

Throwback Adult

# BOOK FAIR

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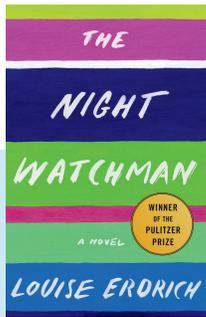
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# Voyage through Time

Celebrate LCPL's 2023 Summer Reading Program theme, "Voyage through Time," with these historical and time travel-related titles.



## **The Night Watchman**

Louise Erdrich

In 1953, a night watchman and prominent Chippewa Council member tries to fight a new bill that is soon to be put before Congress.

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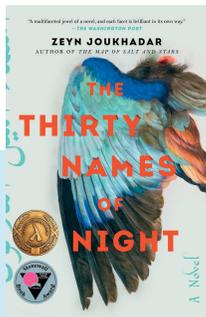


## **The Future of Another Timeline**

Annalee Newitz

Time travelers battle for the future in this feminist sci-fi thriller.

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## **The Thirty Names of Night**

Zeyn Joukhadar

Syrian-American Nadir is trying to find a way to tell his family he's transgender when he finds a diary belonging to a Syrian artist named Laila.

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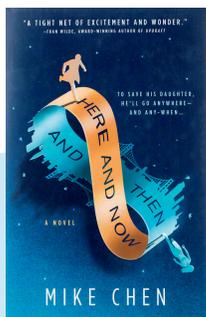


## **The Art of Drag**

Jake Hall

This colorfully illustrated nonfiction book delves deep into the ancient beginnings of drag, to present day and beyond.

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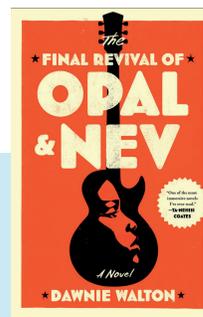


## **Here and Now and Then**

Mike Chen

Time-traveling Agent Kin Stewart must choose between his current family in the 1990s and the one he left behind in the year 2142.

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## **The Final Revival of Opal & Nev**

Dawnie Walton

The story of the rise of an iconic interracial rock duo in the 1970s, their breakup, and the dark secrets unearthed when they try to reunite decades later for one last tour.

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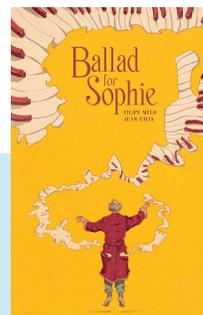


## **Before the Coffee Gets Cold**

Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Four customers reevaluate important life choices at an old coffee shop in Tokyo that's rumored to allow patrons a chance to travel back in time.

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## **Ballad for Sophie**

Filipe Melo

A young journalist prompts a reclusive musical superstar to finally break his silence in this graphic novel.

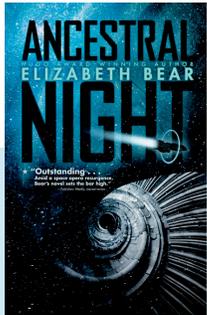
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# Animorphs Read-Alikes

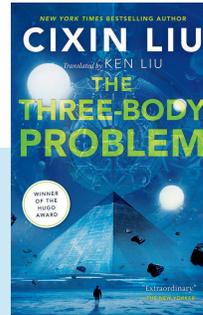
Do you like stories with alien threats and heroes to cheer on? These sci-fi adult books are for you.



**Ancestral Night**  
Elizabeth Bear

Salvage operator Haimey and her crew go on a perilous journey to uncover secrets of a lost alien civilization and Haimey's past.

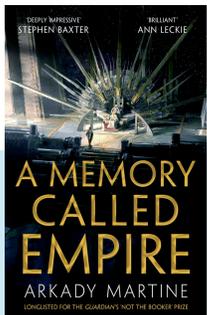
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**The Three-Body Problem**  
Cixin Liu

China's military makes contact with aliens who then decide to forcibly invade Earth. Should humans allow the aliens to destroy an already corrupt society or fight back?

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**A Memory Called Empire**  
Arkady Martine

Mahit struggles with the politics and, at times, murder involved in her new position in the Imperial Court as ambassador to the Teixcalaanli Empire.

