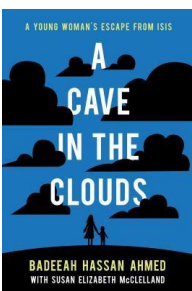


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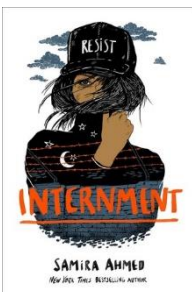
HIGH SCHOOL READS



A Cave in the Clouds: A Young Woman's Escape from Isis

by Badeeah Hassan Ahmed
Y/Biog/Ahmed

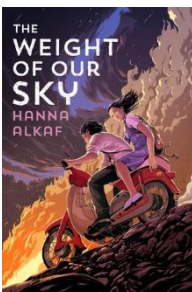
Badeeah Hassan was just 18 when she witnessed firsthand the horrors of the 2014 genocide of the Ezidi people by ISIS forces. Captured by ISIS, known locally as Daesh, Badeeah was among hundreds forced into a brutal human trafficking network made up of women and girls of Ezidi ethnicity, a much-persecuted minority culture of Iraq. Badeeah's story takes her to Syria where she is sold to a high-ranking ISIS commander.



Internment

by Samira Ahmed
Y/Fic/Ahmed

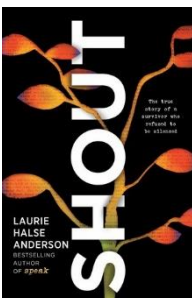
Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.



The Weight of Our Sky

By Hanna Alkaf
Y/Fic/Alkaf

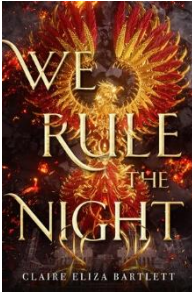
Melati looks like your typical sixteen-year-old. Unlike most other sixteen-year-olds though, Mel also believes that she harbors a djinn inside her, one who threatens her with horrific images of her mother's death unless she adheres to an elaborate ritual of counting and tapping. But on the evening of May 13th, 1969, racial tensions in Kuala Lumpur boil over, and Mel and her mother become separated by a city in flames.



Shout

by Laurie Halse Anderson
Y/Biog/Anderson

Bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven between deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before.



We Rule the Night

by Clair Eliza Bartlett

Y/Fic/Bartlett

Revna is a factory worker, manufacturing war machines for the Union of the North. When she's caught using illegal magic, she fears being branded a traitor and imprisoned. Linné defied her father, a Union general, and disguised herself as a boy to join the army. They're both offered a reprieve from punishment if they use their magic in a special women's military flight unit and undertake terrifying, deadly missions.

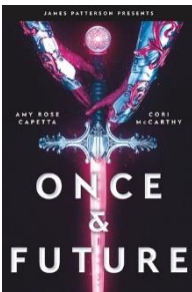


Lovely War

by Julie Berry

Y/Fic/Berry

Aphrodite recounts two tales of tragic love during WWI to her husband, Hephaestus, and her lover, Ares, in a luxe Manhattan hotel room at the height of World War II. She seeks to answer the age-old question: "Why are Love and War eternally drawn to one another?" but her quest for a conclusion that will satisfy her jealous husband uncovers a tale of prejudice, trauma, and music revealing that War is no match for Love.

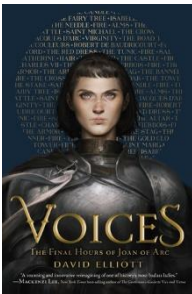


Once & Future

by Amy Rose Capetta

Y/Fic/Capetta

When Ari crash-lands on Old Earth and pulls a magic sword from its ancient resting place, she is revealed to be the newest reincarnation of King Arthur. Then she meets Merlin, who has aged backward over the centuries into a teenager, and together they must break the curse that keeps Arthur coming back. Their quest? Defeat the cruel, oppressive government and bring peace and equality to all humankind.



Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc

by David Elliott

Y/Fic/Elliott

Told through medieval poetic forms and in the voices of the people and objects in Joan of Arc's life, (including her family and even the trees, clothes, cows, and candles of her childhood). Along the way it explores issues such as gender, misogyny, and the peril of speaking truth to power. Before Joan of Arc became a saint, she was a girl inspired. It is that girl we come to know in *Voices*.



No One Here is Lonely

by Sarah Everett

Y/Fic/Everett

Eden has always had two loves: her best friend, Lacey, and her crush, Will. And then, almost simultaneously, she loses them both. But before he died, Will set up an account with In Good Company, a service that uploads voices and emails and creates a digital companion that can be called anytime, day or night. And as Eden falls deeper into her relationship with "Will," she hardly notices as her real life blooms around her.



The Waning Age

by S.E. Grove

Y/Fic/Grove

Natalia works as a hotel maid, practices martial arts, and cares for her brother, Calvino. In this version of our world, all children start to "wane" when they reach Cal's age; by their teen years, they've lost their ability to feel emotion. But Cal isn't waning. When he is kidnapped or testing, Natalia's reaction surprises her: she's crushed, and she'll do anything to save her brother from their experiments.

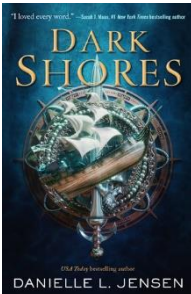


Cold White Sun

by Sue Farrell Holler

Y/Fic/Holler

Tesfaye lives behind the safe walls of his family's compound in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. And then suddenly his father is arrested, and Tesfaye's own life is in peril. He is put in the care of a human smuggler and embarks on a terrifying journey to Canada. And so begins his new life in North America, sheltered for a while by fellow expats, threatened by the authorities, shunted from a group home to foster care. But through it all he is plagued by grief, wondering what has happened to the family he left behind.

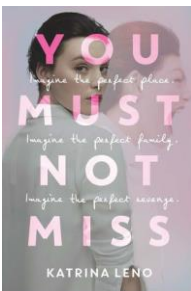


Dark Shores

by Danielle L. Jensen

Y/Fic/Jensen

When a power-hungry ruler captures Teriana's crew and threatens to reveal Marcus's secret unless they help him conquer the unknown West, the two are forced into an unlikely—and unwilling—alliance. They unite for the sake of their families, but both must decide how far they are willing to go, and how much they are willing to sacrifice.

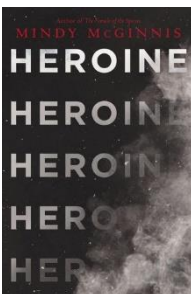


You Must Not Miss

by Katrina Leno

Y/Fic/Leno

Magpie is called a slut whenever she walks down the hallways of her high school, her former best friend won't speak to her, and she spends her lunch period with a group of misfits. And so, feeling trapped and forgotten, Magpie retreats to her notebook, dreaming up a place called Near. She imagines Near so completely that she writes it into existence. And it's a place where she can have anything she wants—even revenge.

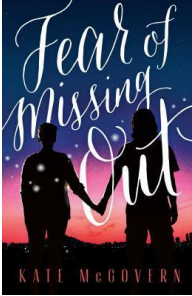


Heroine

by Mindy McGinnis

Y/Fic/McGinnis

When a car crash sidelines Mickey just before softball season, she has to find a way to hold on to her spot as the catcher for a team expected to make a historic tournament run. Behind the plate is the only place she's ever felt comfortable, and the painkillers she's been prescribed can help her get there. But the pills do more than take away pain; they make her feel good.

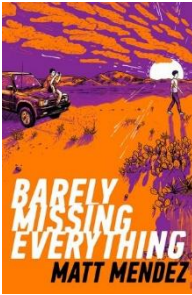


Fear of Missing Out

by Kate McGovern

Y/Fic/McGovern

When Astrid learns that her cancer has returned, she hears about a radical technology called cryopreservation that may allow her to have her body frozen until a future time when—and if—a cure is available. With her boyfriend, Mohit, and her best friend, Chloe, Astrid goes on a road trip in search of that possibility.



