

What will **you** discover in NoveList?

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NoveList[®]
Empowering Librarians... Engaging Readers



How does your library RA?

Helping staff stay current

Readers advisory: face to face

Readers advisory: form based

Helping readers who are browsing

Promoting related library programs

Book newsletters

E-newsletters (custom)

Book displays

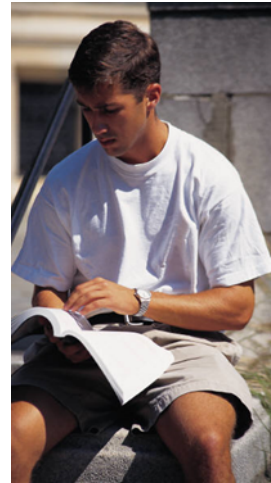
Book lists

RA reading maps, shelf talkers, etc.

NoveList = a readers' advisory service

Answers the question,

“What’s a good book based on my reading interests?”



RA can take many forms

Genre Browse—your secret weapon

Appeal mixer

Readers' Advisory Toolbox/Working with Youth

Keeping Up pages – *what's your most feared genre?*

Genre Outlines—includes NF

Recommended Reads—helps with crossovers

An easy-to-use interface

The screenshot shows the NoveList Plus website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Browse By, Especially For, Quick Links, How Do I?, Sign In, Help, Exit, Feedback, and a Folder icon. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text "Describe a book. Ex. Japan 1930 women" and a "Search" button. To the left of the search bar is a "Keyword" dropdown menu. Below the search bar are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

On the left side of the page is a "Recommended Reads Lists" section with tabs for "Fiction" and "Nonfiction". Under the "Fiction" tab, there are sub-tabs for "Adult", "Teen", "Ages 9-12", and "Ages 0-8". Below these are links for various genres: Audiobooks: Fiction, Best of 2014: Fiction, Canadian Fiction, Fantasy, Fiction A to Z, Graphic Novels, Historical Fiction, Horror, Mysteries, Romance, Science Fiction, Thrillers and Suspense, and Westerns.

The main content area features a "Have a favorite genre?" section with a link to "Check out our latest Keeping Up... pages" and a note about recently added new Keeping Up pages. Below this is a "Browse Appeals" section with tabs for "Moving and Lyrical", "Heartwarming and Funny", "Challenging", and "Haunting and Spare". The "Moving and Lyrical" tab is selected, showing a row of book covers: "The Daughters of the River", "Alice Hoffman", "The Hundred Year Flood", "The Cods of Tango", "Harder Lee", "Where Pigeons Don't Fly", and "Miss Emily".

Below the "Browse Appeals" section is a "Browse Genres" section with a "Want to make your own combo?" link. It features three columns of book covers: "For Adults" (including "The Martian", "Delicious", "Dying Farm", "Bone Dust", "White"), "For Teens" (including "You Are the Sun", "Girl", "How to Survive", "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train"), and "For Ages 9-12" (including "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train", "The Girl on the Train").

At the bottom of the page is a "Featured Read-alikes" section with a row of book covers.

Three numbered callouts highlight key features: 1. Search bar, 2. Browse Appeals section, and 3. Browse Genres section.

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Appeals

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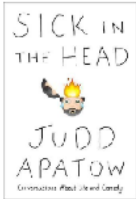
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New and Popular in... All Genres

Arts, Entertainment, and Sports







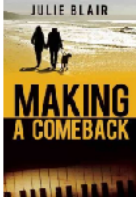
From Paris Hilton to the latest FIFA scandal...



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Romances







Love always finds a way!



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Mysteries

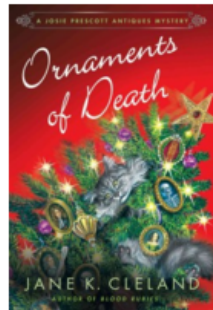
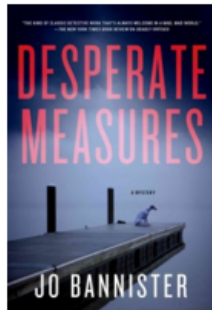
Everything from murders in the vicarage to serial killers



New and Popular in... Mysteries

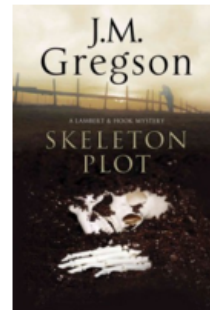
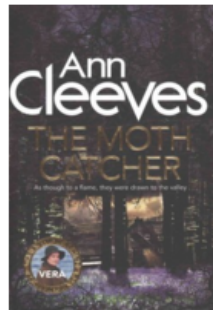
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Upcoming who-done-its for your reading pleasure.