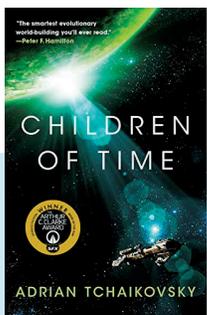
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**The Seep**  
Chana Porter

A grieving woman attempts to save a boy from an alien entity that has created a kind of utopia on Earth.

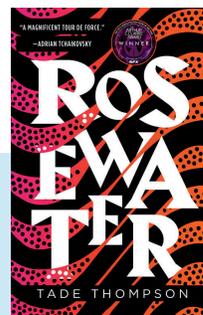
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**Children of Time**  
Adrian Tchaikovsky

Humans escape to a new world that was previously prepared for human life by their ancestors, but another dangerous civilization has populated the planet first.

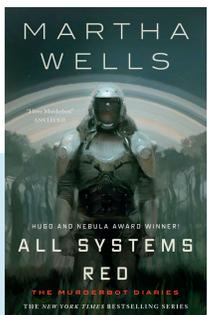
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**Rosewater**  
Tade Thompson

When telepathic people called "sensitives" start to turn up dead, Kaaro, a sensitive himself, begins his investigation at an alien biodome and the city that surrounds it.

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**All Systems Red**  
Martha Wells

Murderbot is a semiorganic robot with its own personality and will that must also work as a bodyguard, and something completely outside its data parameters is trying to kill its humans.

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**Saga Vol. 1**  
Brian K. Vaughan

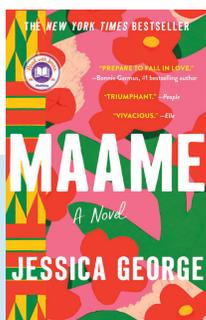
In this sci-fi adventure, two soldiers on opposing sides of a war fall in love and risk everything to protect their child.

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# The Babysitters Club Read-Alikes

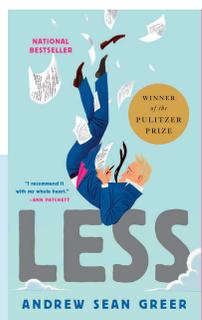
If you like reading about the wholesome, everyday problems of a group of friends, you'll love these contemporary fiction adult books.



**Maame**  
Jessica George

A 20-year-old British woman from a Ghanaian family tries to find her own way in life after she is no longer her father's primary caregiver.

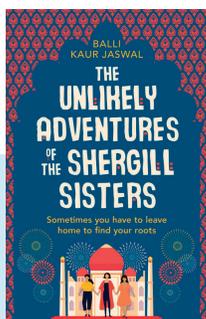
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**Less**  
Andrew Sean Greer

Author Arthur Less avoids his ex-boyfriend's wedding by traveling to literary events around the world, no matter how dubious.

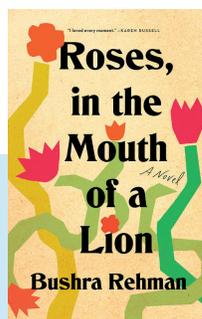
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**The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters**  
Balli Kaur Jaswal

Three distant sisters agree to their mother's dying wish: travel to India to embark on a Sikh pilgrimage and scatter their mother's ashes.

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**Roses, in the Mouth of a Lion**  
Bushra Rehman

In 1980s Queens, dutiful Muslim daughter Razia is accepted to a school in Manhattan and starts to rebel against her Pakistani-American family's traditions.

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**The Guncle**  
Steven Rowley

Former Hollywood star Patrick is living a small, quiet life in Palm Springs until a family obligation leads him to care for his niece and nephew for the summer.

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**Wash Day Diaries**  
Jamila Rowser and Robyn Smith

This graphic novel tells the story of four Black best friends living in the Bronx.

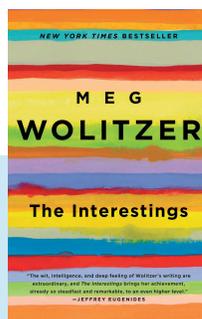
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**Adult Assembly Required**  
Abbi Waxman

Laura's move to LA was supposed to be liberating, but when everything goes wrong, she has to rely on the help of new friends and an ex-boyfriend.

