

Fantasy, Dark Fantasy, and Urban Fantasy Books for Teens

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Fantasy

Angeles, Janella. **Where Dreams Descend**, 2020. TEEN

In a magic competition to find the next headliner for the Conquering Circus, tricks become dangerous, rival magicians mysteriously disappear, and ambitious showgirl Kallia, her nightclub manager Jack, and competition judge Daron are forced to face their deepest secrets.

Bashardoust, Melissa. **Girl, Serpent, Thorn**, 2020. TEEN

In this Persian-inspired fairytale retelling, princess Soraya is cursed to be poisonous to the touch. Soraya seeks help from a captured demon to free herself from the curse, but finds her choices lead to consequences never imagined. She begins to question if she is a princess... or a monster.

Bayron, Kalynn. **Cinderella is Dead**, 2020. TEEN

Queer Black girls team up to overthrow the patriarchy in the former kingdom of Cinderella, 200 years after Cinderella found her prince.

Carson, Rae. **The Girl of Fire and Thorns**, 2011. TEEN

A fearful sixteen-year-old princess discovers her heroic destiny after being married off to the king of a neighboring country in turmoil and pursued by enemies seething with dark magic.

Chima, Cinda Williams. **The Demon King**, 2009. TEEN

Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa, as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court.

Gaiman, Neil. **Stardust**, 1998. TEEN

In the sleepy English countryside, at the dawn of the Victorian era, the pursuit of a fallen star sends a lovelorn young man over the city wall and into another reality.

Ibañez, Isabel. **Woven in Moonlight**, 2020. TEEN

Ximena is the decoy Condesa, a stand-in for the last remaining Illustrian royal. Her people lost everything when the usurper, Atoc, drove the Illustrians from La Ciudad. When Atoc demands the real Condesa's hand in marriage, it's Ximena's duty to go in her stead.

Ifueko, Jordan. **Raybearer**, 2020. TEEN

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.

Jones, Diana Wynne. **Howl's Moving Castle**, 1986. JFIC

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

Kemmerer, Brigid. **A Curse So Dark and Lonely**, 2019. TEEN

Eighteen for the three hundred twenty-seventh time, Prince Rhen despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast at the end of each day until feisty Harper enters his life.

Marchetta, Melina. **Finnikin of the Rock**, 2010. TEEN

Finnikin reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

Munda, Rosaria. **Fireborne**, 2019. TEEN

Two dragonriders must go head-to-head for the top position in the Callipolan fleet, and protect the new regime from those who lost power .

Rogerson, Margaret. **An Enchantment of Ravens**, 2017. TEEN

Isobel is a prodigy portrait artist with a dangerous set of clients: the sinister fair folk. When Isobel makes a terrible mistake, she is spirited away to stand trial for her crime.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The Thief**, 2017. TEEN

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

Vaughn, Sarah. **Sleepless**, 2018. TEENGN

Lady "Poppy" Pyppenia is guarded by the Sleepless Knight Cyrenic, but becomes endangered when an assassin threatens her life in the new king's reign. As Poppy and Cyrenic try to discover who wants her dead, they must navigate the dangerous waters of life at court, and of their growing feelings for one another.

Dark Fantasy

Baron, Rena. **Kingdom of Souls**, 2019. TEEN

Born into a family of powerful witchdoctors, Arrah yearns for magic of her own. But each year she fails to call forth her ancestral powers. There's only one thing Arrah hasn't tried, a deadly last resort: trading years of her own life for scraps of magic.

Blake, Kendare. **Three Dark Crowns**, 2016. TEEN

Three sisters, possessors of dark magic and equal heirs to the crown of Fennbirn, are pitted against each other in a fight for the crown. The last queen standing might not be the strongest... but she may be the darkest.

Brown, Roseanne A. **A Song of Wraiths and Ruin**, 2020. TEEN

The first in a gripping debut fantasy duology inspired by West African folklore in which a grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee find themselves on a collision course to murder each other despite their growing attraction.

Craig, Erin A. **House of Salt and Sorrows**, 2019. TEEN

In a manor by the sea, twelve sisters are cursed. Four of the girls' lives have been cut short, each death more tragic than the last. Disturbed by ghostly visions, Annaleigh becomes increasingly suspicious that the deaths of her sisters were no accident.

Duncan, Emily A. **Wicked Saints**, 2019. TEEN

The paths of three characters become entwined during a centuries-long war filled with sinners and saints, magic and mystery, and a star-crossed romance that threatens to tip the scales between dark and light...forever.

