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NoveList Plus

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What is NoveList Plus?

Looking for your next great book? NoveList Plus has reading recommendations for fiction and nonfiction for all ages. NoveList's expertise in books and reading helps you find just the right title. Features include title, series, and author read-alikes, browsing by appeals, series information, book reviews, book lists, and book discussion guides.

How to access NoveList Plus?

1. Go to the library's website, lincolnwoodlibrary.org
2. Hover over **Resources**. Select **Resource Quick Links**.
3. Select **View Resource** to the right of **NoveList Plus**
4. If you're outside the library, clicking the same link will direct you to a log in page. Enter your full **Library Card** number 21242000XXXXXX with no spaces. Press **Sign In.**

Navigating NoveList Plus

The homepage offers you several options. If you're simply looking for some recommendations or ideas for your next read you can get started on the home page.

The home page has pre-made lists with themes and factors that relate to a season, mood, genre, and more.

On the left hand side you will find **Recommended Reads Lists.** Select the appropriate age range, and genre you're looking to see a list of recommendations. Select **>>** arrows for sub-genre options. Select a sub-genre to see results.

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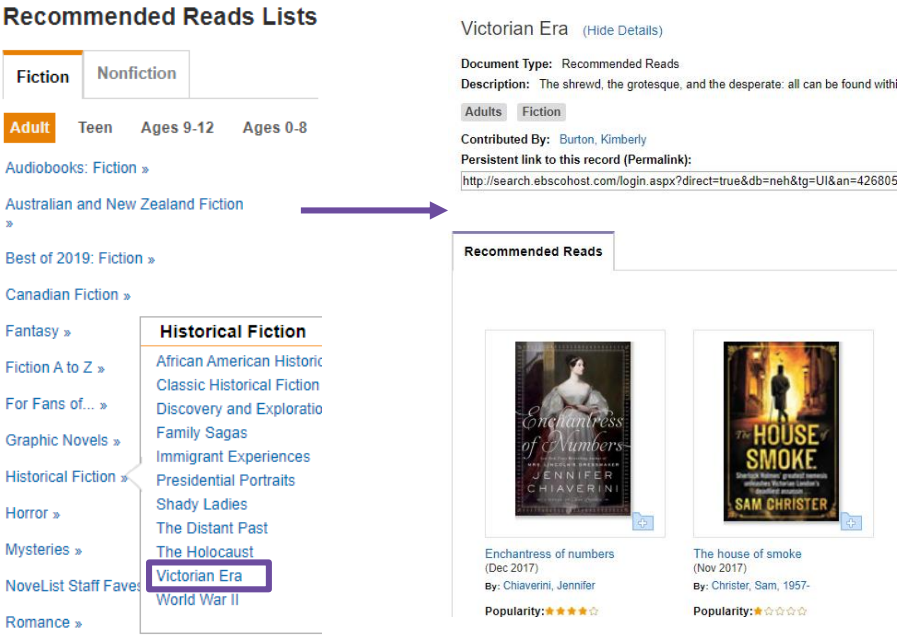
For example, if you're looking for historical fiction set in the Victorian era, NoveList will provide you with a list of titles that fit that specific genre.



Within the list(s) you may select any book cover for more information on the book, including **reviews**, **similar titles**, as well as the link to **check the library catalog** for the book.

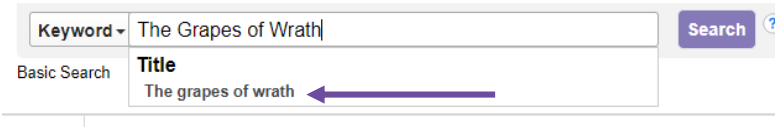
Additionally, from the home page you can browse titles by age and genre to learn more about a genre that interests you.