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**The Interestings**  
Meg Wolitzer

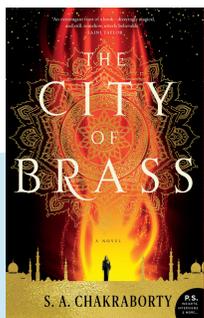
Follow a group of friends as teens at an artsy summer camp in 1974 into adulthood as their lives alternately intersect, diverge, and reconnect.

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# The Inheritance Cycle Read-Alikes

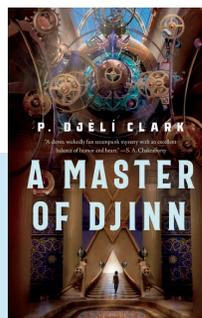
If you like fantastical adventures that follow a hero who has a lot to learn, you'll definitely like these fantasy adult titles.



**The City of Brass**  
S. A. Chakraborty

Living in 18th-century Cairo, Nahri is a magical con woman who decides to follow a djinn warrior into a legendary brass city and a world of court politics that turn deadly.

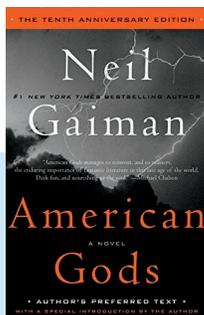
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**A Master of Djinn**  
P. Djèli Clark

In a steampunk Cairo, Agent Fatma investigates murders connected to someone claiming to be al-Jahiz, the man that merged the magical world and the mundane 40 years before.

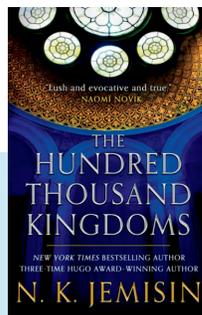
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**American Gods**  
Neil Gaiman

A man freshly released from prison joins a battle between the old gods and new.

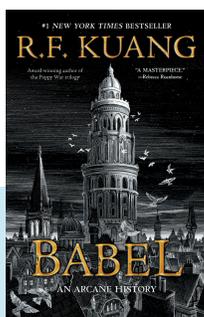
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**The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms**  
N. K. Jemisin

Yeine's grandfather names her heir to the throne of the Sky, but in doing so, pits her against two of her cousins who are also in line for the throne.

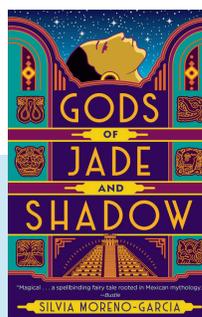
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**Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence:  
An Arcane History of the Oxford  
Translators' Revolution**  
R. F. Kuang

In an alternate magical history of the Opium Wars, Chinese-born Robin must decide if he can change the corrupt institution of British magic.

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**Gods of Jade and Shadow**  
Peng Shepherd

When Cassiopeia Tun accidentally frees the Mayan god of death from a box in her grandfather's study, she is drawn into a journey across Mexico and into the underworld.

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**Black Sun**  
Rebecca Roanhorse

A god returns to the holy city of Tova during the Winter Solstice in a time of political intrigue and unrest.

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**Priory of the Orange Tree**  
Samantha Shannon

A sweeping political fantasy in which three women attempt to keep their people safe from the threat of a monster.

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# Goosebumps Read-Alikes

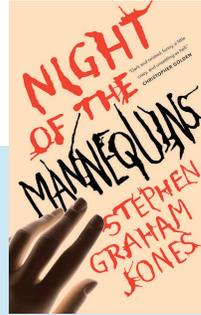
If you like getting that spine-tingling sensation from a deliciously scary story, check out these adult horror books.



**My Best Friend's Exorcism**  
Grady Hendrix

In 1988, two high school sophomores learn whether their friendship is strong enough to beat the devil.

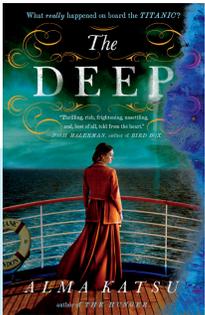
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**Night of the Mannequins**  
Stephen Graham Jones

All hell breaks loose when a teen prank goes horrifically wrong.

