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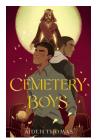
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A Snake Falls to Earth

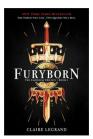
by Darcie Little Badger
15-y.o. Nina and Oli come from different
words--she is a Lipan Apache living in Texas
and he is a cottonmouth from the
Reflecting World--but their lives intersect
when Oli journeys to Earth to find a cure for
his ailing friend and they end up helping
each other save their families.

YA FIC LITTLE BADGER



Cemetery Boys

by Aiden Thomas
Determined to prove himself a real brujo to
the traditional Latinx family that does not
accept his true gender, a trans boy
summons the ghost of the resident bad boy,
who refuses to return quietly to death.
YA FIC THOMAS



Furyborn

by Claire Legrand
Rielle may prove to be one of the
Prophesized Queens, if she survives the
trials, and a thousand years later bounty
hunter Eliana helps a girl who could be the
answer to the prophecy. YA FIC LEGRAND



Beasts Made of Night

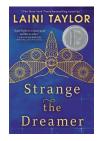
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guilt of others, is drawn into a plot to
destroy the city and must fight to save the
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Wicked As You Wish

by Rin Chupeco Years after the evil Snow Queen desolated the magical kingdom of Avalon, Prince Alexei, his friend Tala, and a ragtag band, inspired by the appearance of the Firebird,

try to reclaim their land. YA FIC CHUPECO



Strange the Dreamer

by Laini Taylor

In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name.

YA TAYLOR



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Squire

by Sara Alfageeh

Hiding her status as a girl from conquered lands while training as a Squire on her quest to become a Knight, the only path to true citizenship, Aiza navigates friendships and rivalries until she discovers the military's endgame. YA GN SQUIRE



Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy. YA FIC ADEYEMI



Scythe

by Neal Shusterman

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scyther-range position peither of them wants

a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't . YA S SHUSTERMAN

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Echoes of Grace

by Guadalupe Garcia McCall On the Texas-Mexico border, eighteenyear-old Grace's relationship with her older sister Mercy is fractured when Mercy's two-year-old son dies in an accident, bringing to the surface old family traumas and literal ghosts as the family struggles to heal. YA FIC MCCALL



Divine Rivals

by Rebecca Ross

When 18-year-old journalist Iris Winnow's personal letters fall into the hands of her rival at the paper, she forges a magical connection that follows her into the battle for her family, the fate of humankind, and love. YA FIC ROSS



The Buried and the Bound

by Rochelle Hassan

Seventeen-year-old Aziza El-Amin, the only hedgewitch in Blackthorn, Massachusetts, teams up with a cursed boy looking for answers and a young necromancer in order to eradicate a new threat in the woods and take back her hometown. YA FIC HASSAN



Little Thieves

by Margaret Owen

Posing as a royal to rob the nobles blind, seventeen-year-old Vanja Schmidt is thrilled by her luck until she crosses the wrong god and is cursed to turn into the jewels she covets unless she can pay back her debts--quickly. YA FIC OWEN



Witch Hat Atelier

by Kamome Shirahama In a world where everyone takes wonders like magic spells and dragons for granted, Coco is a girl with a simple dream: She wants to be a *witch*. Coco is about to give up on her dream to become a *witch*...until the day she meets Qifrey, a mysterious, traveling magician. YA GN WITCH V.1



We Set the Dark on Fire

by Tehlor Kay Mejia

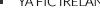
A society wife-in-training has an uncomfortable awakening about her strictly polarized society after being recruited into a band of rebel spies and falling for her biggest rival. YA FIC MEJIA



Dread Nation

by Justina Ireland

When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies. YA FIC IRELAND





Girls of Paper and Fire

by Natasha Ngan

Haunted by the mysterious arrest of her mother a decade earlier, a girl from the kingdom's most persecuted class is unexpectedly chosen to serve the king in the opulent but oppressive palace, before a forbidden romance enmeshes her in a plot that threatens her entire world.

YA FIC NGAN



Before We Disappear

by Shaun David Hutchinson In this queer ahistorical fantasy set during the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle, two ambitious magician assistants—and rivals—have a near-instant connection but are forced to choose between loyalty and love.

YA FIC HUTCHINSON



This Woven Kingdom

by Tahereh Mafi The long-lost heir

The long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight, servant girl Alizeh waits in the shadows to uproot the kingdom of the crown prince—and the world. YA FIC MAFI