

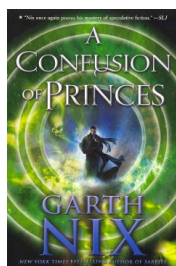


## Can't decide which great prize book you want to choose?

We've collected links to Novelist Plus and Common Sense Media to help you! Novelist Plus contains reviews, appeal factors, genre, reading levels, and more to help you figure out if it's a book you'd like. And Common Sense Media contains reviews and information about the book as well.

Please note – these titles are available while supplies last, and each library does not have every title – they are spread out throughout the District. Prize books for ages 0 - 11 do not appear on this list.

Happy choosing!



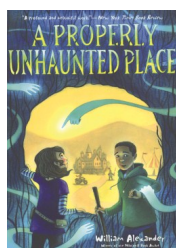
### A confusion of princes

by Garth Nix

Targeted by hostile rivals the moment he is proclaimed a prince, Khemri learns of dark mysteries in the heart of the Empire before discovering the ruins of a space battle and meeting a young woman who challenges everything he has ever believed.

[Novelist Plus](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)



### A Properly Unhaunted Place

by William Alexander

In a world full of ghosts, Rosa and Jasper live in the only unhaunted town--but must spring to action when they realize the ghosts are lying in wait to take the town back

[Novelist Plus](#)



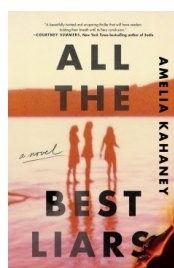
### A song of wraiths and ruin

by Roseanne A. Brown

A first entry in a planned duology inspired by West African folklore finds a grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee on a collision course to destroy each other despite their growing attraction.

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### All the best liars

by Amelia Kahaney

Told in alternating voices, childhood friends Syd, Rain, and Brie's final weeks of high school end tragically when one dies in a fire, another goes missing, and the third is left to pick up the pieces.

[Novelist Plus](#)





## **All the things we do in the dark**

by Saundra Mitchell

Hiding the truth about her distinguishing facial scar, a tattooed teen falls in love with a sweet newcomer before finding everything she cares about threatened by another person's dangerous secret.

**Novelist Plus**



## **All the things we never knew**

by Liara Tamani

A seemingly idyllic romance between rising basketball stars Carli and Rex is challenged by Carli's secret distaste for the game, her parents' crumbling marriage and a lack of family affection that causes Rex to doubt himself.

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## **All these bodies**

by Kendare Blake

When the suspect in a grisly string of murders refuses to talk to anyone but him, aspiring journalist Michael Jensen, the son of the town sheriff, must learn to separate fact from fiction to discover the truth.

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## **Along for the ride**

by Sarah Dessen

When Auden goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having fun new experiences

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## **Angel mage**

by Garth Nix

An ageless young woman with terrifying angelic powers resolves to reunite with her Ystara archangel lover, risking the lives of four young Sarancians who have caught her attention. By the best-selling author of the Old Kingdom series.

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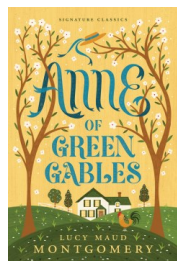
## **Angel of Greenwood**

by Randi Pink

Angel and Isaiah share a hidden love for black literature, and now each other, when tragedy and triumph emerge during the Greenwood Massacre of Tulsa, Oklahoma

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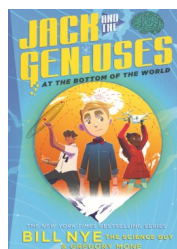
## **Anne of Green Gables**

by L. M. Montgomery

"A new paperback edition of the classic novel featuring the outspoken orphan Anne Shirley and her adoptive family, siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, in the quirky town of Avonlea"

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## **At the bottom of the world**

by Bill Nye

Traveling to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, twelve-year-old Jack and his genius foster siblings, Ava and Matt, become caught up in a mystery involving a missing scientist

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## **Attack of the killer Komodos**

by Summer Rachel Short

Ready for her next adventure, 11-year-old Magnolia Stone gets her wish when she and her best friend Nate are stranded after a major earthquake along with other unusual creatures and must save Yellowstone National Park—and themselves.

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## **B\*witch**

by Paige McKenzie

Anxiety-prone Iris, secretly a witch, is surprised to be welcomed by a coven at her new high school, which soon teams up with their rivals to discover who murdered one of their own.

