



# NoveList Plus



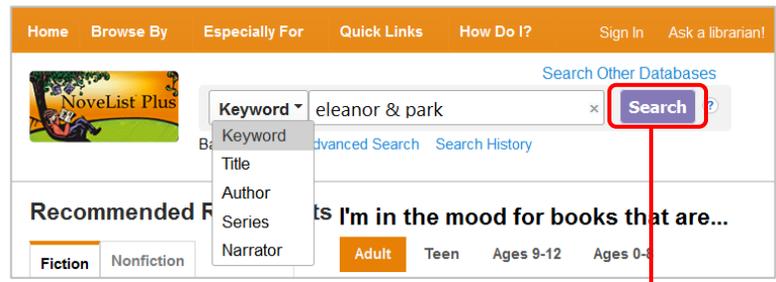
**Description:** NoveList Plus is an online readers' advisory service designed to help answer the question: "What should I read next?"

**Audience:** Readers who like to browse for something new to read; librarians who perform collection development and/or readers' advisory services; teachers looking for the perfect book to supplement a lesson or engage a reluctant reader.

**Coverage:** Fiction and narrative nonfiction books and audiobooks for all ages.

**Content:** Bibliographic information; series information; book reviews (from *Booklist*, *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *School Library Journal*); read-alike lists for authors, titles, and series; award lists; book discussion guides; grab and go book lists; genre overviews; and more!

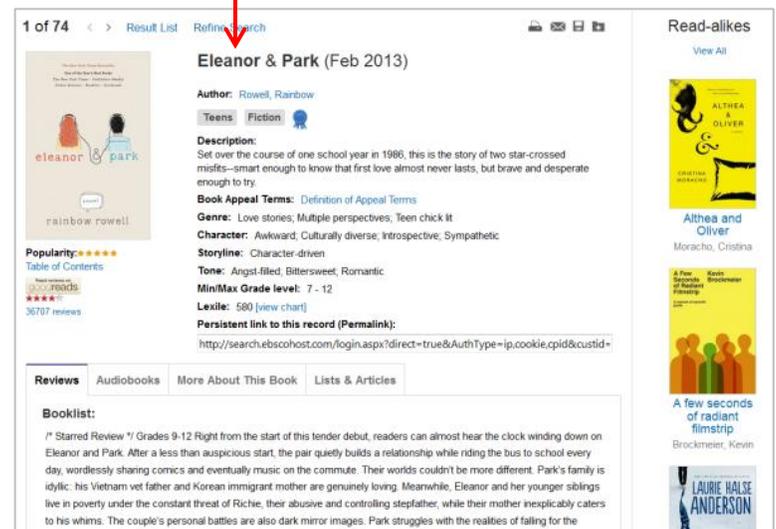
**Basic Search:** A Basic Search box appears near the top of the NoveList Plus home page. Use the drop-down menu to the left of the box to select the type of search you want to perform: Keyword, Title, Author, Series, or Narrator. Type your search term(s) in the box and click "Search."



**Result List:** Your result list may contain up to five different types of records, organized by tab. Click on the tabs to display the different record types (e.g. Books, Audiobooks, Series, Authors, Lists & Articles). When you find a record for an item that interests you, click on the linked title field to retrieve its Detail page.



**Detail Page:** Detail pages are available for books, authors, series, and audiobooks. The screenshot to the right shows a Detail page for the book *Eleanor & Park*, by Rainbow Rowell. (If you click on the linked author name, you will be taken to an Author Detail page for Rainbow Rowell.)



A Book Detail page provides a great deal of information about a particular book. This information can be used to determine if a book is a good match for a particular reader or, if it's a book the

reader already knows she likes, to identify similar titles for her to try. Here is a list of some of the information you may find on a Book Detail page, if it's available and applicable:

- Book jacket image
- Popularity ranking
- Link to first chapter, table of contents, and/or Gooreads
- Title
- Author
- Audience level (Adult, Teens, Ages 9-12, Ages 0-8)
- Fiction/Nonfiction indicator
- Award-winner indicator (blue ribbon graphic)
- Series title and number
- Genre and sub-genre classifications
- Appeal Terms (see below for more information)
- Min/Max Grade Level and/or Lexile (for non-adult audiences)
- Read-alikes (see below for more information)
- Tabs for Reviews, Audiobooks, More About This Book, and Lists & Articles
- Search for More tool

**Read-alikes:** NoveList Plus provides up to nine read-alike recommendations for each book, author, and series. Read-alikes appear in a column on the right side of book, author, and series detail pages. Hover over the book jacket image (or magnifying glass icon, if no book jacket image is available) for more detailed information about the recommendation, including a reason why the recommendation was made. This explanation should help the reader decide whether the recommended book, author, or series is a good match for them.

