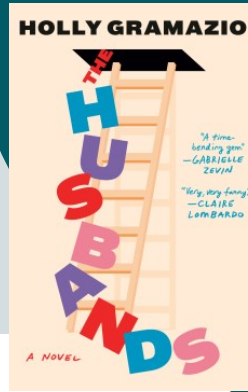




April 2024

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

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org



The Husbands: A Novel
Holly Gramazio
(Doubleday)



Lauren, who's single, comes home to find that not only is she married, but she doesn't recognize her husband. She discovers that by sending a husband to the attic, she can replace him with a new model—and there seems to be a never-ending supply. The quirky nature of the book, humorous writing, charming characters and the unbelievable situation will have readers completely engrossed.

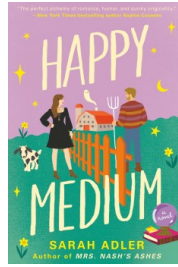
—Douglas Beatty, Baltimore County Public Library, MD
NovelList read-alike: *The Seven Year Slip* by Ashley Poston



The Rule Book: A Novel
Sarah Adams
(Dell)

Nora lands her first client as a sports agent, and it happens to be her ex-boyfriend from college. Derek, a tight end pro football player, needs all the help he can get to revive his career. Upbeat and engaging, this sports romance book is breezy with fun characters and plenty of heart.

—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, CA
NovelList read-alike: *The Prospects* by KT Hoffman



Happy Medium
Sarah Adler
(Berkley)

A medium reluctantly visits a goat farm to exorcise a ghost, and even though she's a fake...the ghost is not. This is a story full of sweet love and friendship—and found family—with plenty of heat arising between the main characters. A very enjoyable romance with humor, cute animals, and deeper self examination leading to rich relationships.

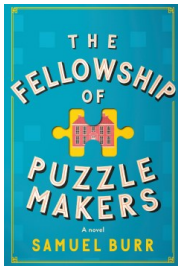
—Di Herald, LibraryReads Ambassador, CO
NovelList read-alike: *Do Your Worst* by Rosie Danan



Ghost Station
S.A. Barnes
(Tor Nightfire)

This unsettling space horror novel follows Dr. Ophelia Bray as she is assigned to a crew exploring a deserted planet with ruins from an ancient civilization. Soon it's apparent that something suspicious happened to the previous crew and, even earlier, to the ancient society. Mystery, murder, and secrets keep the reader intrigued and guessing the outcome.

—Kristin Skinner, Flat River Community Library, MI
NovelList read-alike: *We Have Always Been Here* by Lena Nguyen



The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers
Samuel Burr
(Doubleday)

Baby Clayton is left on the steps of a puzzlemakers' society. Pippa, the society's founder, finds and raises him. When she passes away, Clayton, untethered, longs to solve the mystery of his abandonment. Pippa has created a special puzzle for Clayton to find out the secrets of life and discover his origins. Readers will absolutely love this fun, quirky tale.

—Claire Talbot, Greece Public Library, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel* by Ruth Hogan



To Gaze Upon Wicked Gods
Molly X. Chang
(Del Rey)

After a Roman prince discovers Ruying's death power, he uses her sister's addiction to make a deal with Ruying. He needs her to assassinate someone at the top of the food chain, and in return her family will live. The cost of unusual magic, trust issues, attraction to the enemy, and constant action carry this novel.

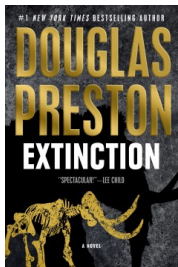
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, TX
NovelList read-alike: *The Jasad Heir* by Sarah Hashem



Late Bloomer: A Novel
Mazey Eddings
(St. Martin's Griffin)

This sapphic romance is based on an adorable but outlandish scenario, where Opal accidentally buys Pepper's inheritance (a flower farm). The way they manage their insecurities and neurodiversity and communicate with tenderness is spectacular. Readers will love seeing them grow as they navigate their relationship.

—Danielle Aronowitz, South Plainfield Public Library, NJ
NovelList read-alike: *Bet the Farm* by Fiona Riley



Extinction
Douglas Preston
(Forge Books)

When newlyweds are attacked at Erebus Resort, investigator Frankie Cash and Sheriff Colcord team up to find the killers. There is more going on than meets the eye as the killers carry out more blatant attacks at this unique location featuring resurrected dinosaur species, including a family of woolly mammoths. An interesting concept with loads of science.

