



NOVELIST PLUS

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WHY USE NOVELIST PLUS?

- To find titles similar to ones you have read and enjoyed
- to find out everything an author wrote
- to figure out what order to read a series,
- to find a book with a certain setting, protagonist, or plot

GETTING STARTED

- Start from the Library's home page: www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org
- Select "Search Online Resources"
- From that page select "Books and Literature"
- Scroll down to "Novelist Plus" (and come back later to look at other tools for readers)
- Create an account and you can keep personalized lists of titles you are interested in.

WHAT FLAVOR DO YOU WANT? appeal characteristics (and why it is cool that Novelist includes them).

Novelist Plus is not just about a "good book" but about the right book for you at a particular time. Most Readers Advisory databases base recommendations upon matching subject headings, but Novelist includes appeal characteristics. If you match on subject headings, you might get books with wildly different appeals. If you add in appeal characteristics, you are much more likely to find a good match.

Appeal Characteristics in Novelist:

- Storyline (character-driven, world-building, plot-driven)
- Pace (fast, relaxed)
- Tone (funny, dramatic, suspenseful, romantic, melancholy)
- Writing Style (gritty, lyrical, spare, descriptive)

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