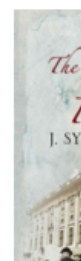
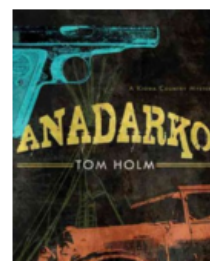
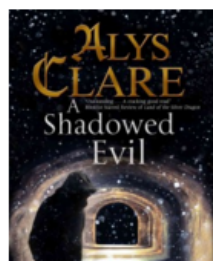
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Get read your Miranda rights.



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Crime with a historical bent.



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Keeping Up

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Appeals


“[Appeals] are the whole
experience of the book
without the specifics.”

~ Elizabeth Coleman



Browse by appeals

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Keyword

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Adult

Teen

Ages 9-12

Ages 0-8

Make your own appeal mix

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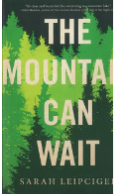

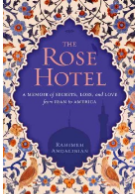

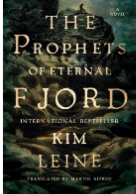
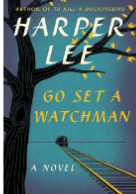
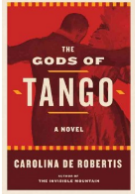
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Moving and Lyrical

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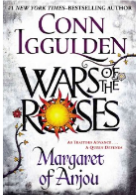
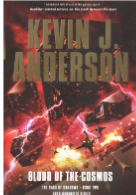

Feel your heart moved & your ears soothed...



Large cast of characters and Dramatic

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LOTS of people and LOTS of excitement!



Bleak and Disturbing

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Looking for something unsettling?



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Describe a book. Ex. Japan 1930 women

[Basic Search](#)[Advanced Search](#)[Search History](#)**Adult****Teen****Ages 9-12****Ages 0-8**

Make Your Own Appeal Mix

Character ▼

Large cast of characters (413)

Select a category: ▼

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Select a category: ▼

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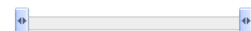
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Audience

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Fiction/Nonfiction

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 ☐ Nonfiction

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Update Results

Genre »

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Books**Results: 1-30 of 413**

Results for: CC "Large cast of characters" AND RL 1 AND ND Boo...

 Sort by:

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- In the unlikely event** (Jun 2015)

By: Blume, Judy

The obvious 'unlikely events' of Judy Blume's latest—the three plane crashes afflicting Elizabeth, NJ in one horrifying winter—set the framework for everyday unlikely events around love, family, friendship, relating all that can go so wrong, and so right, with all three. Readers will enjoy the period detail and relatable characters that feature in this hybrid domestic/disaster tale. -- Becky Bowen for LibraryReads.

Popularity: ★★★★★

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- Edge of eternity** (Sep 2014)

By: Follett, Ken

Continues the experiences of five intertwined international families as they confront the social, political, and economic turmoil of the second half of the twentieth century.

Series: Century trilogy, 3

Popularity: ★★★★★

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By: Catton, Eleanor, 1985-

A bold neo-Victorian murder mystery set in a remote gold-mining frontier town in 19th-century New Zealand. In 1866, a weary Englishman lands in a gold-mining frontier town on the coast of New Zealand to make his fortune and forever leave behind his family's shame. On arrival, he stumbles across a tense gathering of twelve local men who have met in secret to investigate what links three crimes that occurred on a single day, events in which each man finds himself implicated in some way.

Popularity: ★★★★★

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Genre »

Adult books for young adults
Historical fiction
Urban fantasy
Hardboiled fiction
Literary fiction
Graphic novels

More »

Character »

Large cast of characters
Flawed
Quirky
Well-developed
Snarky
Brooding

More »

Storyline »

Intricately plotted
Character-driven
World-building
Plot-driven
Sweeping
Nonlinear

More »

Pace »

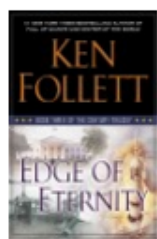
Tone »

Writing Style »

★★★★★
3135 reviews

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2.



