

Worcester Talking Book Library
KLAS Reader's Advisory Panel Discussion
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Reader's Advisory Resources (in no particular order), and I ALWAYS preface with "everything is subjective, and no algorithm is perfect"

- Historical knowledge (my experience running book groups, my reading history, etc)
- Recommendations from patrons, colleagues, family, friends
- Worcester Public Library Reading Roundup eNews (Ex: books on Nat'l Parks)
- Other Libraries recommended reads lists (newsletters, eNewsletters, etc)
- Goodreads (web & email lists - can drill down to be specific; ie Romance > Clean)
- FB groups (Book Lovers, Book Nerds Book Reviews, Historical Fiction Book Lovers)
- KLAS Subject Code Listing—love this!
- CWMars OPAC (Evergreen) has lists right in the bib record:
 - More Like This
 - NoveList Plus
 - Similar Authors
 - Story Finder (mix & match elements you want)
- [Literature Map](#) (type in author and will return similar authors)
- WhichBook (<https://www.whichbook.net/>) - search by mood/emotion tool!
- BookPage (print & web <https://www.bookpage.com>)
- Book Series in Order (bookseriesinorder.com)
- KDL (Kent District Library) What's Next Books in Series (<https://ww2.kdl.org/>)
- Stop, You're Killing Me (stopyourekilllingme.com) mystery, crime, thriller, spy, susp
- No Flying No Tights - graphic novels (noflyingnotights.com)
- NY Times Book Review (web & email lists - Summer Reading Bucket List, etc)
- New Yorker, Atlantic Monthly, even People (yes, I'm not proud!)
- Amazon monthly book lists (This Week in Literary Fiction, etc)
- BookRiot (bookriot.com) lots here; I find it a bit too much myself but some love it
- When all else fails, or if the request is really arcane, Google Search AI usually returns some legit tidbits that I can run with!
- TBT, of course!

Reader's Advisory Distribution - "Recommended Reads" sections of monthly eNews and bimonthly print Newsletter.