**Novelist Plus**



## **Blood countess**

by Lana Popovi

In 1578 Hungary, sixteen-year-old Anna is elevated from scullery maid to chambermaid by the young and glamorous Countess Elizabeth Báthory, falling completely under the Countess's spell until Anna realizes that she is not a friend but a prisoner of the increasingly cruel and murderous Elizabeth.

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## **Blood water paint**

by Joy McCullough

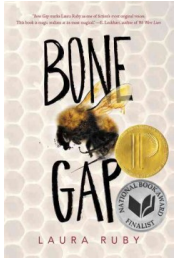
In Renaissance Italy, Artemisia Gentileschi endures the subjugation of women that allows her father to take credit for her extraordinary paintings, rape and the ensuing trial, and torture, buoyed by her deceased mother's stories of strong women of the Bible

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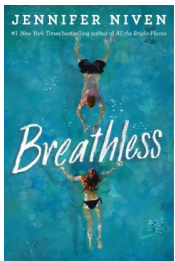
## Bone Gap

by Laura Ruby

Knowing that his sister has been kidnapped by a dangerous assailant and that she did not abandon the family like their mother did years earlier, Finn confronts town secrets to organize a search.

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## Breathless

by Jennifer Niven

When her college ambitions are upended by her father's sudden abandonment, an aspiring writer relocates with her mother to a mosquito-infested island off the coast of Georgia, where her efforts to rebuild are complicated by a local photographer's complicated secret.

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## Bright burning stars

by A. K. Small

Kate and Marine, best friends and longtime students at the intensely competitive Paris Opera Ballet School, must decide what price they are willing to pay to win the only available spot in the professional ballet company that operates the school.

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## By night. Volume one

by John Allison

High school best friends Jane and Heather discover a strange device in the abandoned mansion in their South Dakota town, a machine with the power to open up a doorway to another dimension

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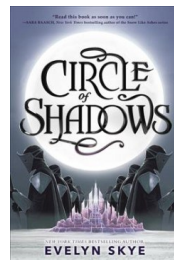


## Campfire

by Shawn Sarles

Camping in a remote location with her friends, Maddie hears a local legend about camper-hunting mountain men before finding herself lost deep in the woods and targeted by beings from her worst nightmares.

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## Circle of shadows

by Evelyn Skye

While on a scouting mission, apprentice warriors Sora and Daemon uncover evidence that Prince Gin, who attempted to rebel against the kingdom and sacrifice its citizens to the gods, may still be alive.

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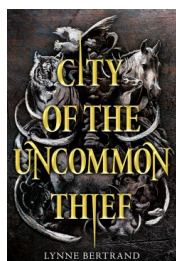


## City of beasts

by Corrie Wang

Glori has to question everything she's been taught when a desperate rescue mission brings her to a strange city where she encounters men for the first time.

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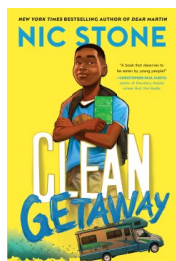


## City of the uncommon thief

by Lynne Bertrand

Passing his teenage years under an open sky on the rooftops of the mile-high iron guild towers that surround their mysterious city, Errol Thebes witnesses the first uncommon event in his life when a guildmaster breaks tradition to protect her child.

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## Clean getaway

by Nic Stone

An 11-year-old boy confronts the realities of race relations past and present and the mysterious agenda of his unconventional grandmother during an unplanned spring break road trip through the once-segregated American South.

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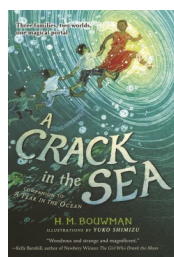


## Color me in : a novel

by Natasha Diaz

Fifteen-year-old Nevaeh Levitz is torn between two worlds, passing for white while living in Harlem, being called Jewish while attending her mother's Baptist church, and experiencing first love while watching her parents' marriage crumble.

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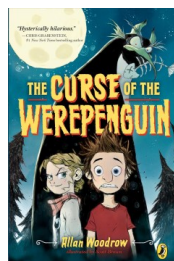
## A crack in the sea

by H. M. Bowman

Pip, a young boy who can speak to fish, and his sister Kinchen set off on a great adventure, joined by twins with magical powers, refugees fleeing post-war Vietnam, and some helpful sea monsters.

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## The Curse of the Werepenguin

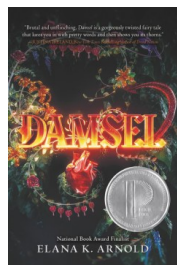
by Allan Woodrow

In an attempt to meet his long-lost parents, Bolt Wattle travels to Brugaria, where he encounters the leader of a whale cult and the world's greatest bandit on his quest to stop a mysterious baron from taking over the country.

