



# Novelist

## Book Recommendations

read-alikes for books, authors or series

### SUMMARY

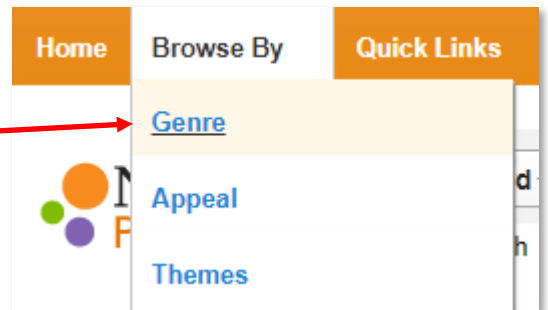
Novelist is a database of book recommendations that includes fiction titles, nonfiction titles, subject headings, and full-text searchable reviews. It allows you to find the books that perfectly match your reading preferences and moods. It identifies unique story elements that will make your next read relevant and exciting. It also includes additional information, such as series order and unique author descriptions.

### ACCESS

Go to the Salt Lake County Library’s website at [www.scolibrary.org](http://www.scolibrary.org). Under “We Recommend” -> “Book Services” select “Novelist.”

### BROWSE BY GENRE

At the top of the page, hover your mouse over “Browse By” and select “Genre.”



There are several genres highlighted by Novelist. You can browse using the book carousels or by selecting a genre from the drop-down menu. You

can also limit at the top by “Adult,” “Teen,” “Ages 9–12,” or “Ages 0–8.” Once you’ve selected a genre, there are more curated book carousels, or you can explore the “Lists” on the right.

Mysteries, romances, and science fiction are well-known genres. Want to narrow down the perfect book? Get super specific with genres like hardboiled fiction, paranormal romances, or space opera.

[thecountylibrary.org/learn/all-resources](http://thecountylibrary.org/learn/all-resources)

Complete list of the databases can be found at the webpage above



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### BOOK DETAIL PAGE

In the search box near the top of the page, type in a favorite book title or author and then select "Search." Select the book cover that matches your search. This will bring up the title's summary, reviews, story elements, series information, and more. You will find book read-alikes on the right side of the page. You can hover your mouse over each book cover for more information about it or, select "View All" for a complete list that you can print out.

The screenshot shows the NovelistPlus website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the keyword "The winter witch" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". The main content area displays the book "The winter witch" (Jan 2013) by Paula Brackston. It includes the book cover, author information, series information ("Shadow chronicles, 2"), a description, genre ("Historical fantasy"), and a "Read-alikes" section. The "Read-alikes" section lists five books with their titles, authors, and reasons for recommendation. A red arrow points to the "View All" link in the "Read-alikes" section. Below the book details, there are tabs for "Reviews", "Audiobooks", and "More About This Book". The "Reviews" tab is active, showing a "Popularity" rating of 4.5 stars and 1444 reviews. The "Publishers Weekly" section is also visible.

### BROWSE BY APPEAL

Hover over "Browse By" and select "Appeal."

Make your own appeal mix by selecting a category and a corresponding appeal term.

You can search for up to three. Then select "Find Titles." Results will load to the right of the search box.

The screenshot shows the "Browse By" dropdown menu on the NovelistPlus website. The "Appeal" option is selected. Below the dropdown is the "Make Your Own Appeal Mix" form. The form has three dropdown menus: "Storyline" (Parallel narratives), "Mood" (Action-packed), and "Characterization" (Complex). A "Find Titles" button is located at the bottom of the form.