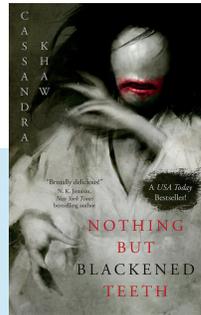
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**The Deep**  
Alma Katsu

Years later, survivors of the Titanic find themselves confronting yet more horror on its sister ship the Britannic.

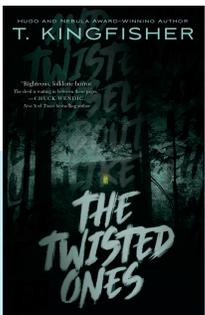
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**Nothing But Blackened Teeth**  
Cassandra Khaw

A Japanese mansion is haunted by the hungry ghost of a bride who isn't willing to let go.

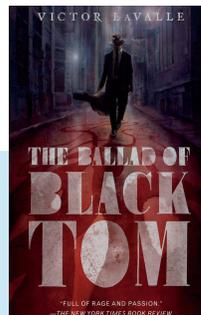
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**The Twisted Ones**  
T. Kingfisher

When Mouse agrees to clean out her late grandmother's house in the woods, she discovers that the things that go bump in the night are very real.

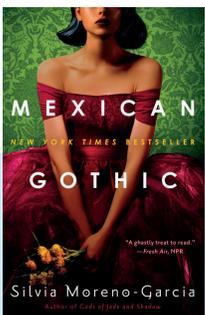
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**The Ballad of Black Tom**  
Victor LaValle

A hustler opens a portal to another dimension and wields destructive power beyond his imagining in this clever subversion of the works of HP Lovecraft.

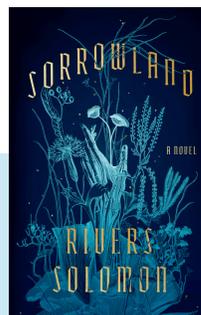
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**Mexican Gothic**  
Silvia Moreno-Garcia

When Noemi goes to rescue her newlywed cousin from a reclusive wealthy family in the highlands of Mexico, she is dragged into dark and terrifying family secrets.

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**Sorrowland**  
Rivers Solomon

After escaping her abusive religious community, Vern transcends humanity in order to protect herself and her children.

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# The Saddle Club Read-Alikes

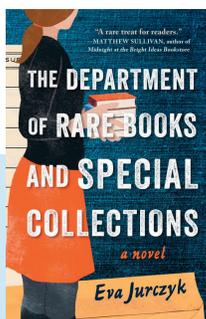
Do you like reading about independent women  
who love adventure and a good mystery?  
Then grab one of these adult titles!



**Two Parts Sugar, One Part Murder**  
Valerie Burns

After being left at the altar, Maddy starts over in a small town in Michigan only to be drawn into solving the murder of the town's mayor.

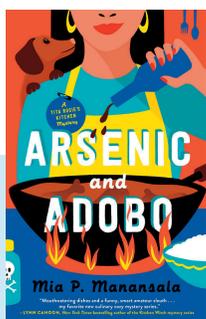
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**The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections**  
Eva Jurczyk

Rare books librarian Liesl must investigate the disappearances of both a manuscript and a fellow librarian.

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**Arsenic and Adobo**  
Mia Manansala

Lila finds herself a murder suspect when her ex-boyfriend suddenly drops dead.

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**Dial A for Aunties**  
Jesse Q. Sutanto

When Meddelin Chan accidentally kills her blind date, her four meddling aunties come to the rescue to dispose of the body.

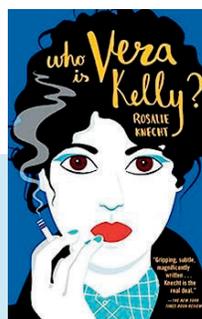
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**Finlay Donovan is Killing It**  
Elle Cosimano

Suspense novelist Finlay Donovan's life turns upside down when she's mistaken for a contract killer.

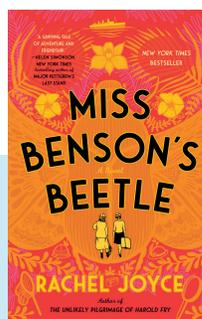
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**Who is Vera Kelly?**  
Rosalie Knecht

In 1962, Vera Kelly gets recruited by the CIA and finds herself infiltrating a group of student radicals in Argentina.

