



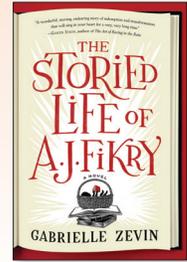
**TOP PICK!**

**THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIKRY:**

A Novel  
by *Gabrielle Zevin*  
(Algonquin Books)

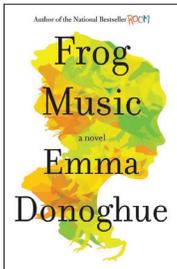
"A middle-aged bookseller mourning his lost wife, a feisty publisher's rep, and a charmingly precocious abandoned child come together on a small island off the New England coast in this utterly delightful novel of love and second chances."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY



The **top ten books** published this month that librarians across the country love.

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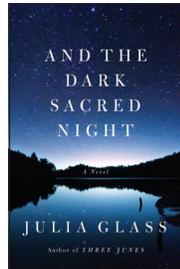
**FROG MUSIC**

A Novel  
by *Emma Donoghue*  
(Little, Brown and Company)

"Donoghue returns to historical fiction in this latest offering, based on the unsolved murder of Jenny Bonnet, a cross-dressing frog catcher with a mysterious past. Set in 1870s San Francisco, this brilliant book includes impeccable historical

details, from a smallpox epidemic to period songs."

—Diane Scholl, Batavia Public Library, IL



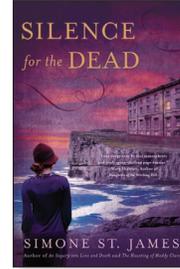
**AND THE DARK SACRED NIGHT**

A Novel  
by *Julia Glass*  
(Pantheon)

"Four stars to Julia Glass for this, her best work since Three Junes. We become reacquainted with old characters Malachy, Fenno, and Walter and learn more about their life stories. The

individuals are imperfectly human, and perfectly drawn. A wonderful, highly recommended novel."

—Kelly Currie, Delphi Public Library, Delphi, IN



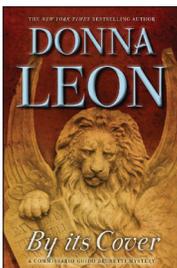
**SILENCE FOR THE DEAD**

A Novel  
by *Simone St. James*  
(NAL Trade/Penguin)

"A young nurse working in an isolated hospital for WWII veterans finds herself in over her head. Are the patients in the mysterious estate haunted by their wartime experiences,

or something more malevolent? St. James is an up-and-coming author with a flair for combining horror and romance. A great choice for readers of either genre."

—Jenna Persick, Chester County Library, Exton, PA



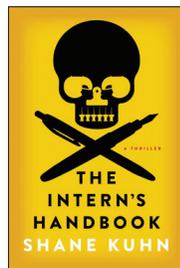
**BY ITS COVER**

A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery  
by *Donna Leon*  
(Atlantic Monthly Press)

"In the 23rd book in this delightful series, Commissario Guido Brunetti is brought in to investigate the theft of pages and maps from rare books. Brunetti is a great character with warmth, style and

elegance. Leon's book enlightens us about Venetian customs and delivers a solid mystery."

—Joanne Genovese, Smithtown Special Library District, Smithtown, NY



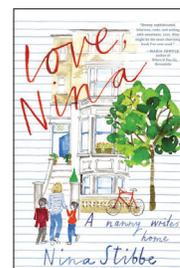
**THE INTERN'S HANDBOOK**

A Thriller  
by *Shane Kuhn*  
(Simon & Schuster)

"How did Shane Kuhn pull this off? He's written an action-packed, twisting thriller about professional assassins, and—guess what?—it's funny and romantic, too! In a totally quirky way, of course. You

have to read it to believe it."

—Nancy Russell, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH



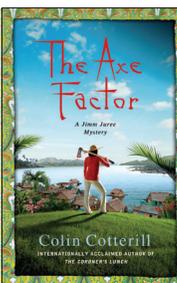
**LOVE, NINA**

A Nanny Writes Home  
by *Nina Stibbe*  
(Little, Brown and Company)

"With a unique voice, Stibbe brings 1980s literary Camden back to life in this delightful epistolary memoir. The letters that Stibbe writes to her sister are a hoot, featuring unexpected cooking advice from the great Alan Bennett,

and droll commentary on just about everything from Mary-Kay Wilmers."

—Jennifer Estep, Queens Library, Jamaica, NY



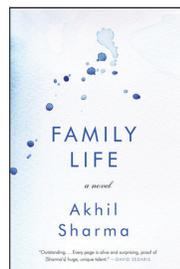
**THE AXE FACTOR**

A Jimm Juree Mystery  
by *Colin Cotterill*  
(Minotaur Books)

"I love this sharply-written and quirky cozy mystery. Jimm Juree is a wonderful character, slyly funny and insightful, with an oddball cast of family and friends to back her up. Set in coastal Thailand, this is a laugh-out-

loud funny mystery with plenty of great twists and turns that will keep readers guessing."

—Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library, Destrehan, LA



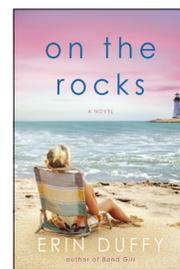
**FAMILY LIFE:**

A Novel  
by *Akhil Sharma*  
(W. W. Norton & Company)

"The Mishras move from India to New York City in the 1980s in order to give their two sons better educational opportunities. When tragedy strikes, the family tries to recover the optimism and hope that propelled them to America.

Beautiful, clear-eyed and compelling, this book packs a powerful punch."

—Anbolyn Potter, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ



**ON THE ROCKS**

A Novel  
by *Erin Duffy*  
(William Morrow)

"After her fiance dumps her on Facebook, Abby retreats to her apartment until her best friend invites her to spend the summer in Newport. This book is for every woman who's been determined to put things back together after finding herself on the wrong side of social media,

in the aftermath of a bad breakup, or elbow deep in Ben & Jerry's when things fall apart."

—Sara Grochowski, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, Alpena, MI