Some read-alike recommendations are hand-crafted by NoveList readers' advisory experts. These hand-crafted recommendations include the name of the professional who wrote the recommendation.

[A few seconds of radiant filmstrip \(Apr 2014\)](#)

Author: Brockmeier, Kevin

Description: Traces the author's experiences in the most difficult year of his life in 1980s Little Rock, Arkansas, describing how he endeavored to grow beyond his sensitive preadolescent nature to gain new friends, experience a first kiss and explore early literary ambitions.

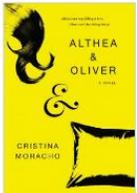
Adults Nonfiction

**Reason:** The smell of a new cassette tape; the sound of a dying Walkman -- although E&P is a YA novel and Filmstrip is a fictionalized memoir, both moving, emotionally intense books evoke growing up in the 1980s with precision. -- Autumn Winters

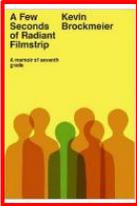
Agree with Recommendation?

Read-alikes

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Althea and Oliver  
Moracho, Cristina



A Few Seconds of Radiant Filmstrip  
Brockmeier, Kevin



The impossible knife of memory  
Anderson, Laurie Halse

Other read-alike recommendations are generated using a sophisticated algorithm that considers subjects, genres, and appeal terms. To send feedback on your satisfaction with a recommendation, whether human- or machine-generated, click the "Thumbs Up" or "Thumbs Down" icons.

**Author Read-Alike Articles:** For some of the more popular authors, NoveList offers short articles that include a brief explanation of why readers love the author, as well as suggestions for other authors that are similar. You can find these articles by clicking "Author Read-Alikes" under the Quick Links drop-down menu in the horizontal orange toolbar at the top of the screen.

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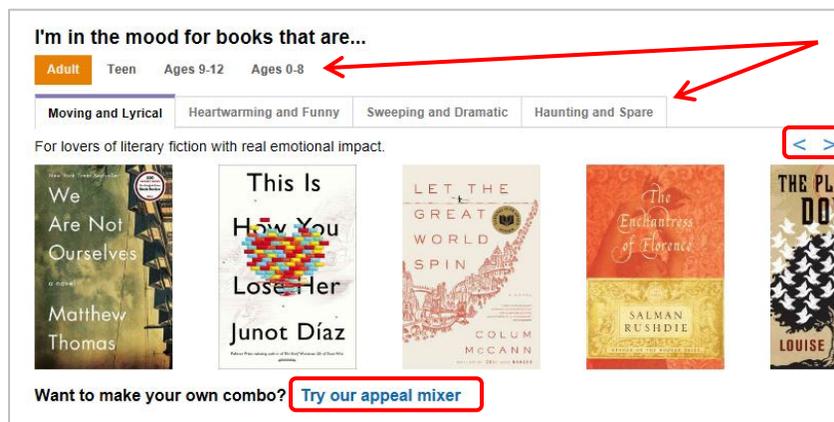
**Appeal Terms:** NoveList uses appeal terms to describe characteristics that cause readers to like or dislike particular books. Appeal terms are intended to augment other data about genre, subject, geographic location, and reading level that we already use to match readers to books. NoveList’s appeal terms fall into a few broad categories including:

- Character (e.g. character duos, flawed, quirky, etc.)
- Storyline (e.g. action-packed, character-driven, sweeping, etc.)
- Pace (e.g. fast-paced, leisurely paced, etc.)
- Tone (e.g. bleak, funny, sarcastic, etc.)
- Writing Style (e.g. descriptive, gritty, lyrical, etc.)
- Illustration (e.g. cartoony, impressionistic, realistic, etc.)
- Audio Characteristics (e.g. folksy, energetic, read by the author, etc.)



To view a list of all appeal terms click on the “Help” link in NoveList and search for **appeal terms**. Or, if you prefer, you can download a copy of NoveList’s guide to appeals: *The Secret Language of Books*, available at <https://www.ebsco.com/promo/novelist-the-secret-language-of-books>.

**Browse Appeal/Appeal Mixer:** To browse for books using audience level and suggested appeal combinations, use the “I’m in the mood for books that are...” section of the NoveList home page. First select the audience level you are interested in. Several suggested appeal combinations for that audience level will display. Click the tab for the appeal combination that interests you to retrieve a carousel of books. Use the arrows to scroll through the books.