—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, MA
NovelList read-alike: *The Tusks of Extinction* by Ray Nayler



Home Is Where the Bodies Are
Jeneva Rose
(Blackstone Publishing)

When three estranged siblings reunite after the death of their mother, things are bound to be tense. As they decide to revisit their childhood with a few home videos, the last thing they'd expect to see is their father carrying a dead body. But there's no denying the evidence. Readers looking for complex family dynamics and hidden secrets will devour this one.

Karen Troutman, Peru Public Library, IN
NovelList read-alike: *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

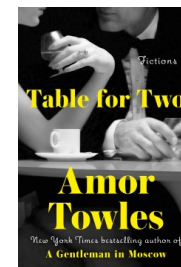
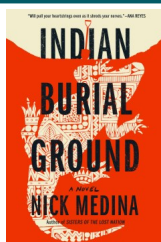


Table for Two: Fictions
Amor Towles
(Viking)

Towles's literary fiction never disappoints. In this collection of short stories and a novella, readers will be entranced by his use of sophisticated and smart language to convey aspects of the human condition. Highly recommended for book clubs and lovers of short stories.

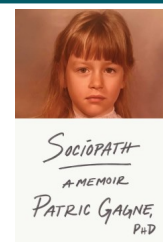
—Julie Klein, The Bryant Library, NY
NovelList read-alike: *After the Funeral* by Tessa Hadley

Bonus pick:



Indian Burial Ground
Nick Medina
(Berkley)

Notable Nonfiction:



Sociopath: A Memoir
Patric Gagne
(Simon & Schuster)

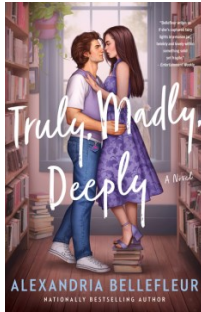
Be sure to check out our social media for the Bonus Pick annotations!



April 2024 HALL OF FAME TITLES

The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly list since 2013.

Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org/HOF



Truly, Madly, Deeply
Alexandria Bellefleur
(Avon)

NoveList read-alike:
The Ex-Talk
by Rachel Lynn Solomon



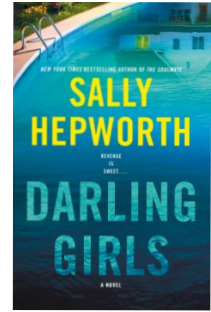
One of Us Knows: A Thriller
Alyssa Cole
(William Morrow)

NoveList read-alike:
Liar, Dreamer, Thief
by Maria Dong



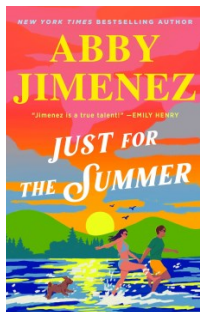
Funny Story: A Novel
Emily Henry
(Berkley)

NoveList read-alike:
Georgie All Along
by Kate Clayborn



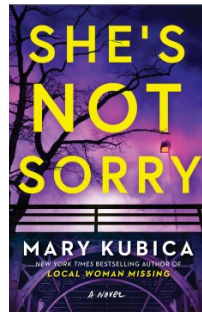
Darling Girls: A Novel
Sally Hepworth
(St. Martin's Press)

NoveList read-alike:
The Secrets of Us
by Lucinda Berry



Just for the Summer
Abby Jimenez
(Forever, Hachette Book Group)

NoveList read-alike:
Maya's Laws of Love
by Alina Khawaja



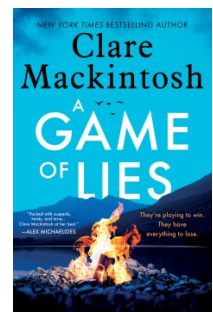
She's Not Sorry
Mary Kubica
(Park Row)

NoveList read-alike:
Fit to Die
by Daniel Kalla



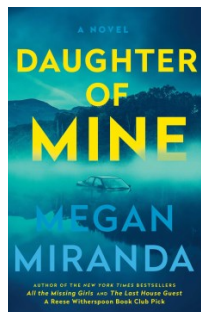
Only and Forever
Chloe Liese
(Berkley)

NoveList read-alike:
Iris Kelly Doesn't Date
by Ashley Herring Blake



A Game of Lies
Clare Mackintosh
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

NoveList read-alike:
Small Game
by Blair Braverman



Daughter of Mine
Megan Miranda
(S&S/Marysue Rucci Books)

NoveList read-alike:
The Good Son
by Yu-Jong Chong



The Paris Novel
Ruth Reichl
(Random House)

NoveList read-alike:
Main Character Energy
by Jamie Varon