

## Find Your Next Read with NoveList and Other Tools!

### Goals for this class:

- Learn about Reader's Advisory and options for finding read-alike books and media
- Learn how to access NoveList through the Wellesley Free Library.
  - *\*Please note only certain Minuteman Libraries subscribe to this service.*
- Understand how to use NoveList to find read-alikes
- Gain familiarity with a few other sources for book recommendations

### What is Reader's Advisory?

- Reader's advisory is the practice of connecting titles to make book recommendations. Online tools like NoveList and Goodreads can help readers make choices about what to read next. Traditionally more of an art than a science, connecting readers with the types of books they're most likely to enjoy is important to libraries, and we now have more tools than ever to help us.

### What is NoveList?

- NoveList is a reader's advisory database owned by the library database giant EBSCO. It searches a huge list of connected titles to make book recommendations. The Wellesley Free Library subscribes to this service so Wellesley residents can access this service remotely without visiting the library. Titles in NoveList link to the Minuteman Library Network catalog so that users can see where they are available, and place holds if desired.

### What can NoveList do for you?

- NoveList connects users to books that have been identified as related to the book, author, series, or subject terms searched for.
- NoveList author pages list their books along with applicable series and author information including that author's best book to start with.
- NoveList provides series lists so that users can see book titles in order. Additional Series Information includes useful information such as whether publishing order is different from chronological order.

### How do I access NoveList?

- NoveList can be found on the Wellesley Free Library Website -> under E-Library -> under [A to Z Databases](#), scroll down to NoveList

#### ■ Databases A to Z



#### NoveList >

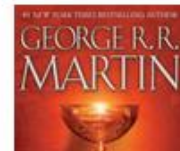
Find new and similar fiction authors and titles. NoveList contains materials for all ages including picture books, children's "chapter" books, young adult titles and books for adult readers. Updated quarterly.

- NoveList recommendations can be found within the Minuteman Library Network catalog. Results for available titles will be displayed below certain title records.
- From home, choose the “catalog” option at the top of the Wellesley Free Library website, then log in at the top of the page with the “my account” link
  - You will need your library card number and PIN/password

## NoveList Results

Books in this series

### Song of ice and fire *Game of thrones*



Read-alikes

#### Similar Titles



#### Similar Authors

- ★ Dorothy Dunnett
- ★ J. R. R. Tolkien
- ★ Tad Williams

#### Similar Series



## How do I search NoveList?

- From the NoveList main page, use the keyword search to get started

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- You can search by author, title, or subject in order to find desired results.
- NoveList records include information about genre, tone, themes, and other descriptors that can help you determine whether or not this book is for you.
  - These descriptors can be used in the keyword search to help you find books that fit a certain mood or theme you are interested in

## How do I borrow items found in Novelist?

- Once you have found a title, click on the “Check the Library Catalog” link.

1.  **Still life** (Jul 2006) 

By: Penny, Louise

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of Canada's Surete du Quebec is called to Three Pines, a tiny hamlet south of Montreal, just north of the U.S. border, to investigate the suspicious hunting "accident" that claimed the life of Jane Neal, a local fixture in the village.


Series: [Inspector Armand Gamache mysteries, 1](#)

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Fiction**

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★★★★☆  
15738 reviews

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 [Check the Library Catalog.](#) 

- This link redirects to the Minuteman Catalog, where you can find out whether or not the book is available at your local library and request that a title be put on hold.
  - You will need your library card number and PIN/password to place books on hold online

## What is Goodreads?

- Goodreads is a social cataloguing site for booklovers owned by Amazon that encourages users to rate and review books. It is available at [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com).
  - Users are required to make a free account in order to access many of the site's features.

## How can I use Goodreads to find books I might be interested in?

- Goodreads allows users to keep track of the books they've read or want to read, and encourages people to write reviews. There is also a list-making feature, which can be helpful if you find other users with similar tastes.
- Once users have added 20 titles to their “collection”, the Goodreads recommendation service begins to make suggestions based on that data.

## Recommendations

Here are some books we think you'll love. [How to improve your recommendations...](#)

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BASED ON YOUR READ SHELF

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 <p>Want to Read ★★★★☆ Not interested</p>	 <p>Want to Read ★★★★☆ Not interested</p>	 <p>Want to Read ★★★★☆ Not interested</p>	 <p>Want to Read ★★★★★ Not interested</p>	 <p>Want to Read ★★★★☆ Not interested</p>
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### Help Us Improve Your Recommendations

- Rate more books.** The more you rate, the better your recommendations will be.
- Get specific about your favorite genres.** The more accurate you get, the better.
- Create custom shelves** such as "Science" or "Summer Reading" for your books. We will make recommendations based on each shelf.
- Click 'Not interested' for recommendations that you don't like. We'll be less likely to show you similar books in the future.

**Other services to try:**

- <https://www.worldcat.org/>
- <https://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/>
- <https://www.librarything.com/>
- <https://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/what-to-read/book-awards-lists/>
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