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

1. **The Bear**
   by Andrew Krivak
   (Bellevue Literary Press)
   "A young girl and her father live alone in a mountain forest that fronts a lake in a devastated world. She learns from him how to live off the land, hunting for food, and finding shelter. The Bear is the moving story of a journey they make together to the ocean, and the bear who helps her find her way back home. For fans of The Dog Stars (Heller) and The Road (McCarty)."

   —Sandy Jones Boyd, Mountain Regional Public Library, Young Harris, GA

2. **The Girl in White Gloves**
   A Novel by Grace Kelly
   by Kerri Maher
   (Berkeley)
   "An interesting, fictional take on the life of one of America’s favorite actresses, Grace Kelly. She struggles to break free from controlling parents and forge her own life. Although she marries her prince, the confinements of her marriage contract assure that she never truly succeeds at happily ever after. For readers who liked The Girls in the Picture (Benjamin) and A Touch of Stardust (Accott)."

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

3. **Meet Me in Monaco**
   by Hazel Gaynor
   (Avon)
   "Sadie, Will, and their two children move to Maine following Will’s sister’s suicide, to care for her teenage daughter Imogen. Soon after, a strange murder happens in the house across the street. The family's past is revealed along with the unraveling of the neighbor’s murder. For fans of You by Caroline Kepnes (both the book and the Netflix show)."

   —Christine Edgar, Farmington Libraries, Farmington, CT

4. **Golden in Death**
   by J. D. Robb
   (St. Martin’s Press)
   "Hard to believe that this is #50 in this series. Even harder to believe that the stories remain fresh and the characters compelling, but it does not disappoint. There’s a satisfying path to solving the very distressing murders, and particular pleasure in seeing the characters continue to change and grow. For fans of the In Death series, Linda Howard, and Lisa Gardner."

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5. **Meet Me at the Museum**
   A Novel by Anne Youngson
   (Crown)
   "An interesting, fictional take on the life of one of America’s leading women, Elizabeth Boxer. During the New Year countdown, 19-year-old Oona Lockhart faints and wakes up in her 51-year-old body. I can’t wait for my bookish friends to read this time-jumping debut novel so we can discuss it. For fans of Audrey Niffenegger, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Liane Moriarty."

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6. **The Authenticity Project**
   A Novel by Clare Pooley
   (Pamela Dorman Books)
   "Julian, Mona, and others present themselves publicly in one way, but their entries in an Authenticity Project notebook reveal them to be more insecure, eager to change, and ultimately more interesting. A heartwarming story about how not everyone tells the truth about who they are. For fans of The School of Essential Ingredients, The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, and A Man Called Ove."

   —Maggie Holmes, Richards Memorial Library, North Attleboro, MA

7. **The Splendid and the Vile**
   A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz
   by Erik Larson
   (Crown)
   "Once again Larson’s new book is nonfiction that is as hard to put down as the best fiction. The book recounts the early days of Churchill as prime minister when France fell to Germany and the British Empire stood alone against Hitler. For readers who like John M. Barry (Influenza) and David King (Moriarty)."

   —Celia Morse, Berkley Public Library, Berkley, MI

8. **The Worst Best Man**
   A Novel by Mia Sosa
   (Avon)
   "A classic enemies to lovers plot told from the perspective of both sides of the would-be couple, both likable and the chemistry between the two was well-written and believable. For fans of Red, White & Royal Blue and The Wedding Party."

   —Karma Campbell, Catoosa Public Library, Catoosa, OK

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The Sun Down Motel
by Simone St. James
(Berkley)

"Another chilling ghost story from St. James, who seems to surpass the level of shiver with each book. A young woman uncovers old secrets and stirs up vengeful ghosts when she travels to upstate New York in search of an aunt who disappeared 35 years earlier."

—Patricia Uttaro, Monroe County Library System, Rochester, NY

Read-alike: The Night Sister by Jennifer McMahon
Read-alike: The Vanishing by Wendy Webb
Read-alike: The Ghost Orchid by Carol Goodman
Read-alike: An Unwanted Guest by Shari Lapena

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