Searching

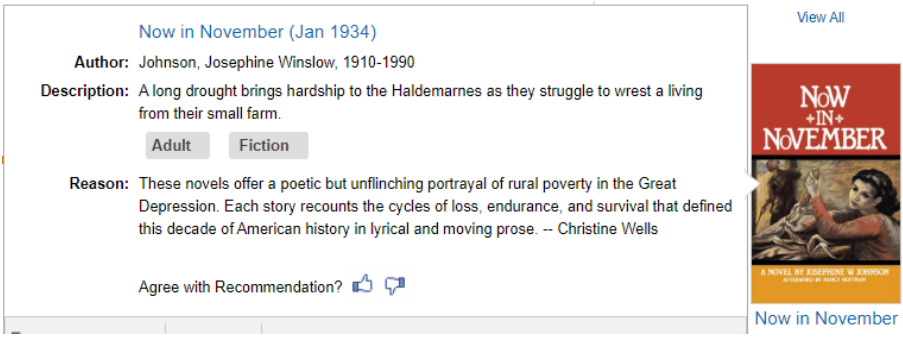
A powerful search box is at the top left of the NoveList Plus homepage. Its drop down menu shows that it can search by general **Keyword**, **Title**, **Author**, **Series**, or audiobook **Narrator**.

A great way to find new titles to read is to start from what you've already enjoyed and find related recommendations.

For example, you are looking to find titles similar to *The Grapes of Wrath*. Search for *The Grapes of Wrath* in the search box, and click on the title when it appears.



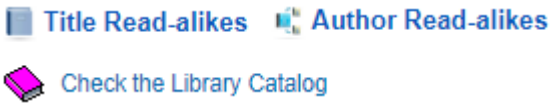
On the individual page for *Grapes of Wrath*, on the right hand side, you will see a list of **Read-alikes**. Hover the mouse over each title to get more information about the similar titles, as well as the reason it is compared to your original search.



If you're looking for a similar author to one you already enjoy, search for the name in the main search box and select the author's name. On the author's individual page you will see read-alike names on the right hand side.

On each author's individual page, you can see a full list of their works under the **Books** tab, available **audiobooks**, and more information about the author.

Each item under the **Books** tab allows you to look up read-alike titles for that item as well as the option to **Check the Library Catalog** to see if its available or reserve it.



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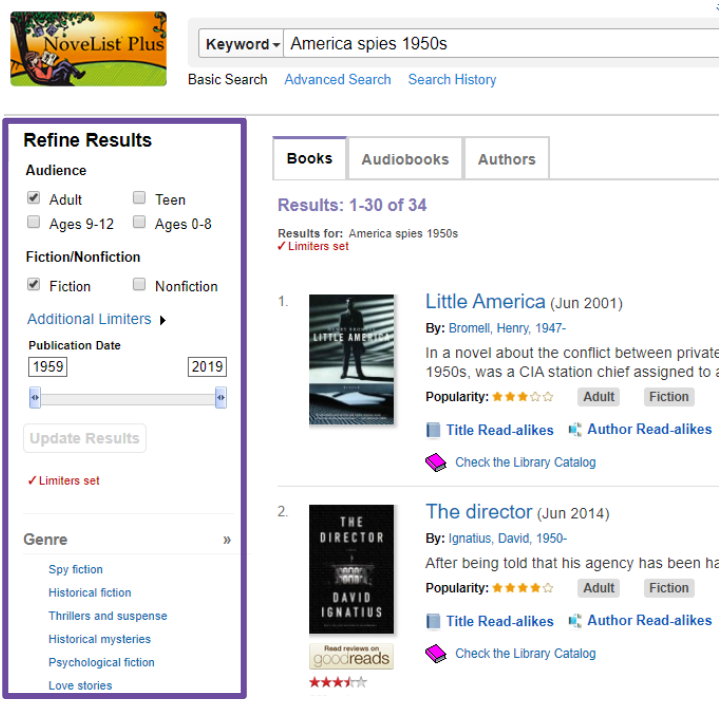
Search by description

Don't know where to start to find something enjoyable to read? You can search by a description of your ideal book. Keywords you enter match descriptions and other NoveList book info.

For example: if you're interested in a novel about American spies in the 1950s. Find relevant titles by typing "*America spies 1950s*" in the search box and select **Search** to see results.



On the left hand side, you can tune the options in **Refine Results** to find a better match. For example, are you looking for fiction or nonfiction? What's the genre? When was it published? You can even refine by story time period, which is very helpful for historical fiction.

For **Refine Results** options above **Genre** select **Update Results** when you're done. Beneath Genre, results update automatically once you select them.