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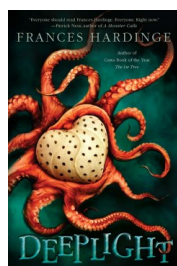
## Damsel

by Elana K Arnold

Waking up in the arms of Prince Emory, Ama has no memory of him rescuing her from a dragon's lair, but she soon discovers there is more to the legend of dragons and damsels than anyone knows and she is still in great danger

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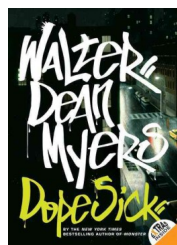
## Deeplight

by Frances Hardinge

Discovering the still-beating heart of a formidable deity believed long dead, 15-year-old Hark races to keep the dangerous object out of the hands of smugglers, scientists and cult fanatics in the hope of saving a best friend's life.

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## Dope sick

by Walter Dean Myers

Jeremy "Lil J" Dance, who sees no way out of his hard life in Harlem, flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a strange man who shows various turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.

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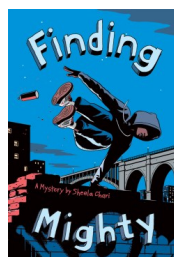
## El Deafo

by Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

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## Finding Mighty : a mystery

by Sheela Chari

"Along the train lines north of New York City, twelve-year-old neighbors Myla and Peter search for the link between Myla's necklace and the disappearance of Peter's brother, Randall. Thrown into a world of parkour, graffiti, and diamond-smuggling, Myla and Peter encounter a

band of thugs who are after the same thing as Randall. Can Myla and Peter find Randall before it's too late, and their shared family secrets threaten to destroy them all?"

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## Fire with fire

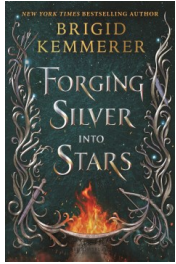
by Destiny Soria

Raised to kill dragons along with her sister, Dani Rivera unexpectedly forges a rare and magical bond with one who makes her question everything she thought she knew about dragons, which pits her against her sister.

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## Forging silver into stars

by Brigid Kemmerer

When the King's Courier, Lord Tycho, stops in the small town of Briarlock he is quick to befriend Jax and Callyn, but the town has long been an outpost for the anti-magic Truthbringers, and soon they find themselves embroiled in a world of shifting alliances and ancient magic.

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## Girl on fire

by Jeremy Whitley

When Tara Smith loses her bracelet and is outed as an alien, she is captured by government agents, who demand that she join a school for extraterrestrial girls, but after managing to escape, she begins a search for her parents and her true identity

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## From the desk of Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

Receiving an unexpected letter on her 12th birthday from the incarcerated father she has never met, a courageous young baker prepares for a cooking-show competition while scrambling to determine her father's innocence.

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## I killed Zoe Spanos

by Kit Frick

Hoping for a new start when she accepts a summer nanny job in the Hamptons, Anna is drawn into the disappearance case of a local teen who she eerily resembles while a local podcaster searches for answers, in a tale of suspense inspired by Daphne du

Maurier's Rebecca.

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## Game changer

by Neal Shusterman

Transported into other dimensions by a seemingly random hit, a young football player visits alternate worlds that evolved differently in accordance with respective belief systems.

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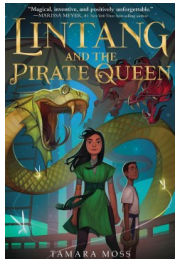
## In the hall with the knife

by Diana Peterfreund

A debut entry in a modern, game-inspired series by the author of the Killer Unicorn duology finds a motley band of students stranded at an elite prep school and navigating secrets and danger when they discover the murdered body of their headmaster.

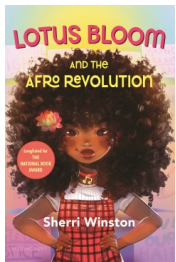
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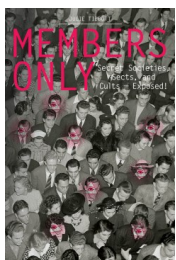
**Lintang and the pirate queen**  
by Tamara Moss  
Lintang's dream of adventure on the high seas comes true when Captain Shafira invites her to join her pirate crew, but Lintang's best friend, Bayani, has stowed away and is keeping secrets.

