The Reading List

Reviewed by RUSA Reading List Council

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has announced its selections for the 2014 Reading List as well as the short lists and read-alikes. Established in 2007 by the CODES section of RUSA, The Reading List seeks to highlight outstanding genre fiction that merit special attention by general adult readers and the librarians who work with them.

The 2014 winners are:

**ADRENALINE**


This modern spy novel pits two covert operatives against each other in an intricate cat-and-mouse game. As Dominika and Nathaniel ply their trade craft, they navigate the moral ambiguities of a post-Cold War world where no one is as they seem and betrayal is business as usual.

Read-alikes:

- First, Alan. Night Soldiers.
- le Carré, John. Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy.

Fantasy Short List:


**HISTORICAL FICTION**


Love, morality and greed collide in this Reconstruction Era western. A whore without a heart of gold, Lucinda escapes from a Fort Worth brothel to begin a new life—and a new con. She and her lover are bound to cross paths with Texas Ranger Nate, who is chasing stone-cold killer McGill. Both Nate and Lucinda are unforgettable characters, driven by the need to survive.

Read-alikes:


**HORROR**


Deep in debt, documentary filmmaker Kyle Freeman reluctantly accepts the financial backing of an enigmatic self-help guru to make a movie about infamously evil The Temple of the Last Days. Unusual, atmospheric and deeply disturbing, Nevill delivers a visceral horror experience that will haunt readers long after they put the book down.

Read-alikes:

- Danielewski, Mark Z. House of Leaves.
- Paranormal Activity. (Paramount Pictures, 2009)
London, 1854: The Artist of Death ruthlessly recreates the sensational Ratcliffe murders inspired by the writings of the notorious opium addict Thomas De Quincey. In this fast-paced mystery, filled with colorful characters and authentic period detail, Scotland Yard detectives, along with De Quincey and his daughter must find the Artist of Death before he executes another macabre masterpiece.

Read alikes
- Gallagher, Stephen, The Bedlam Detective.
- Moore, Alan, From Hell.

Mystery Short List

ROMANCE
Desperate for grandchildren, the Duchess of Hafford strikes a bargain with her only son. Griff pick a woman—any woman. If she can transform her son’s choice into duchess material, he must marry the girl. Griff picks the least likely candidate in bluestocking barmaid Pauline, only to quickly realize he has no idea who he is dealing with. A humorous and clever historical romance with engaging characters you won’t soon forget.

Read alikes
- Boyle, Elizabeth, This Rake of Mine.
- Quinn, Julia, Eloisa James, and Connie Brockway. The Lady Most Willing.
- Balogh, Mary, Then Comes Seduction.

Romance Short List

SCIENCE FICTION
Cryogenics adds a darkly humorous twist on dating, love, and relationships in the twenty-second century. This multi-perspective story provides a thought-provoking and poignant social commentary on power dynamics, gender, class, and the ethical issues surrounding life after life-after-death.

Read alikes
- Bujold, Lois McMaster, Captain Vorpatril's Alliance.
- Quinn, Julia, Eloisa James, and Connie Brockway. The Heiress Effect.

Science Fiction Short List

WOMEN’S FICTION
Unemployed twenty-six-year-old Louisa takes the only job she can find: as a “care assistant” to thirty-five-year-old quadriplegic Will. When Louisa discovers the depth of Will’s unhappiness, she embarks on a mission to convince him that life is worth living and in the process begins to think about her own future. This bittersweet, quirky novel recounts an unlikely friendship while grappling with complex issues in a realistic and sensitive manner.

Read alikes
- Berg, Elizabeth, Talk Before Sleep: A Novel.

Women’s Fiction Short List

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