

Never Ever by Sara Saedi

On her seventeenth birthday, Wylie and her brothers are whisked away by the enigmatic Phinn to an island where teenagers never grow up. This could be Wylie's dream come true, but mysterious disappearances make her expect that there's more to life on the island than Phinn is telling her.

Pride by Ibi Ziboi

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable. When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley. She especially can't stand the judgmental and arrogant Darius. Yet as Zuri and Darius are forced to find common ground, their initial dislike shifts into an unexpected understanding. But with four wild sisters pulling her in different directions, cute boy Warren vying for her attention, and college applications hovering on the horizon, Zuri fights to find her place in Bushwick's changing landscape or lose it all.

Brightly Burning by Alexa Donne

Two hundred years after a super volcano causes an ice age that makes earth uninhabitable, seventeen-year-old Stella Ainsley quits her engineering job on an old spaceship to accept a position as governess on the Rochester, a private spaceship orbiting the moon. As she falls in love with the ship's brooding and reclusive captain and slowly befriends the secretive crew, Stella uncovers a plot that threatens the entire interstellar fleet.

Sky Without Stars by Jessica Brody

This sweeping reimagining of Les Misérables tells the story of three teens from very different backgrounds who are thrown together amidst the looming threat of revolution on the French planet-colony of Laterre.

The Beholder by Anna Bright

After a public humiliation, Selah sets sail across the Atlantic in order to find a life partner among the European royal houses who can help secure the future of her Potomac people, a journey that sees her interacting with figures from legend and mythology. As the only daughter of the leader of Potomac, Selah knows her duty is to find a partner who will help secure the future of her people. After an excruciatingly public rejection, Selah's stepmother suggests Selah must set sail across the Atlantic, where a series of potential suitors awaits, and if she doesn't come home engaged, she shouldn't come home at all. From English castle gardens to the fjords of Norge, Selah's quest will be the journey of a lifetime. But her stepmother's schemes aren't the only secrets hiding below deck.

The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman

On the eve of her wedding, a young queen sets out to rescue a princess from an enchantment. She casts aside her fine wedding clothes, takes her chain mail and her sword and follows her brave dwarf retainers into the tunnels under the mountain towards the sleeping kingdom.

The Singing Bones by Shaun Tan (Graphic Novel)

Selection and adaptation of seventy-five Grimm's fairy tales, as translated by Jack Zipes, and newly illustrated by Shaun Tan.



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A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer

Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfall, was cursed to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year; he could only be saved if a girl fell for him. But at the end of each autumn he turned into a vicious beast hell-bent on destruction... and destroyed his castle, his family, and every last shred of hope. Washington, D.C. native Harper Lacy's father is long gone, her mother is dying, and her brother constantly underestimates her because of her cerebral palsy. When she is sucked into Rhen's cursed world, Harper doesn't know where she is or what to believe. As Rhen regains hope, they learn it will take more than a broken curse to save Harper, Rhen, and his people from utter ruin.

A Blade So Black by L.L. McKinney

The first time the Nightmares came, it nearly cost Alice her life. Now she's trained to battle monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as Wonderland with magic weapons and hardcore fighting skills. Yet even warriors have a curfew. Life in real-world Atlanta isn't always so simple, as Alice juggles an overprotective mom, a high-maintenance best friend, and a slipping GPA.

Spin the Dawn by Elizabeth Lim

Disguising herself as a boy to compete for the position of imperial tailor, Maia must somehow complete the impossible task of sewing three magic gowns for the emperor's bride-to-be from the sun's laughter, the moon's tears, and the blood of stars.

House of Salt and Sorrows by Erin A. Craig

Annaleigh lives a sheltered life at Highmoor, a manor by the sea, with her family. Once they were twelve sisters, but four of the girls' lives have been cut short. Now, it's a race to unravel the darkness that has fallen over her family — before it claims her next.

Forest of a Thousand Lanterns by Julie C. Dao

Eighteen-year-old Xifeng is beautiful. The stars say she is destined for greatness, that she is meant to be Empress of Feng Lu. But only if she embraces the darkness within her. Growing up as a peasant in a forgotten village on the edge of the map, Xifeng longs to fulfill the destiny promised to her by her cruel aunt, the witch Guma, who has read the cards and seen glimpsers of Xifeng's majestic future. But is the price of the throne too high?

As Old as Time by Liz Braswell

What if Belle's mother cursed the Beast? When Belle touches the Beast's enchanted rose, memories flood through Belle's mind—memories of a mother she thought she would never see again. And, stranger still, she sees that her beautiful mother is none other than the enchantress who cursed the castle and all its inhabitants. Shocked and confused, Belle and the Beast will have to unravel a dark mystery about their families that is 21 years in the making.

Heartless by Marissa Meyer

Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, and a favorite of the unmarried King of Hearts, but her interests lie elsewhere. A talented baker, all she wants is to open a shop with her best friend. But according to her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for the young woman who could be the next queen.