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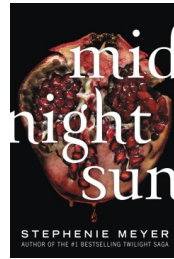
**Lotus Bloom and the Afro revolution**  
by Sherri Winston  
From the author of President of the Whole Fifth Grade comes a story about Lotus Bloom, a young Black girl attending an elite arts academy, who stands up for herself against a racist dress code after a prank gone wrong targeting her and her "mega-fro" hairstyle gets her into trouble.

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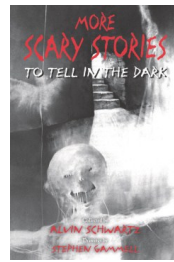
**Members only : secret societies, sects, and cults--exposed!**  
by Julie Tibbott  
An introduction to some of history's most noteworthy and notorious secret societies and underground cults includes profiles of Opus Dei, the Freemasons, and the Skull and Bones

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**Midnight sun**  
by Stephenie Meyer  
"When Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in Twilight, an iconic love story was born. In this companion novel, the tale is retold through Edward's eyes with a new and decidedly dark twist.

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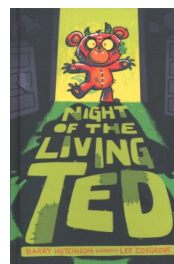
**More scary stories to tell in the dark**  
by Alvin Schwartz  
Presents a selection of tales about haunted houses, ghastly deeds, wailing specters, and other terrifying phenomena.

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**Moxie!**  
by Jennifer Mathieu  
In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts a feminist revolution using anonymously-written zines.

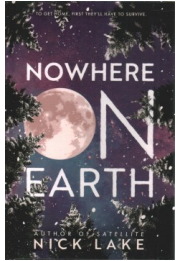
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**Night of the Living Ted**  
by Barry Hutchison  
Horried when their new teddy bears come to life, Lisa-Marie and her older brother, Vernon, discover zombie, ghost, alien and other monster teddies wreaking havoc throughout the world and organizing an evil teddy-bear army.







### Nowhere on Earth

by Nick Lake

Discovering a lost child wandering in the woods, a 16-year-old runaway learns that the boy is not from Earth and that he is being pursued by zealous government forces, a situation that is complicated by a dangerous accident.

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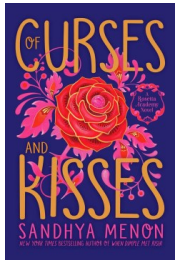


### Ophie's ghosts

by Justina Ireland

Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father's life and forces her to move in with relatives in 1920s Pittsburgh, young Ophelia forges a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly.

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### Of curses and kisses

by Sandhya Menon

Told in two voices, Jaya Rao, an East Indian princess, and Grey Emerson, an English lord, suffer the effects of a centuries-old feud when they meet at an elite Colorado boarding school

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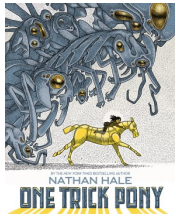


### The plain Janes

by Cecil Castellucci

Teaming up with fellow misfits in her new hometown, an aspiring young artist fights suburban apathy using rebellious works of art, in a compilation that includes the first two graphic-novel series installments, The Plain Janes and Janes in Love, plus a never-before-seen third story, Janes Attack Back.

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### One trick pony

by Nathan Hale

When electricity-stealing aliens arrive on an Earth of the future, Strata, a girl from a family of digital rescuers, teams up with her brother and a beautiful rare robot pony to outmaneuver the invaders and humans who would take advantage of the chaos to become outlaws.

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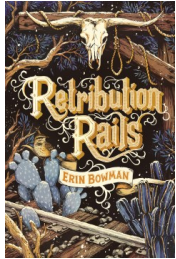
### The backstagers. : Rebels Without Applause Volume one, Rebels without applause

by James Tynion

Transferring to an all-boys school, Jory befriends the Backstagers, the school's lowly stage crew, who are determined to put together the best show the school has ever seen while dealing with the magical underground world located under the school.

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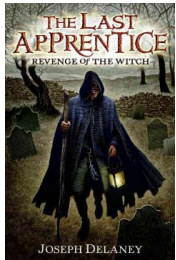
## Retribution rails

by Erin Bowman

Forcibly conscripted into a gang because of a mysterious gold coin in his possession, Reece vows to win his freedom by tracking down the man who gave him the coin only to cross paths with an ambitious woman journalist who is investigating a decade-old quest for

vengeance.

