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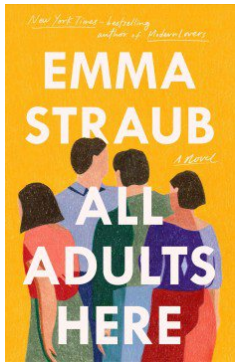
Something to Talk About
by Meryl Wilsner
(Berkley)

"Jo, a successful producer and screenwriter, asks her assistant Emma to attend the SAG awards with her as a buffer to field questions. But after a red carpet photograph, rumors start spreading about their romantic involvement. A sweet, slow burn romance that gets steamy at the end between two people who obviously respect and value the other, despite various communication issues that arise. Give to readers who liked *Girl Gone Viral* (Rai), *The Hating Game* (Thorne), and *Red, White & Royal Blue* (McQuiston)."

—Julie Graham, Yakima Valley Libraries, Yakima, WA
NovelList read-alike: *When Katie Met Cassidy* by Camille Perri



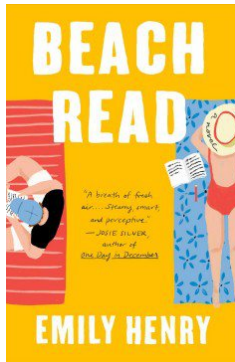
May 2020 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



All Adults Here
A Novel
by Emma Straub
(Riverhead Books)

"The ripple effects of choices linger for years and ultimately shape matriarch Astrid and her children. As several generations grapple with their own truths, an opportunity to begin again ultimately draws them all closer. This book asks the question, 'Who is truth ultimately for, who benefits from it, and who does it hurt?' For fans of *Clock Dance* (Tyler) and *The Most Fun We Ever Had* (Lombardo)."

—Jesica Sweedler DeHart, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA
NovelList read-alike: *The Precious One* by Marisa de los Santos



Beach Read
by Emily Henry
(Berkley)

"Hooray for smart, emotional, well-written romance! Two old enemies meet by chance and decide to solve their writer's block by swapping genres: Literary writer Augustus will trade his cynicism for a happily ever after, while January will try a 'serious' novel where everyone ends up realistically miserable. What could go wrong? For readers who like Susan Mallery and Jennifer Crusie."

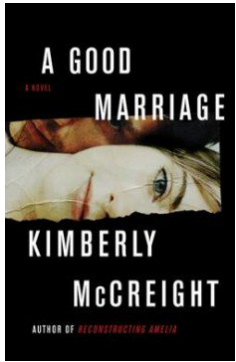
—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Love Lettering* by Kate Clayborn



Big Summer
by Jennifer Weiner
(Atria Books)

"Daphne is a plus-size Instagram influencer who is lovable, funny, and honest. She is surprised when her former best friend--rich, beautiful, mean girl Drue--asks her to be in her summer wedding on Cape Cod. Readers of modern romance, women's fiction, mystery, and beachy chic-lit will all find something here to ponder. Perfect for fans of Marian Keyes and Emily Giffin."

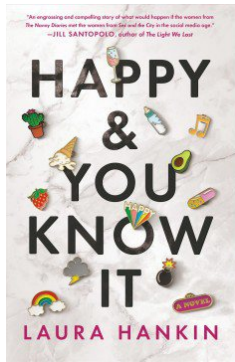
—Kathleen Redfeam, Attleboro Public Library, Attleboro, MA
NovelList read-alike: *Save the Date* by Mary Kay Andrews



A Good Marriage
A Novel
by Kimberly McCreight
(Harper)

"In Park Slope, everyone has a 'good marriage.' Yet after an annual party that often involves partner swapping, one wife ends up dead. Her husband might not be the best spouse, but he claims he didn't kill his wife. If being a bad husband doesn't make you a murderer, then who in this idyllic community is responsible? Liane Moriarty fans will love this one."

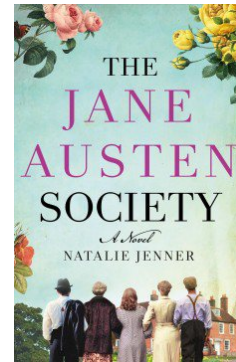
—Selena Swink, Lake Public Library, Lake, MS
NovelList read-alike: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena



Happy & You Know It
by Laura Hankin
(Berkley)

"Claire is a musician whose former band became famous without her. She takes a gig singing nursery rhymes for a playgroup, and her life takes a couple of sharp lefts from there! For fans of Elin Hilderbrand and Elizabeth Berg."