Stepsister by Jennifer Donnelly

Isabelle is one of Cinderella's ugly stepsisters, who cut off their toes in an attempt to fit into the glass slipper. But there is more to her story than a maimed foot, for the Marquis de la Chance is about to offer her a choice and the opportunity to change her fate--there will be blood and danger, but also the possibility of redemption and triumph, and most of all the chance to find her true self.

Girls Made of Snow and Glass by Melissa Bashardoust

At sixteen, Mina's mother is dead, her magic father is vicious, and her heart has never beat with love...or at all. She never guessed that her father cut out her heart and replaced it with one of glass. When she moves to Whitespring Castle and sees its king, Mina forms a plan: win the king's heart and finally know love. The catch is that she'll have to become a stepmother. Fifteen-year-old Lynet looks just like her late mother, and one day she discovers why: a magician created her out of snow in the dead queen's image. Lynet would rather be like her fierce stepmother, Mina. She gets her wish when her father makes Lynet queen of the south. Now Mina is starting to look at Lynet with something like hatred, and Lynet must decide what to do to win back the only mother she's ever known.

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world.

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sara J. Maas

Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from stories, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, a High Lord of the faeries. As her feelings toward him transform from hostility to a fiery passion, the threats against the faerie lands grow. Feyre must fight to break an ancient curse or she will lose Tamlin forever.

A Curse Dark as Gold by Elizabeth C. Bunce

Charlotte Miller has always scoffed at talk of a curse on her family's woolen mill, which holds her beloved small town together. But after her father's death, the bad luck piles up: departing workers, impossible debts, an overbearing uncle. Then a stranger named Jack Spinner offers a tempting proposition: He can turn straw into gold thread, for the small price of her mother's ring. As Charlotte is drawn deeper into her bargains with Spinner—and a romance with the local banker—she must unravel the truth of the curse on the mill and save the community she's always called home.

Fairest of All: A Tale of the Wicked Queen by Serena Valentino

Examines the life of Snow White's stepmother, the Wicked Queen, to find out just what it is that makes her so evil that she would want to cut out her teenage stepdaughter's heart and have it delivered in a locked keepsake box.

Geekerella by Ashley Poston

Geek girl Ellie hopes to go to ExcelsiCon Cosplay to meet the actor (closet nerd Darien) scheduled to play Federation Prince Carmindor in a reboot of the movie Starfield.

The Wrath & the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh

In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan, but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.

Sea Witch by Sarah Henning

Ever since her best friend, Anna, drowned, Evie has been an outcast in her small fishing town. Hiding her talents, mourning her loss, drowning in her guilt. Then a girl with an uncanny resemblance to Anna appears offshore and, though the girl denies it, Evie is convinced that her best friend actually survived. That her own magic wasn't so powerless after all ... The rise of Hans Christian Andersen's iconic villainess is a heart-wrenching story of friendship, betrayal, and a girl pushed beyond her limits-- to become a monster.

A Touch of Gold by Annie Sullivan

King Midas's gift-- his curse-- almost killed his daughter, and he relinquished The Golden Touch forever. Years later Princess Kora still bears the consequences: her skin shines golden, and she harbors secret powers that are getting harder to hide. Spending her days in the palace, concealed behind gloves and veils, Kora tries to ignore the stares and gossip of courtiers until a duke arrives to court her. Their courtship is disrupted when a thief leaves the treasury depleted and King Midas vulnerable. Kora's ability to sense gold sends her off to track the thief down. But not everything is what it seems-- not thieves, not pirates, and not even curses.

Queen of Hearts by Colleen Oakes

Dinah is the princess who will one day reign over Wonderland. She has not yet seen the dark depths of her kingdom; she longs only for her father's approval and a future with the boy she loves. But when a betrayal breaks her heart and threatens her throne, she is launched into Wonderland's dangerous political game. Dinah must stay one step ahead of her cunning enemies or she'll lose not just the crown but her head. Evil is brewing in Wonderland and maybe, most frighteningly, in Dinah herself.

The Shadow Queen by C.J. Redwine

Lorelai Diederich, crown princess and fugitive at large, has one mission: kill the wicked queen who took both the Ravenspire throne and the life of her father. But Lorelai is being pursued by a magic-wielding prince serving as the personal huntsman for evil queen Irina, who has charged him with bringing her Lorelai's heart.

The Forbidden Wish by Jessica Khoury

When Aladdin discovers Zahra's jinni lamp, Zahra is thrust back into a world she hasn't seen in hundreds of years. When the King of the Jinn offers Zahra a chance to be free of her lamp forever, she seizes the opportunity—only to discover she is falling in love with Aladdin.

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik

Miryem is the daughter and granddaughter of moneylenders, but her father is not a very good one. Free to lend and reluctant to collect, he has left his family on the edge of poverty -- until Miryem intercedes. Hardening her heart, she sets out to retrieve what is owed, and soon gains a reputation for being able to turn silver into gold. But when an ill-advised boast brings her to the attention of the cold creatures who haunt the wood, nothing will be the same again. For words have power, and the fate of a kingdom will be forever altered by the challenge she is issued.

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.