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**Miss Benson's Beetle**  
Rachel Joyce

Spinster schoolteacher Miss Benson leaves her dissatisfying life behind to search for her childhood obsession—the golden beetle of New Caledonia.

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**Siri, Who Am I?**  
Sam Tschida

Mia wakes from a coma with amnesia, and must use clues from her Instagram to piece together her life and discover how she ended up in a coma in the first place.

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# A Series of Unfortunate Events Read-Alikes

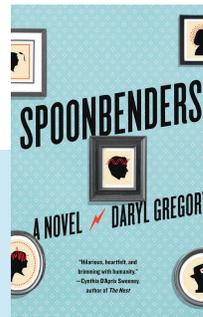
If you prize grandiose journeys and intelligent humor, you'll love these books.



**Mostly Dead Things**  
Kristen N. Arnett

After her father's suicide, Jessa has to deal with her family's increasingly weird behavior, and has to figure out who these people are and how they fit together now.

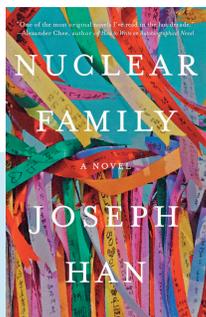
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**Spoonbenders**  
Daryl Gregory

The psychic Telemachus family must use their gifts to save themselves from the Mafia, the CIA, and a skeptic.

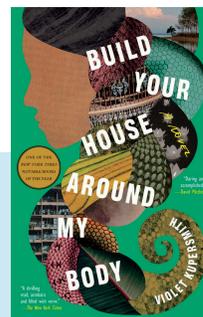
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**Nuclear Family**  
Joseph Han

When Jacob Cho, possessed by his grandfather's ghost, is detained when trying to cross into North Korea, his family must confront the separations between them.

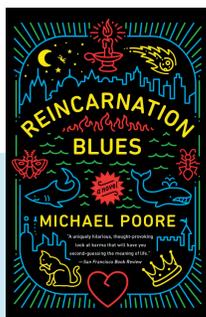
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**Build Your House Around My Body**  
Violet Kupersmith

The fates of three women in Vietnam intertwine in a story spanning 50 years, stretching from French rule to the modern day.

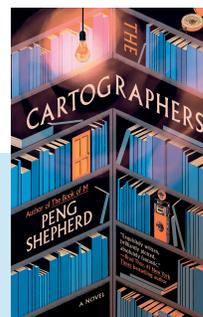
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**Reincarnation Blues**  
Michael Poore

Milo has been reincarnated 9,995 times, but all he wants is to spend the Afterlife with Suzie, also known as Death.

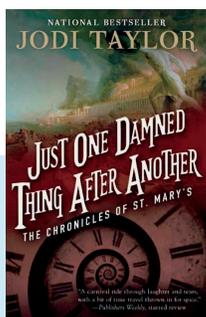
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**The Cartographers**  
Peng Shepherd

When Nell's estranged father dies and leaves behind a seemingly worthless map, Nell must uncover the dark family secret behind his murder.

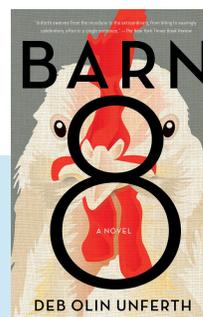
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**Just One Damned Thing After Another**  
Jodi Taylor

The historians of St. Mary's Institute of Historical Research don't just do research—they also thwart time-travelling terrorists.

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**Barn 8**  
Deb Olin Unferth

A series of catastrophes ensue when two auditors of the US egg industry plot to steal millions of chickens in the dead of night.

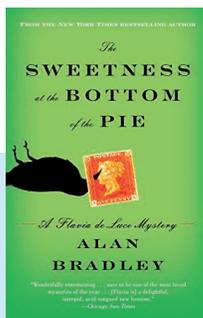
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# Scooby Doo Read-Alikes

Do you enjoy unraveling a weird mystery? Check out these supernatural detective stories.



**The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie**  
Alan C. Bradley

Young Flavia de Luce is appalled and delighted when murder comes to Buckshaw in the summer of 1950.

