



Read-Alikes for V.C. Andrews

V.C. Andrews is known for her generational sagas, family secrets, and gothic elements. If you've read everything by her and are still craving more, try some of these read alike titles. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Select titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

Moonlight Becomes You By Mary Higgins Clark

Read by Sharon Murray Reading time 10 hours, 22 minutes

In a terrifying opening scene, fashion photographer Maggie Holloway finds herself buried alive in a satin-lined coffin. The tale flashes back to Maggie's recent reunion with her long-ago stepmother, Nuala Moore. After Nuala is violently killed, Maggie links her death and others to a single person--who has the same designs on Maggie. Bestseller. 1996.

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The Shadow of Your Smile By Mary Higgins Clark

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 9 hours, 13 minutes

On her deathbed eighty-two-year-old Olivia Morrow considers disclosing a family secret involving her late cousin Catherine, a nun being considered for beatification. At seventeen Catherine gave up her illegitimate son for adoption. Now Catherine's granddaughter, the last of the family line, is targeted by an assassin. Bestseller. 2010.

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Rebecca By Daphne Du Maurier

Read by Barbara Caruso

Reading time 16 hours, 34 minutes

Rebecca, the glamorous mistress of a great English estate, died eight months before Maxim de Winter brought a young and frightened second wife to live there. Mystery, intrigue, and violence eventually reveal the circumstances surrounding Rebecca's death. 1938.

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The Black Opal By Victoria Holt

Read by Jill Ferris

Reading time 11 hours, 42 minutes

Carmel March, found under an azalea bush and raised by Dr. and Mrs. Marline along with their own children, is easily drawn to Uncle Toby, who visits often. When Mrs. Marline dies, Carmel is whisked away to Australia by Uncle Toby, who she learns is her real father. Years later when Carmel returns to England, she discovers that a murder took place long ago and Dr. Marline was hung for the crime. She sets out to clear his name and finds romance along the way.

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The Curse of the Kings By Victoria Holt

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

Reading time 9 hours, 33 minutes

Raised an orphan, Judith Osmond learns that she is the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy squire. Hopelessly in love with Tybalt Travers, an archaeologist, she accepts his sudden proposal of marriage and accompanies him on an expedition to Egypt, where two scientists have mysteriously died in the Pharaoh's tomb. 1973.

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Island of Lost Girls By Jennifer McMahon

Read by Margaret Strom Reading time 7 hours, 47 minutes

After Rhonda Farr witnesses the kidnapping of a girl by someone wearing a bunny costume, suspicion falls on residents of Rhonda's Vermont town. The crime triggers Rhonda's memories of her childhood friend Lizzy's disappearance and exposes long-kept secrets about adultery, incest, and murder. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

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Wake By Lisa McMann

Read by Mary Kane Reading time 3 hours, 57 minutes

Whenever people fall asleep around her, seventeen-year-old Janie Hannagan is sucked into their dreams as an unwilling bystander. But after she slips into a violent dream alone in her car, Janie realizes she needs to control her paranormal ability. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high readers. 2008.

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Be Buried in the Rain By Barbara Michaels

Read by Jill Fox or Belle Axton Reading time 9 hours, 56 minutes

Medical student Julie Newcomb returns to her family's crumbling Virginia plantation to care for her ailing grandmother. Julie confronts the unexpected, including a fully clothed skeleton found on a country road, a chauvinistic yet charming politician, religious fanatics, a mythical ancestor, and long-suppressed memories. Some strong language. 1985.

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House of Many Shadows By Barbara Michaels

Read by Dale Carter

Reading time 8 hours, 4 minutes

In a stately Bucks County mansion, the plunky heroine of this gothic witnesses frightening visions. A handsome cousin helps her to discover that the phenomena are not the result of her imagination, but are psychic manifestations of past events. 1974.

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The Accursed By Joyce Carol Oates

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 26 hours, 40 minutes

Princeton, New Jersey; 1905. The Slade family is one of the most prominent in town, consorting with the likes of Woodrow Wilson and Grover Cleveland. On her wedding day, nineteen-year-old Annabel Slade is abducted by a man who might be the devil, and a curse manifests itself. Bestseller. 2013.

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House of Reckoning a Novel By John Saul

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 9 hours, 49 minutes

Two teens bond out of social isolation: Sarah Crane limps and endures an abusive foster-care family, while Nick Dunnigan hears voices and hallucinates. Their art teacher Bettina invites them to her ancestral mansion, the Shutters, where they unwittingly channel an evil entity that seeks vengeance on the town. Violence. 2009.

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The Thirteenth Tale a Novel By Diane Setterfield

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 13 hours, 7 minutes

Cambridge antiquarian bookseller Margaret Lea is hired by legendary author Vida Winter to pen her life story before she dies. At Vida's decrepit estate out on the Yorkshire moors, Margaret listens to a family history of ghosts, incest, abandoned babies, and other secrets, but wonders, is it true? Bestseller. Alex Award. 2006.

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Snowfire by Phyllis A Whitney

Read by Theresa Conkin Reading time 10 hours, 53 minutes

Linda Earle takes a job at a Pocono ski lodge to exonerate her stepbrother Stuart, who is charged with murdering the disabled wife of his mentor, ski champion Julian McCabe. Linda befriends the McCabe family at their creepy Norman-style mansion, Graystones, and learns their secrets. 1972.

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