Read reviews on
goodreads

★★★★★
3791 reviews

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Adults

Fiction

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5298 reviews

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Popularity: ★★★★★

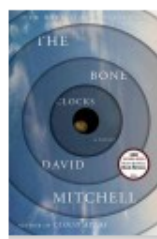
Adults

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Read reviews on
goodreads

★★★★★
5011 reviews

The bone clocks (Sep 2014)

By: Mitchell, David (David Stephen)

Beginning in 1984 and moving in linear fashion through the years before ending in the 2040s, the novel is a series of narratives to tell the story of a secret war between those who would steal souls and those who try to stop them. The protagonist belongs to neither of these groups but whose life is nevertheless bound up in them. An expansive and ambitious work of fiction, The Bone Clocks also features characters who have appeared in author David Mitchell's previous novels, adding a sense of realism to heady fantasy. -- Description by Shauna Griffin.

Popularity: ★★★★★

Adults

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Conversation-openers

“Tell me about a book you’ve read and enjoyed.”

“Tell me about a book that you couldn’t finish.”

“What are you in the mood for?”



The Nature of the Beast

Genre: Mystery

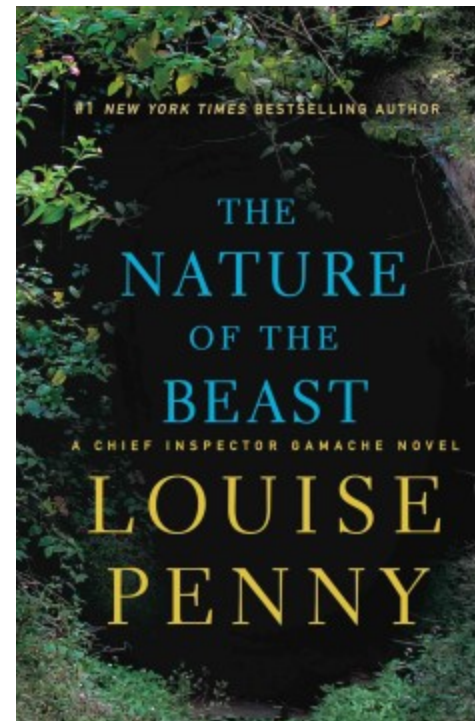
Character: Complex

Storyline: Character-driven

Tone: Atmospheric

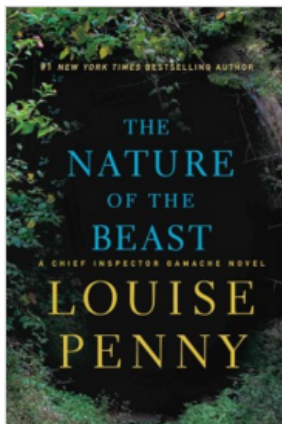
Pace: Leisurely paced

Writing Style: descriptive



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Popularity:★★★★☆



★★★★☆

918 reviews

The nature of the beast: a Chief Inspector Gamache novel (Aug 2015)

Author: Penny, Louise[Adults](#)[Fiction](#)**Series:** [Inspector Armand Gamache mysteries](#), 11**Description:**

Louise Penny set the bar high with her last two books, but she had no trouble clearing it with this one. All our old friends are back in Three Pines where a young boy with a compulsion to tell tall tales tells one true story with disastrous results. But which story is the truth and why is it so threatening? Exquisitely suspenseful, emotionally wrenching and thoroughly satisfying. -- Beth Mills for LibraryReads.