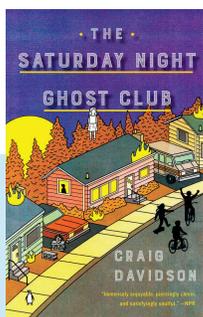
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**Meddling Kids**  
Edgar Cantero

The surviving members (and one ghost) of the Blyton Summer Detective Club reunite 20 years later to discover what really happened during their final mystery.

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**The Saturday Night Ghost Club**  
Craig Davidson

When Jake's uncle Calvin initiates him and his new friends into the Saturday Night Ghost Club, they uncover more than any of the members could ever have imagined.

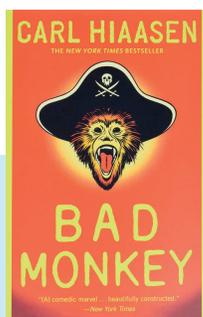
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**The Awkward Squad**  
Sophie Hénaff

A team of misfits and troublemakers uncover a trail of corruption leading to the top of the Paris police.

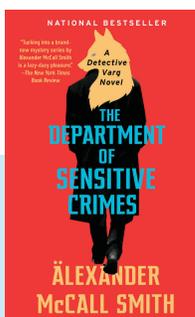
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**Bad Monkey**  
Carl Hiaasen

Andrew Yancy has an arm in his freezer, and that may be the least of his problems.

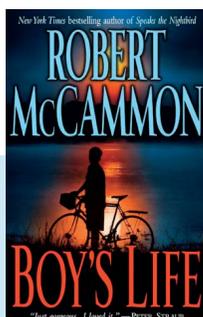
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**The Department of Sensitive Crimes**  
Alexander McCall-Smith

Ulf Varg of Malmö Police's Department of Sensitive Crimes considers solving crimes even more important than his dog's mental health.

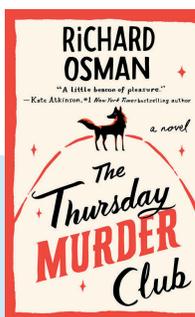
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**Boy's Life**  
Robert McCammon

In 1964 in Alabama, 11-year-old Cory must help his father solve a murder that happens in front of their eyes.

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**The Thursday Murder Club**  
Richard Osman

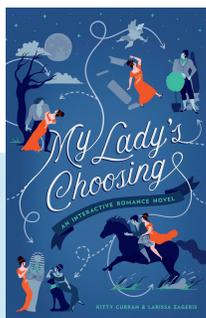
Four friends who discuss mysteries together in their retirement village get involved in their first live case when a local developer turns up dead.

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# Choose Your Own Adventure Read-Alikes

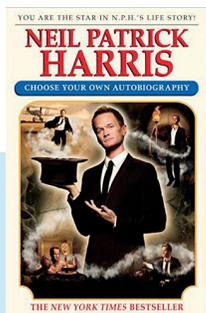


## ***My Lady's Choosing: An Interactive Romance Novel***

Kitty Curran and Larissa Zageris

You are the heroine of a Regency-era romance. Which suitor will you choose?

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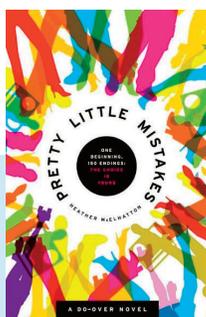


## ***Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Biography***

Neil Patrick Harris

You are Neil Patrick Harris, and you will choose the course of his life in this offbeat autobiography.

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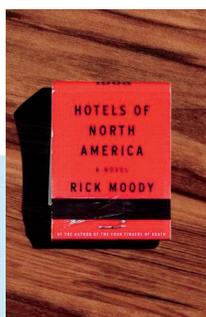


## ***Pretty Little Mistakes: A Do-Over Novel***

Heather McElhatton

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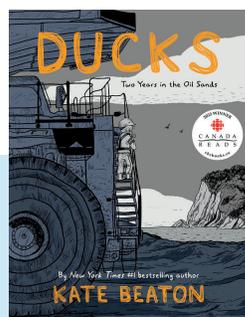


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Sabba Khan

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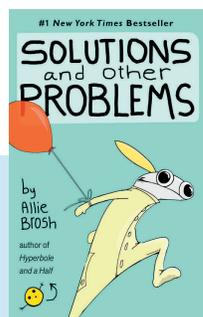


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