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## Revenge of the witch

by Joseph Delaney

Despite knowing the doomed outcome of the apprentices before him, twelve-year-old Thomas Ward is determined to learn everything he will need to know to stay alive when his time comes to ward off boggarts, witches, ghosts, and other evil-spirited creatures from the land that he

was born to protect.

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## Ronan Boyle and the bridge of riddles

by Thomas Lennon

Ronan, fifteen, the youngest and lowliest recruit to Ireland's secret Garda, faces untold danger from the wee people while trying to prove his imprisoned parents were framed.

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## The Athena protocol

by Shamim Sarif

As a member of the Athena Protocol, an elite organization of female spies who enact vigilante justice around the world but are prohibited from using deadly force, Jessie Archer is forced to go rogue after breaking the rules and must fight not only a dangerous human trafficker she's

been hunting but also members of her former team who have been ordered to bring her down.

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## The beckoning shadow

by Katharyn Blair

Terrified of her magical power after a horrifying incident resulting from her lack of control, teenage runaway, Vesper Montgomery, enters a dangerous tournament for a chance to rewrite the past and reverse the mistakes that have changed her forever.

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## The Black Kids

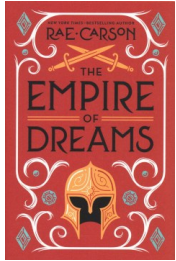
by Christina Hammonds Reed

Enjoying the luxuries of a privileged life in 1992 Los Angeles, a black high school senior is unexpectedly swept up in the vortex of the Rodney King Riots while her closest friends spread a rumor that could derail a fellow black student's future.

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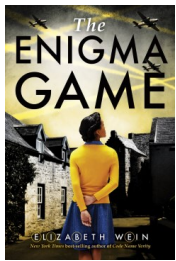
## The empire of dreams

by Rae Carson

The award-winning author of *The Girl of Fire and Thorns* presents a standalone tale in which a foundling orphan with a veiled past is barred from being adopted into the royal family before she becomes a first woman recruit into the legendary Royal Guard.

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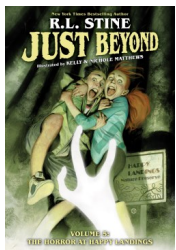
## The Enigma game

by Elizabeth Wein

Fifteen-year-old Jamaican Louisa Adair uncovers an Enigma machine in the small Scottish village where she cares for an elderly German woman, and helps solve a puzzle that could turn the tide of World War II.

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## The horror at Happy Landings

by R. L. Stine

Family camping trips are supposed to be fun, but for Parker, Annie, and the Walden family, their trip turns into a nightmare when Parker and Annie get stuck in a swarm of bees, and their mom is attacked by a Martian bird, which

belongs to two stranded aliens trying to find their way home.

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## The lake

by Natasha Preston

Seventeen-year-old best friends Esme and Kayla return to Camp Pine Lake as counselors in training, but the dark secret they have been hiding for nine years is back to haunt them.

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## The language of ghosts

by Heather Fawcett

A trio of royal exiles on an enchanted island unlock a forgotten magical language in their effort to reclaim their stolen throne and prevent an older sibling from succumbing to the temptations of his dark powers. By the author of *Ember* and *the Ice Dragons*.

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## The last human

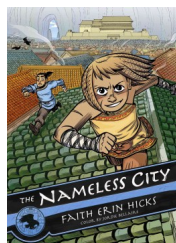
by Lee Bacon

After machines take control of Earth, following the extinction of humans, twelve-year-old robot XR 935A confronts its prejudices about humans and begins to reconsider its own existence within robot society after discovering and befriendng a twelve-year-old human girl.

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## The Nameless City

by Faith Erin Hicks

Every time it is invaded the City gets a new name, but to the natives it is the Nameless City, and they survive by not letting themselves get involved--but now the fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the Dao, the latest occupiers, and the two must

somehow work together if the City is to survive.

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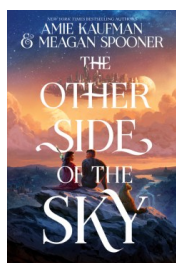


## Carmen Sandiego : the need for speed caper : a graphic novel.

by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A full-color graphic novel based on the hit Netflix series finds Carmen Sandiego and her crew zooming off to Dubai, where they race to prevent VILE from stealing a

high-speed supercar.



## The other side of the sky

by Amie Kaufman

A first entry in a planned duology by two best-selling authors finds the prince of a sky city and an earth goddess linked by a terrifying prophecy that forces them to choose between saving their people or succumbing to their forbidden love.