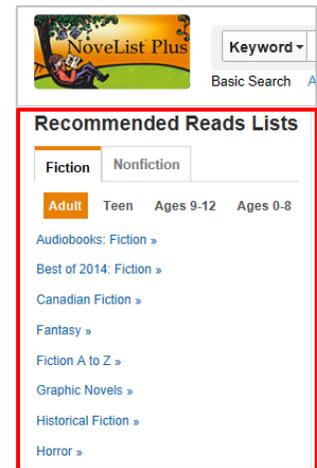
To search for a custom combination of appeal terms, click on the “Try our appeal mixer” link. After specifying your audience level, select an appeal category from the first drop-down menu and an appeal term from the drop-down menu to its right. Select up to two additional categories and terms if you’d like. Click on “Find Titles” to retrieve a carousel of results that match your search criteria (e.g. books for adults with quirky characters and a bittersweet tone.)



## Don't miss these gems ...

There is so much great content in NoveList Plus that we can't cover it all in this handout. Before we wind things up, however, here are a few final gems you can't afford to miss!

**Recommended Reads Lists:** These are ready-made lists of book recommendations that cover a wide range of genres and topics at all audience levels. They are compiled by experienced librarians and literature specialist using a variety of reviewing sources. Each has approximately 20 titles grouped by sub-genre or topic and is updated at least yearly. Recommended Reads lists are located on the left side of the home page directly below the NoveList Plus logo. They are categorized by fiction/nonfiction, audience level, and genre/topic.



The screenshot shows the NoveList Plus interface. At the top right is a search bar with a "Keyword" dropdown and a "Basic Search" button. Below this is a section titled "Recommended Reads Lists". It features two tabs: "Fiction" (selected) and "Nonfiction". Under the "Fiction" tab, there are four audience level filters: "Adult" (highlighted in orange), "Teen", "Ages 9-12", and "Ages 0-8". Below these filters is a list of genre links, each followed by a right-pointing arrow: "Audiobooks: Fiction", "Best of 2014: Fiction", "Canadian Fiction", "Fantasy", "Fiction A to Z", "Graphic Novels", "Historical Fiction", and "Horror".

**Keeping Up Pages:** Keeping Up pages bring together in one place all of the information, articles, and lists on a particular genre. You can access Keeping Up pages from the Keeping Up carousel in the center of the NoveList Plus home page.

These pages include genre descriptions, award lists, links to related lists and articles, titles picked by NoveList staff, and even reading maps to print and post in your library.



The screenshot shows a "Keeping Up" carousel. The title "Keeping Up" is at the top left, followed by the text "Have a favorite genre? Or one that intrigues you? Learn all about it here." Below this text is a horizontal row of four genre-themed images: "YA LIT" with a pair of sneakers, "HISTORY WRITING" with a historical scene, "MYSTERY" with a book cover, and "DYSTOPIAN" with a cityscape. Navigation arrows are visible on the right side.

**Genre Overviews:** Genre overviews prepare you to help adults, teens, and older kids with genres that are less familiar to you. They define the genre according to trusted professional standards; describe what typically happens in that type of book and why readers like to read them; provide proven tips and suggestions for talking to readers about the genre; and list key titles and authors to know. Genre overviews can be read online or download and printed in PDF format.



The screenshot shows a "Getting Up to Speed in Adventure Fiction" page by Joyce Saricks. It features a profile picture of Joyce Saricks and a "Download this genre overview" button. The page content includes:

- What is Adventure Fiction?** These are stories of a hero on a mission. They are fast-paced, action-packed, and often set in exotic locales in war -- and peacetime. These are the tales of action-heroes the likes of James Bond, Indiana Jones, and countless battle-scarred men, and their stories allow armchair warriors to experience the danger and overcome obstacles without leaving the comforts of home.
- What happens in an Adventure Fiction novel?** Heroes undertake desperate missions, overcoming obstacles and often rescuing themselves and others, as they carry out dangerous assignments. The protagonist is traditionally male, and his ingenuity and skill are instrumental in the success of the mission. There is almost always a happy ending, with the hero safe and order restored. Pacing may be slower in historical adventure, but all these stories are driven by a life-and-death urgency.
- Why do people like Adventure Fiction?** Adventure fiction fans appreciate the opportunity to participate vicariously in dangerous missions against deadly opponents, often in

To access genre overviews, select "Readers' Advisory" from the "Especially For" drop-down menu on the horizontal orange toolbar at the top of the screen. This takes you to the **Readers' Advisory Toolbox**. Scroll down to the "Learning About Genres" section of the Toolbox and click on "Genre Overviews." Click on the "Adult," "Teen," or "Older Kids" link to access genre overviews for that audience level.

**Book Discussion Guides:** NoveList Plus includes over 900 book discussion guides. These guides are designed to prompt in-depth discussion with a book group. Each guide includes a brief author biography, a summary of the book, seven or more questions about the book, along with thoroughly developed answers, and suggestions for further reading. Book discussion guides are available directly from the "Quick Links" menu on the top toolbar.