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Anne

Death in the East by Abir Mukherjee

Set in India in 1922, Mukherjee's excellent fourth mystery featuring Capt. Sam Wyndham and Sgt. Surendranath "Surrender-not" Bannerjee of the Calcutta CID deepens the relationship between his two leads and adds detail to Wyndham's complicated past, all while toggling between two mysteries.

Readalikes: **The Widows of Malabar Hill** by Sujata Massey, **The Strangler Vine** by M. J. Carter

The Cabinets of Barnaby Mayne by Elsa Hart

Visiting a formidable science-book collector's home in the hopes of identifying plant specimens, 18th-century herbalist Cecily Kay finds herself investigating her host's untimely murder when she observes unsettling inconsistencies.

Readalikes: **Li Du series** by Elsa Hart, **A Curious Beginning** by Deanna Raybourn

The City of Lost Fortunes by Bryan Camp

Maintaining a low profile in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, a street magician who inherited an ability to find lost things from his superhuman father, is drawn back into the world by the murder of a Fortune god to whom he owes a debt, an event that exposes a plot that threatens the city's soul.

Readalikes: **American Gods** by Neil Gaiman, **The Magicians** by Lev Grossman

Catherine

Wilder Girls by Rory Power

Friends Hetty, Byatt, and Reece go to extremes trying to uncover the dark truth about the mysterious disease that has had them quarantined at their boarding school on a Maine island.

Read-alikes: **Strange Grace** by Tessa Gratton, **Bloom** by Kenneth Oppel

You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson

A black, underprivileged misfit from a wealthy, prom-obsessed midwestern community carefully plans to attend a prestigious medical college before the unexpected loss of her financial aid forces her to compete for her school's prom-queen scholarship.

Read-alikes: **Dumplin'** by Julie Murphy, **The summer of Jordi Perez (and the best burger in Los Angeles)** by Amy Spalding

Lucy

The Bear by Andrew Krivak

Living close to the land in an Eden-like post-civilization world, a girl learns the secrets of hunting and star navigation before finding herself in an unknown landscape, where a bear imparts powerful natural-world lessons.

Readalikes: **The Dog Stars** by Peter Heller, **Borne** by Jeff VanderMeer

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones

The Only Good Indians follows four American Indian men after a disturbing event from their youth puts them in a desperate struggle for their lives. Tracked by an entity bent on revenge, these childhood friends are helpless as the culture and traditions they left behind catch up to them in a violent, vengeful way.

Readalikes: **Blackwood** by Michael Farris Smith, **Hearts of the Missing** by Carol Potenza