Book Appeal Terms: [Definition of Appeal Terms](#)**Genre:** Canadian fiction; Mystery stories; Police procedurals**Character:** Complex; Introspective**Storyline:** Character-driven; Intricately plotted**Pace:** Leisurely paced**Tone:** Atmospheric; Melancholy**Writing Style:** Descriptive; Lyrical**Persistent link to this record (Permalink):**<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=neh&tg=UI&an=10435631&site=novp-live>[Check the library catalog for this Title](#)[Reviews](#)[Audiobooks](#)[More About This Book](#)[Lists & Articles](#)

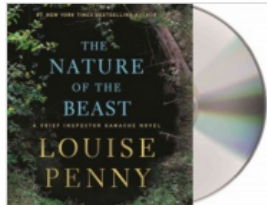
Booklist:

The winds of change are freshening in Three Pines. Armand Gamache, former chief inspector of the Sûreté du Québec, now retired to the idyllic village north of Montreal, is starting to feel twitchy, pondering the next stage in his life. But even as the future signals change, the past is calling forth a nightmare. When the shocking death of a nine-year-old boy with a penchant for telling tall tales sends Gamache to the woods, looking for clues, he discovers that the boy's last tale was tall but true: a giant missile launcher is found hidden in the woods, pointing toward the U.S. Is it the work of Gerald Bull, a real-life rogue physicist who actually built such a gun? Penny builds this fascinating and still little-known slice of Canadian history into a compelling mystery that leads to an exciting but tantalizingly open-ended finale. A few too many coincidences may be required here to link Three Pines to Gerald Bull's bizarre, shocking career, but the overarching metaphor—the presence of a very large serpent in paradise—will resonate powerfully for devotees of this compelling series. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: A 400,000-copy market distribution, combined with all manner of online promotion and Penny's astounding popularity, will ensure that the curious story of Gerald Bull and his very big gun will soon be common knowledge across the world. -- Ott, Bill (Reviewed 07-01-2015) (Booklist, vol 111, number 21, p39)

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Listen-alikes

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Popularity:★★★★☆



★★★★★
918 reviews

The nature of the beast: a Chief Inspector Gamache novel (Aug 2015)

Author: Penny, Louise

Narrator: Bathurst, Robert, 1958-

Adults

Fiction

Duration: 12 hrs. (Unabridged)

Series: [Inspector Armand Gamache mysteries, 11](#)

Description:

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Format: Spoken Word Compact Disc
Pre-Loaded Audio Player

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Genre: Canadian fiction; Mystery stories; Police procedurals

Audio Characteristics: Crisp; Resonant

Character: Complex; Introspective

Storyline: Character-driven; Intricately plotted

Pace: Leisurely paced

Tone: Atmospheric; Melancholy

Writing Style: D ▶ [Audiobook Sample](#)

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AudioFile:

As Louise Penny explains in the introduction to her newest Chief Inspector Gamache mystery, Robert Bathurst had much to live up to when he was selected to succeed longtime narrator Ralph Cosham, who passed away last year. She listened to hundreds of candidates before selecting the British actor, best known to American audiences from "Downton Abbey." Be assured that her choice was right. Bathurst's pleasant light baritone and sensitive pacing suit the thoughtful series--and this story about a boy who disappears after seeing something he shouldn't. No matter that his English accent peeps out occasionally beneath a nice range of French and generalized North American voices. All is well for Penny's myriad fans. A.C.S. © AudioFile 2015, Portland, Maine

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[The various haunts of men](#)

Hill, Susan, 1942-



[In the shadow of the glacier](#)

Delany, Vicki, 1951-



[Haunted ground](#)

Hart, Erin, 1958-



Appeals



“I want something more like *Gone Girl*”

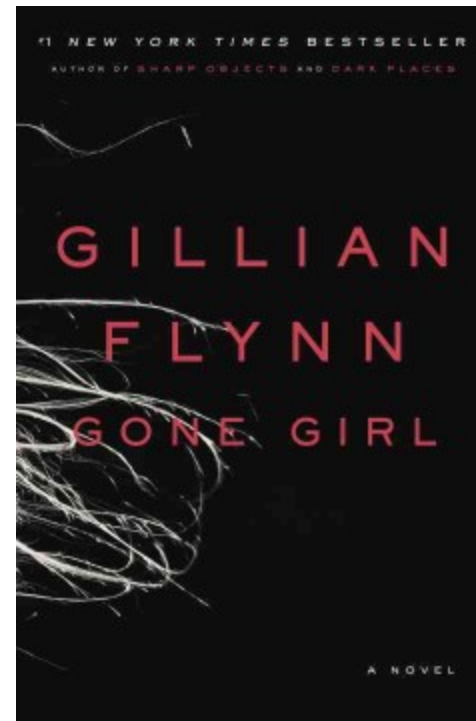
AP “unreliable narrator”

Narrow by genre

Intensifying

Open-ended

Intricately plotted



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