Faizal, Hafsa. **We Hunt the Flame**, 2019. TEEN

Zafira embarks on a quest to uncover a lost artifact that can restore magic to her suffering world. Nasir, Prince of Death, is sent by the sultan on a similar mission: retrieve the artifact and kill the Hunter.

Grant, Kester. **The Court of Miracles**, 2020. TEEN

Les Misérables meets Six of Crows in this page-turning adventure as a young thief finds herself going head to head with leaders of Paris's criminal underground in the wake of the French Revolution.

Legrand, Claire. **Furyborn**, 2018. TEEN

Rielle, an all-powerful queen, and Eliana, an assassin, fight in a cosmic war that spans millennia, their stories intersect, and the shocking connections between them ultimately determine the fate of their world-and of each other.

Lloyd-Jones, Emily. **The Bone Houses**, 2019. TEEN

Ryn has been scraping together a meager existence as a gravedigger in the remote village of Colbren. But in Colbren, the dead don't always stay dead. When Ellis, an apprentice mapmaker, arrives in town, the bone houses attack with renewed purpose.

Owen, Margaret. **The Merciful Crow**, 2019. TEEN

Fie abides by one rule: look after your own. Her Crow caste of undertakers and mercy-killers takes more abuse than coin, but when they're called to collect royal dead, she's hoping they'll find the payout of a lifetime.

Pool, Katy Rose. **There Will Come a Darkness**, 2019. TEEN

When the Prophets disappeared, all they left behind was one final, secret prophecy, foretelling an Age of Darkness and the birth of a new Prophet who could be the world's salvation . . . or the cause of its destruction. As chaos takes hold, five souls are set on a collision course.

Shields, Breeana. **The Bone Charmer**, 2019. TEEN

During Saskia's kenning, a bone is fractured, splitting Saskia's future. Now she will live with two potential paths simultaneously: one where she's forced to confront her magic, and one where she tries to run from it.

Smart, Ciannon. **Witches Steeped in Gold**, 2021. TEEN

Two enemy witches must enter into a deadly alliance to take down a tyrant who threatens both their worlds-with unpredictable results.

Swati, Teerdhala. **The Tiger at Midnight**, 2019. TEEN

Esha lost everything in the royal coup, and as the legendary rebel known as the Viper, she's made the guilty pay. Kunal has been a soldier since childhood. When Esha and Kunal's paths cross one fated night, an impossible chain of events unfolds. Both the Viper and the soldier think they're calling the shots, but they're not the only players moving the pieces.

Tahir, Sabaa. **An Ember in the Ashes**, 2015. TEEN

When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebels who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.

Tucholke, April Genevieve. **The Boneless Mercies**, 2018. TEEN

Four female mercenaries known as Boneless Mercies, weary of roaming Vorseland, ignored and forgotten until they are needed for mercy killings, decide to seek glory by going after a legendary monster in this reimagining of Beowulf.

Urban Fantasy

Deonn, Tracy. **Legendborn**, 2020. TEEN

To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.

Elle, J. **Wings of Ebony**, 2021. TEEN

A Black teen from Houston has her world upended when she learns about her godly ancestry and must save both the human and god worlds.

Garber, Romina. **Lobizona**, 2020. TEEN

When her mother is arrested by ICE, sixteen-year-old Argentinian Manu -- who thinks she is hiding in a Miami apartment because she is an undocumented immigrant -- discovers that her entire existence is illegal. A single clue about her past leads to a world straight out of Argentine folklore.

Klune, T.J. **The Extraordinaries**, 2020. TEEN

Nick would rather write fanfiction about the feats of heroism and romantic entanglements he imagines for the very real superheroes who inhabit his city. When he meets Nova City's biggest hero (and his biggest crush), however, he resolves to become a superhero himself.

McLemore, Anna-Marie. **The Mirror Season**, 2021. TEEN

After Ciela and Lock are sexually assaulted at the same party, they develop a cautious friendship through her family's possibly-magical pastelería and his secret forest of otherworldly trees.

Morrow, Bethany C. **A Song Below Water**, 2020. TEEN

In an America determined to keep her under lock and key, Tavia must hide her siren powers. Meanwhile, Effie is fighting her own family struggles, pitted against literal demons from her past. But everything changes in the aftermath of a siren murder trial that rocks the nation.

Thakrar, Shveta. **Star Daughter**, 2020. TEEN

The daughter of a star and a mortal, Sheetal is used to keeping secrets. Pretending to be "normal." But when an accidental flare of her starfire puts her human father in the hospital, Sheetal journeys to the celestial court to get a full star's help to heal him.

Thomas, Aiden. **Cemetery Boys**, 2020. TEEN

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.