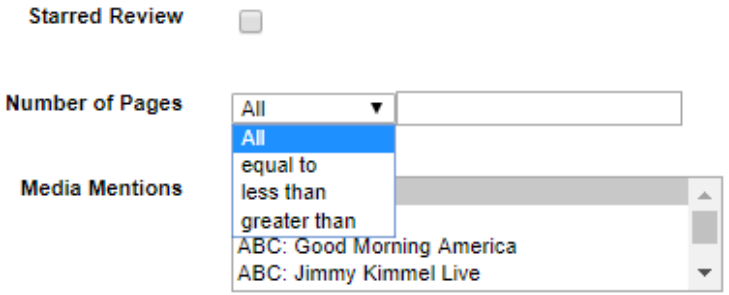
Advanced search and browse

Click Advanced Search from any page to enter a custom search.

- Enter up to three terms from **Title**, **Author**, **Series**, **Genre**, **Subject**, **ISBN** and more.

Scroll down to see advanced browsing.

- Use any of the many check boxes, drop down menus, and text boxes to craft a hyper-specific browse and click **Search** at the bottom.



Just browsing?

Hover over the **Browse By** tab at the top of the page, and select **Genre**, **Appeal**, **Themes**, **Award Winners**, or **Audiobooks**.

Browsing by genre allows you to choose from lists of genres like **Crime & Suspense, Fantasy, Historical Fiction**, and much more!

Browsing themes lets you dig deeper into the various genres. By selecting Romance you can choose themes like forbidden love or enemies to lovers. Science-fiction includes alien invasions. Fantasy includes themes like academies of magic.

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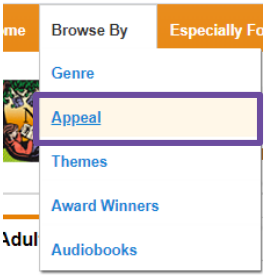
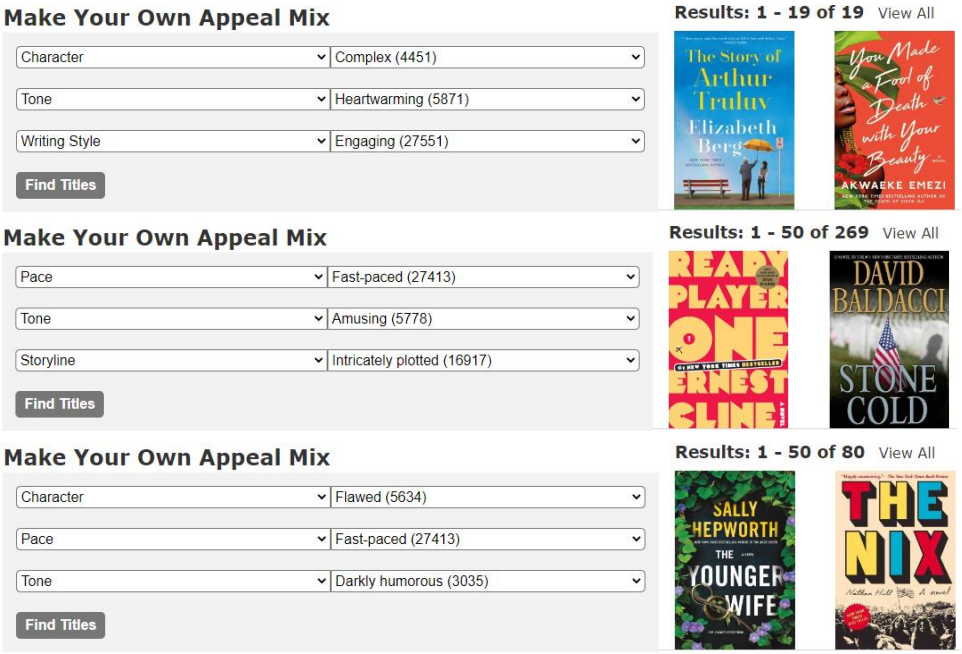
Search by appeal

Hover over the **Browse By** tab at the top of the page, and select **Appeal**. Choose factors that really make you love a book and see what results you get.



Themes are popular and recurring plot elements found in fiction. Themes describe the overall plot, while appeal terms describe the **storyline**, **tone**, **writing style**, and other aspects of a book's content.

You can use appeal to find books based on the type of **character** you like, the **pacing** or **tone**, or even the style of **illustration**.



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