Barely Missing Everything

by Matt Mendez

Y/Fic/Mendez

Three Mexican-Americans—Juan, JD, and Fabi—each try to overcome their individual struggles as they all grapple with how to make a better life for themselves when it seems like brown lives don't matter.

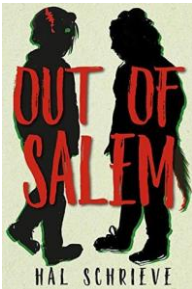


Keep This To Yourself

by Tom Ryan

Y/Fic/Ryan

It's been a year since the Catalog Killer terrorized the sleepy seaside town of Camera Cove, killing four people before disappearing without a trace. Like everyone else in town, eighteen-year-old Mac is trying to put that horrible summer behind him—easier said than done since Mac's best friend Connor was the murderer's final victim. But when he finds a cryptic message from Connor, he's drawn back into the search for the killer—who might not have been a random drifter after all.

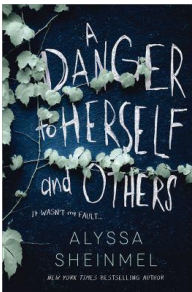


Out of Salem

by Hal Schriever

Y/Fic/Schriever

When genderqueer Z wakes from death after a car crash that killed their family, they have to adjust quickly to being a zombie. Z can now barely perform magic and is rapidly decaying. Aysel, a loud would-be-goth classmate, is, like Z, a loner. Aysel fears that her classmates will discover she is an unregistered werewolf. When a local psychiatrist is murdered in an apparent werewolf attack, the town of Salem, Oregon, becomes even more hostile to monsters, and Z and Aysel are driven together in an attempt to survive.



A Danger To Herself and Others

by Alyssa B. Sheinmel

Y/Fic/Sheinmel

After her best friend, Agnes, goes into a coma as a result of a game of Truth or Dare, rising senior Hannah's secrets begin to escape while she is locked in a psychiatric hospital.



The Promised Neverland

by Kaiu Shirai

Y/Manga/Promised

Emma, Norman and Ray are the brightest kids at the Grace Field House orphanage. And under the care of the woman they refer to as “Mom,” all the kids have enjoyed a comfortable life. Good food, clean clothes and the perfect environment to learn—what more could an orphan ask for? One day, though, Emma and Norman uncover the dark truth of the outside world they are forbidden from seeing.

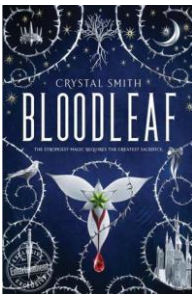


Courting Darkness

by Robin LaFevers

Y/Fic/LaFevers

When Sybella discovers there is another trained assassin from St. Mortain's convent deep undercover in the French court, she must use every skill in her arsenal to navigate the deadly royal politics and find her sister in arms before her time—and that of the newly crowned queen—runs out.

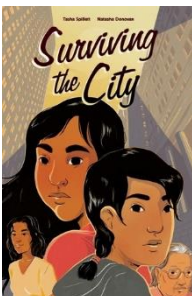


Bloodleaf

by Crystal Smith

Y/Fic/Smith

Princess Aurelia is a prisoner to her crown and the heir that nobody wants. Surrounded by spirits and banned from using her blood-magic, Aurelia flees her country after an assassination attempt. To escape her fate, Aurelia disguises herself as a commoner in a new land and discovers a happiness her crown has never allowed. As she forges new bonds and perfects her magic, she begins to fall for a man who is forbidden to rule beside her. But the ghosts that haunt Aurelia refuse to abandon her.

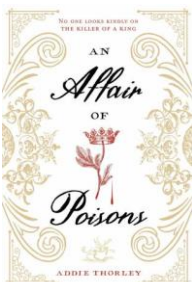


Surviving the City

by Tasha Spillett

Y/Graphic/Surviving

Miikwan and Dez are best friends. Miikwan is Anishinaabe; Dez is Inninew. Together, the teens navigate the challenges of growing up in an urban landscape. However, when Dez's grandmother becomes too sick, Dez is told she can't stay with her anymore. With the threat of a group home looming, Dez can't bring herself to go home and disappears. Miikwan is devastated, and the wound of her missing mother resurfaces. Will Dez's community find her before it's too late? Will Miikwan be able to cope if they don't?

