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Amy

Semicolon: The Past, Present, and Future of a Misunderstood Mark by Cecelia Watson

An engaging, existential chronicle of the polarizing punctuation mark traces its emergence in the wake of 19th-century grammar books and the ways it has been embraced or reviled by forefront authors.

Readalikes: **Between You and Me: Confessions of a Comma Queen** by Mary Norris, **Eats, Shoots & Leaves** by Lynne Truss

Darling Rose Gold: a Novel by Stephanie Wrobel

Enduring decades of serious illness as a victim of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy before exposing her mother's behavior, Rose Gold invites her unrepentant mother back into her life to secretly settle the score.

Readalikes: **Sharp Objects** by Gillian Flynn, **Mother, Mother** by Koren Zailckas

Anne

How Much of These Hills Is Gold by C Pam Zhang

Two orphaned Chinese immigrant siblings flee the threats of their gold rush mining town across an unforgiving landscape where their survival is tested by family secrets, sibling rivalry and disparate goals.

Readalikes: **Golden Hill** by Francis Spufford, **The Lowland** by Jhumpa Lahiri

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Twin sisters, inseparable as children, ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

Readalikes: **Boy, Snow, Bird** by Helen Oyeyemi, **Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi

Ninth House by Leah Bardugo

Surviving a horrific multiple homicide, a girl from the wrong side of the tracks is unexpectedly offered a full scholarship to Yale, where her mysterious benefactors task her with monitoring the university's secret societies.

Readalikes: **Magic for Liars** by Sarah Gailey, **Ghosts of Harvard** by Francesca Serritella

Catherine

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

An evocative novel in verse follows the experiences of two grieving sisters who navigate the loss of their father and the impact of his death on their relationship.

Read-alikes: **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo, **Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds, **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang

Author Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches.

Read-alikes: **New Kid** by Jerry Craft, **American Born Chinese** by Gene Luen Yang, **This One Summer** by Mariko Tamaki

Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

Read-alikes: **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins, **Ready Player One** by Ernest Cline, **Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card

Lucy

Frieda Klein mysteries by Nicci French

These intricately plotted psychological suspense stories star Frieda Klein, a talented psychotherapist who frequently consults with the London police. Solitary, cerebral, and haunted by her traumatic past, Klein delves deeply into criminal minds as her roles as therapist and detective converge.

Readalikes: **Brodie Farrell** novels by Jo Bannister

Ruth Galloway mysteries by Elly Griffiths

When she's not digging up bones or other ancient objects, quirky, tart-tongued archaeologist Ruth Galloway lives happily alone in a remote area called Saltmarsh. Detective Chief Inspector Harry Nelson calls on Galloway for help investigating crimes.

Readalikes: **Nora Gavin and Cormac Maguire** series by Erin Hart