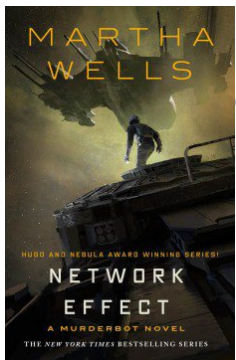
—Danielle Hansard, Westland Public Library, Westland, MI
NovelList read-alike: *The Perfect Mother* by Aimee Molloy



The Jane Austen Society
A Novel
by Natalie Jenner
(St. Martin's Press)

"Set in the small village of Chawton where Jane Austen lived at the end of her life, just after WWII. Add in a small farmer, the local doctor, a heart-broken widow, a movie actress and other assorted characters all of who love Jane Austen. For readers who enjoyed *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler."

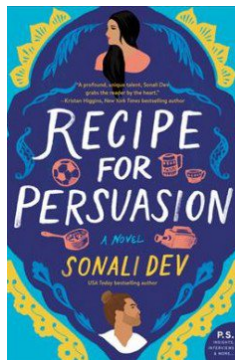
—Claudia Silk, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT
NovelList read-alike: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer



Network Effect
A Murderbot Novel
by Martha Wells
(Tor.com)

"For the unfamiliar, The Murderbot Diaries is an action-packed, smart science fiction series about a self-hacking robot searching for the meaning of life. This is the first full-length standalone in the series. Given time to develop characters, the peril was even more suspenseful. More than any of the other titles, this one has me hoping for a sequel. For fans of *Ancillary Justice* by Anne Leckie."

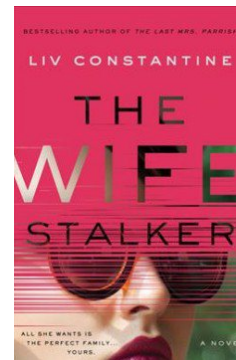
—April Lammers, Huntington Beach Public Library, Huntington Beach, CA
NovelList read-alike: The Cassandra Kresnov novels by Joel Shepherd



Recipe for Persuasion
A Novel
by Sonali Dev
(William Morrow Paperbacks)

"Ashna is trying to keep her father's restaurant, Curried Dreams, from failing. An opportunity is presented to her to be a chef on a reality show, paired with a celebrity. Little does she know that the celebrity, Rico, a soccer star, maneuvered on the show to be paired with her. For fans of Jasmine Guillory."

—Ellen Firer, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY
NovelList read-alike: *Savor You* by Kristen Proby



The Wife Stalker
A Novel
by Liv Constantine
(Harper)

"Piper Reynard has moved to Connecticut to start over. She meets Leo, a handsome and successful lawyer who is married to Joanna, who has been waiting for Leo to start focusing on her and the kids again for quite some time. Joanna is determined to find the truth out about Piper, but no one wants to believe what she uncovers. For fans of B.A. Paris and A.J. Finn."

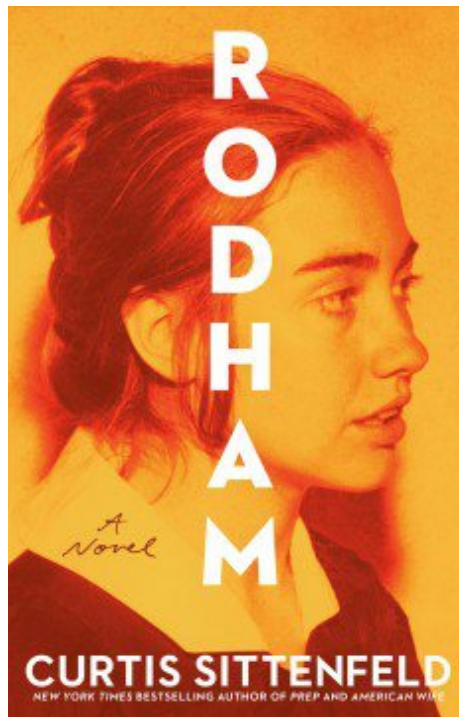
—Laura Sanders, LaFourche Parish Library, Thibodaux, LA
NovelList read-alike: *The Temp* by Michelle Francis

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Rodham

A Novel

by Curtis Sittenfeld
(Random House)

“What if Hillary Rodham heeded the red flags that came with dating Bill Clinton in the 1970s? Sittenfeld really captures the voice of a strong, brilliant, independent female narrator in this warm, whip-smart take on what could have been.”

—Lindsay Jensen, Nashville Public Library, Nashville, TN

Read-alike: *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller
Read-alike: *The Hopefuls* by Jennifer Close
Read-alike: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

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