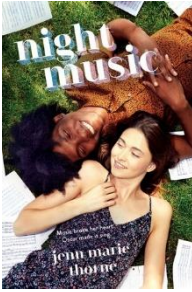


An Affair of Poisons

by Addie Thorley

Y/Fic/Thorley

She's a deadly poisoner. He's a bastard prince. They are sworn enemies, yet they form a tenuous pact to unite the commoners and former nobility against the Shadow Society. But can a rebellion built on mistrust ever hope to succeed?



Night Music

by Jenn Marie Thorne
Y/Fic/Thorne

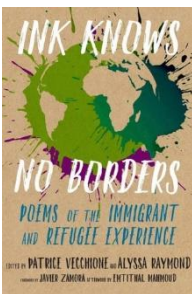
Oscar is a wunderkind, a musical genius. But while he might be the type who'd name himself when asked about his favorite composer and somehow make you love him more for it, Oscar is not the type to jeopardize his chance to study under the great Martin Chertok—not for a crush. He's all too aware of how the ultra-privileged, ultra-white world of classical music might interpret a black guy like him falling for his benefactor's white daughter.



Enchantée

by Gita Trelease
Y/Fic/Trelease

When smallpox kills her parents, Camille must find a way to provide for her family. Relying on petty magic—la magie ordinaire—Camille transforms scraps of metal into money to buy the food and medicine they need. But when the coins won't hold their shape and her brother disappears with the family's savings, Camille must pursue a richer, more dangerous mark: the glittering court of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.



Ink Knows No Borders:

Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience

by Patrice Vecchione (ed.)
Y/Poetry/Ink

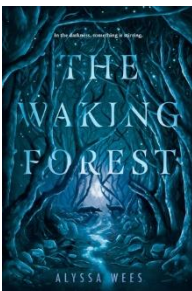
With authenticity, integrity, and insight, this collection of poems addresses the many issues confronting first- and second- generation young adult immigrants and refugees, such as cultural and language differences, homesickness, social exclusion, human rights, racism, stereotyping, and questions of identity.



Watch Us Rise

by Renée Watson & Ellen Hagan
Y/Fic/Watson

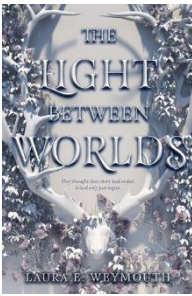
Jasmine and Chelsea are sick of the way women are treated even at their progressive NYC high school, so they decide to start a Women's Rights Club. They post everything online—poems, essays, videos of Chelsea performing her poetry, and Jasmine's response to the racial macroaggressions she experiences—and soon they go viral. But with such positive support, the club is also targeted by online trolls.



The Waking Forest

by Alyssa Wees
Y/Fic/Wees

When the lives of a girl, who has terrifying visions, and a witch, who grants wishes to children in the woods, collide in the most unexpected of ways, a dark, magical truth threatens to doom them both.



The Light Between Worlds

by Laura E. Weymouth

Y/Fic/Weymouth

Five years ago, Evelyn and Philippa Hapwell cowered from air strikes in a London bomb shelter. But that night took a turn when the sisters were transported to another realm called the Woodlands. In a forest kingdom populated by creatures out of myth and legend, they found temporary refuge. When they finally returned to London, nothing had changed at all—nothing, except themselves.



Girls With Sharp Sticks

by Suzanne Young

Y/Fic/Young

The Girls of Innovations Academy are beautiful and well-behaved—it says so on their report cards. Under the watchful gaze of their Guardians, the all-girl boarding school offers an array of studies and activities, from “Growing a Beautiful and Prosperous Garden” to “Art Appreciation” and “Interior Design.” The girls learn to be the best society has to offer. Absent is the difficult math coursework, or the unnecessary sciences or current events. They are obedient young ladies, free from arrogance or defiance. Until Mena starts to realize that their carefully controlled existence may not be quite as it appears.

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