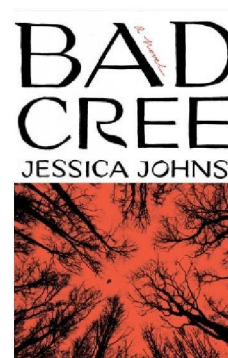
—KC Davis, Fairfield Woods Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: *Stay Awake* by Megan Goldin



Back in a Spell by Lana Harper (Berkley)

"Witch Nina Blackmoore must decide who she is and what matters most when her rocky date with 'normie' Morty Gutierrez results in a magical bond between the two. With solid pacing, tremendous feats of magic, and a sweet and passionate romance, this third installment of the Thistle Grove series will knock your socks off. For fans of Ann Aguirre."

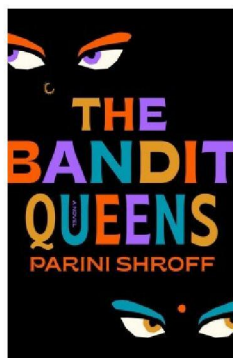
—Shannon Collins, Upper Dublin Public Library, Fort Washington, PA
NovelList read-alike: *A Letter to Three Witches* by Elizabeth Bass



Bad Cree: A Novel by Jessica Johns (Doubleday)

"When Mackenzie's nightmares start to bleed into her waking hours, she knows that she'll need to return to family to get the help she needs. First Nations author Johns creates a unique combination of cryptid terror and family strength in the face of horror and trauma. For readers of Silvia Moreno-Garcia and Eden Robinson."

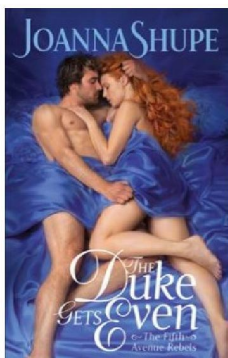
—Erin Downey Howerton, Wichita Public Library, Wichita, KS
NovelList read-alike: *White Horse* by Erika T. Wurth



The Bandit Queens: A Novel by Parini Shroff (Ballantine)

"An amazing debut novel about a group of women who are part of a micro-loan community in an Indian village. Everyone thinks Geeta has killed her no-good, rotten, abusive husband, so the other women want her to kill their husbands too. A story full of humor, pathos, and suspense."

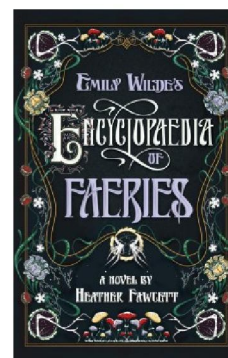
—Ariel Zeitlin, Montclair Public Library, Montclair, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite



The Duke Gets Even: A Novel by Joanna Shupe (Avon)

"The Duke of Lockwood is visiting America to find the perfect bride—rich and scandal-free. Nellie is a wealthy heiress who purposefully ruined her reputation long ago. She uses her wealth to discreetly distribute contraceptives to women. The chemistry between Nellie and Lockwood is present from page one."

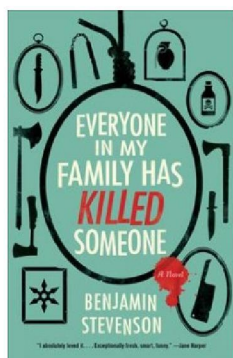
—Katie Curry, Guyandotte Branch of Cabell County Public Library, Huntington, WV
NovelList read-alike: *Bombshell* by Sarah MacLean



Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries by Heather Fawcett (Del Rey)

"Grumpy professor Emily Wilde wishes that she did not have to 'people' while researching the first complete encyclopedia of faeries. However, a handsome rival and some quirky townsfolk conspire to crack open Emily's well-guarded heart. Readers will be enchanted with the Faerie and cantankerous narrator found in this fantasy tale, like a cozy version of the Lady Trent series."

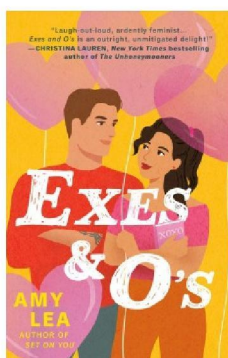
—Jenna Zarzycki, King County Library System, Covington, WA
NovelList read-alike: *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness



Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: A Novel by Benjamin Stevenson (Mariner Books)

Ernie Cunningham writes books on how to write mystery novels for a living and is part of a family where everyone has killed someone. But the story of how and why is unraveled in the pages, and there's another murderer in the midst. The narration is perfect—a retrospective that includes lots of misdirection and breaking the fourth wall. A must-read for mystery fans."

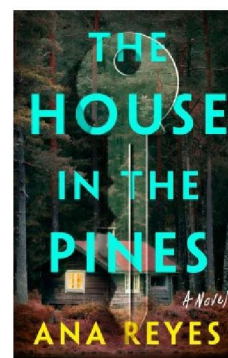
—Carli Dubiel, Twinsburg Public Library, Twinsburg, OH
NovelList read-alike: *Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts* by Kate Raccalia



Exes and O's by Amy Lea (Berkley)

"Tara Chen believes one of her 10 exes must be her true love, so she enlists new roommate Trevor to help her reconnect with all of them. Cleverly written with all the tropes found in romance novels, but especially second-chance romance. Recommended for anyone wanting a feel-good story with a delightful heroine and handsome love interest! For Jayci Lee and Jackie Lau fans."

—Elizabeth Qualls, Blackwater Regional Library, Courtland, VA
NovelList read-alike: *The Singles' Table* by Sara Desai



The House in the Pines: A Novel by Ana Reyes (Dutton)

Maya sees a viral video of a woman in a diner dropping dead while seated across from her boyfriend. Maya knows this man, as years ago her friend also died suddenly in front of him. Reyes keeps readers guessing, creating a wonderfully sinister undertone while enriching the suspense by incorporating elements of Guatemala's history. For fans of *Behind Her Eyes*."

—Blinn Sheffield, Greenwood-Lefflore Public Library, Greenwood, MS
NovelList read-alike: *The Sundown Motel* by Simone St. James

Photo Highlights

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*Ten
Locations
to Serve
You!*

BAYOU BLUE

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-580-0634
Fax: 985-580-9640

CHOCTAW

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
Fax: 985-633-8873

GHEENS

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

GOLDEN MEADOW

Currently Closed Due to Hurricane Ida

Phone: 985-475-5660
Fax: 985-475-4517

LAROSE

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-693-3336
Fax: 985-693-3978

LOCKPORT

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-532-3158
Fax: 985-532-0270

RACELAND

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-537-6875
Fax: 985-537-2292

SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Currently Closed Due to Hurricane Ida

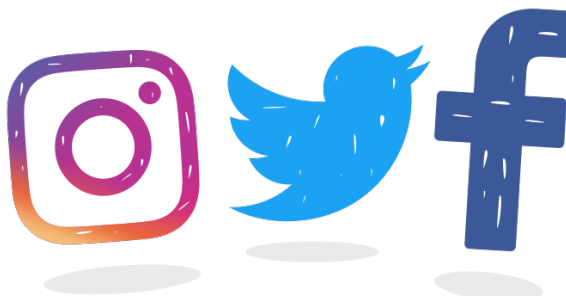
Phone: 985-632-7140
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goes on!*

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