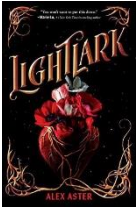


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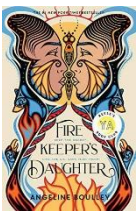
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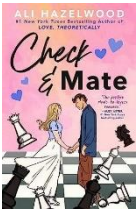
Aster, Alex. **Lightlark**. 2022. TEEN.

Once every 100 years, an island known as Lightlark appears and the rulers of the six realms must play a game that can grant them an opportunity to free their people from their curses. Isla, ruler of the wildings, must beat the game to end their suffering, but at a cost.



Boulley, Angeline. **Firekeeper's Daughter**. 2021. TEEN.

Daunis is an unenrolled tribal member who just graduated from high school. She decides to put her dreams of going to college on hold when her grandmother has a stroke. Soon after, Daunis decides to go undercover to find out the truth about what is going on in her home town as people keep showing up dead due to a new drug.



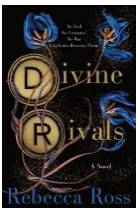
Hazelwood, Ali. **Check and Mate**. 2023. TEEN.

Ever since her father left, Mallory decides she no longer wants to play chess, especially considering her father was really competitive about it. After agreeing to one match for charity, she meets and destroys Nolan, the top chess champion. This creates opportunities for her, and the deeper she gets, the more she becomes involved with Nolan.



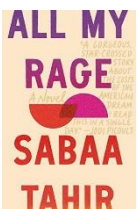
Katouh, Zoulfa. **As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow**. 2022. TEEN.

Pharmacy student, Salama has her life completely changed when the Syrian revolution begins. She starts to volunteer at her local hospital, and although it provides some comfort, she still lives in fear. Salama desires to leave her country, but as circumstances begin to unfold, she becomes unsure what to do.



Ross, Rebecca. **Divine Rivals**. 2023. TEEN.

Set in an alternate 1940s where there is a war between two gods, Iris has a lot on her plate. Her mother lost her job and her brother is missing from the war. She is also fighting for a higher position at the Gazette against Roman, whom she avoids. However, letters she writes to her brother somehow finds their way to Roman and this helps the two form a connection despite their rivalry.



Tahir, Sabaa. **All My Rage**. 2022. TEEN.

This story navigates the lives of two teenagers, Sal and Noor, during their senior year in Juniper, California. While trying to repair their friendship, they both yearn for a better future but are confronted with familial circumstances beyond their control as well as societal prejudices. Snippets of Sal's mothers' past is shown to help enrich the story.

Teen Graphic Novels



Bardugo, Leigh. **Demon in the Wood**. 2022. TEENGN.

For fans of *Shadow and Bone*, this prequel dives into how Eryk and his mother are constantly on the run since they are the rarest kind of Grisha. This story shows the dark experiences Eryk goes through and how it shapes him to become the villain in the future of the Grishaverse.



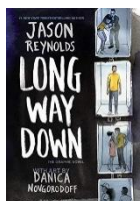
Franklin, Ashley Robin. **The Hills of Estrella Roja**. 2023. TEENGN.

Mari visits Estrella Roja with her family to attend a funeral for a grandmother she barely knew. By chance, she meets Kat who is visiting the small town to find out what strange things are happening there for her podcast. Mari decides to join Kat on her quest, and while the two form a relationship, they end up making terrifying discoveries about the secretive town.



Muniz, Deya. **The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich**. 2023. TEENGN.

This cheesy romance follows Lady Camembert and how she has to move away and dress up as a man in order to inherit her father's fortune after he passes, all because she doesn't have a husband. She has to remain undercover to keep her secret; however, she meets the beautiful Princess Brie to whom she can't resist getting close to.



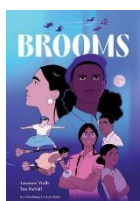
Reynolds, Jason. **Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel**. 2020. TEENGN.

This adaptation of the popular novel follows Will after his brother's death from gun violence. Will wants to get his revenge and decides to use his brother's gun to do it. On the way down the elevator with the gun, the elevator stops on each floor and Will is confronted with people from his past, which gets him thinking about what he is about to do.



Tokuda-Hall, Maggie. **Squad**. 2022. TEENGN.

Becca is worried that she will be an outcast when transferring to an elite high school. Luckily, Becca makes friends with the most popular girl group in school. Things seem to be going great until the girls reveal themselves to be werewolves and invite Becca to join the pack.



Walls, Jasmine. **Brooms**. 2023. TEENGN.

Set in the 1930s, magic is allowed in this universe, but only by certain people and in certain places. In this story, 6 witches from different backgrounds with unique characteristics participate in illegal broom racing to earn money and better their lives. The racing brings the witches together and also helps them rebel against the system.