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## The plentiful darkness

by Heather Kassner

Orphaned twelve-year-old Rooney de Barra chases a thieving boy into a magician's realm of darkness.

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## The prey

by Tom Isbell

After the apocalyptic Omega, a group of orphaned teen boys learn of their dark fate and escape and join forces with twin girls who have been imprisoned for the "good of the Republic," as they all must find the best in themselves to fight against their enemies.

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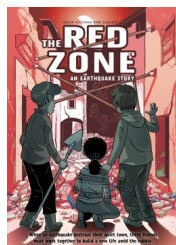
## Sleepless domain. : The Price of Magic Book one

by Mary Cagle

Team Alchemical: A group of Magical Girls who defend their city from fiendish monsters that prowl by night. The adoring idol culture surrounding these girls, along with the genuine life-or-death struggles they face each night, forces them to grow

up quickly and under severe pressure. When tragedy strikes, the team's least confident supporting member, Undine, must step up and learn to fight her own battles.





## **The red zone / : An Earthquake Story**

by Silvia Vecchini

A vivid and poignant portrayal of a boy and his town in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Italy.

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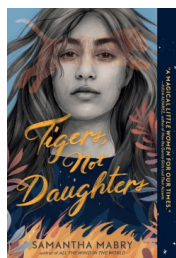


## **The thirteenth cat**

by Mary Downing Hahn

Unnerved by the overgrown forest near her aunt's house and the wild black cats that live there, Zoey encounters a mean old woman who claims to be their owner and makes a discovery that places her life in danger.

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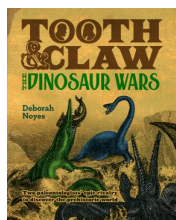


## **Tigers, not daughters**

by Samantha Mabry

Three sisters in San Antonio are shadowed by guilt and grief over the loss of their oldest sister, who still haunts their house.

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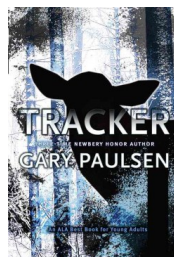


## **Tooth & claw : the dinosaur wars**

by Deborah Noyes

Tells the story of the feverish race between two competitive scientists to uncover [dinosaur] fossils in the newly opened Wild West

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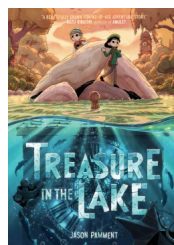


## **Tracker**

by Gary Paulsen

Thirteen-year-old John must track a deer in the Minnesota woods for his family's winter meat, and in doing so finds himself drawn to the doe who leads him and hating his role as hunter.

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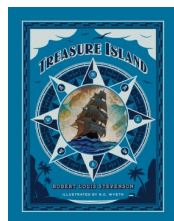


## **Treasure in the lake**

by Jason Pamment

When Iris and Sam discover a hidden city and a forgotten tale of friendship, they must discover the truth to save their own friendship or watch history repeat itself and be pulled apart forever.

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## **Treasure Island**

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Sneaky pirates, sailing ships, buried treasure, exotic lands, and murderous mutiny--what could be better to win over even the most reluctant reader?

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## **Under the ashes**

by Cindy Rankin

Eleven-year-old Elizabeth is sent to live with an aunt in San Francisco where she must survive an earthquake and a fire

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### What happens next

by Claire Swinarski

A young astronomy enthusiast, desperate to escape the pain of her sister's commitment to an eating-disorder treatment facility, teams up with a visiting astronomer to help track down a long-lost telescope.

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### Witch for hire

by Ted Naifeh

When a series of high school pranks get out of hand, teen witch Faye Faulkner is the only one who can solve the case.

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Presents the adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.

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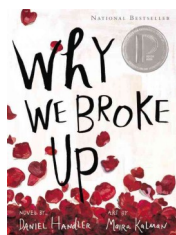


### Witchlight

by Jessi Zabarsky

Meeting in the marketplace amid community fears about witchcraft, Sanja and Lelek begin uncovering difficult magical secrets about Lelek's past while making unexpected discoveries about friendship, family and falling in love.

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### Why we broke up

by Daniel Handler

Writing a letter to her ex-boyfriend about the reasons for their breakup, Min Green assembles items from their relationship to put into a box of mementos.

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### A wrinkle in time

by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

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### Wingbearer

by Marjorie M. Liu

When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the Great Tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly must get to the root of it, and so embark on an epic journey to find the truth.

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