

Action Packed Stories for Teens

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Blood at the root

by LaDarrion Williams

A teenager on the run from his past finds the family he never knew existed and the community he never knew he needed at an HBCU for the young, Black, and magical. YA FIC WILLIAMS



The worst Ronin

by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

Determined to prove she's worthy of attending a prestigious samurai school, 16-year-old Chihiro teams up with her former idol, Tatsuo, on a treacherous journey rife with battles and conspiracies, forcing them to put aside their differences to save their village and face the demons of the past. YA GN WORST



Liar's test

by Ambelin Kwaymullina

In a competition where seven girls from different guilds vie for the throne, Bell Silverleaf, a reluctant fifteen-year-old contender with a hidden talent for deception, intends to win and overthrow the kingdom, but finds she is not the only competitor with secret plans. YA FIC

KWAYMULLINA



Tristan & Lancelot : a tale of two knights : an Arthurian love story

by James Persichetti

When Merlin goes missing and Camelot falls under attack, King Arthur sends his estranged half-sister and esteemed Knights of the Round Table, Tristan and Lancelot, to find him. As the reluctant trio travels through

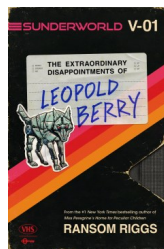
Albion saving towns from treacherous foes and battling fae, their bonds deepen, and sparks fly between the two knights. Before they can sort through their complicated feelings, an unexpected dark force appears, bringing what just might be the end of Camelot. YA GN TALE



Such charming liars

by Karen M. McManus

Helping her mother pull off one last heist at billionaire Ross Sutherland's birthday party, Kat tries to avoid her former stepbrother Liam, but when a Sutherland is murdered, Kat and Liam become the new targets and can't trust anyone except each other—or can they? YA FIC MCMANUS



The extraordinary disappointments of Leopold Berry

by Ransom Riggs

Obsessed with the 1990s kids' fantasy series Sunderworld, Leopold Berry believes the mythology is real and he's destined to be Sunder's chosen one, which turns out to be half right when he must survive LA's magical side that's less disappointing and far

stranger than he ever imagined. YA FIC RIGGS

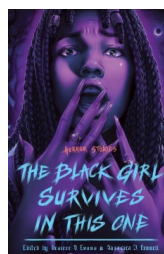


The harrowing

by Kristen Kiesling

Rowan should be worrying about normal teenage things like attending college and whether her best friend Lucas is maybe more than a friend. Instead, she's having terrifying visions of blood and violence. As the premonitions increase, Rowan seeks her

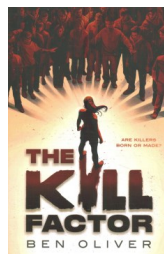
father's help, but instead finds herself drugged, kidnapped, and sent to a mysterious facility called Rosewood. It isn't long before Rowan discovers Rosewood isn't a boarding school or an asylum: it's a training center for teens with special abilities. YA GN HARROWING



The Black girl survives in this one : horror stories

by Desiree S. Evans

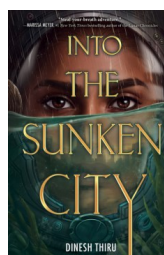
This thought-provoking collection of 15 terrifying tales centers around Black girls who are heroes and survivors who slay monsters, battle spirits and face down death. YA FIC BLACK



The kill factor

by Ben Oliver

A contestant on a game show offering young criminals the chance at freedom and a cash prize by winning over viewers, Emerson needs the money to save her family, but little does she know that winning is her only chance at survival because losing means death. YA FIC OLIVER



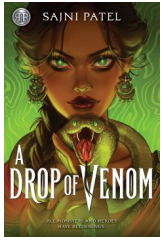
Into the sunken city

by Dinesh Thiru

In a world where the rain never stops, impoverished Jin Haldar is offered the score of a lifetime--a massive stash of gold hidden in the sunken ruins of Las Vegas and must do what she promised herself she'd never do again: dive. YA FIC THIRU

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A drop of venom

by Sajni Patel

When priestess Manisha and warrior Prayuth meet, they find hope in each other's arms, but when Manisha is pushed into a pit of vipers, never to be seen again, Paryush is tasked with killing one last monster, who turns out to be Manisha, who never died, to

gain his freedom. YA FIC PATEL

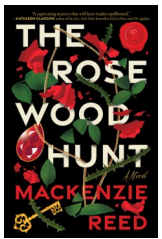


A tempest of tea

by Hafsa Faizal

When her prestigious tearoom is threatened, criminal mastermind and collector of secrets Arthie Casimir must make a devil's bargain with an adversary to infiltrate the dark and glittering vampire society of Athereum to pull off a heist that turns into a fight to save the world. YA FIC

FAIZAL



The Rosewood hunt

by Mackenzie Reed

When her grandmother, the chair of their family's luxury coat business, dies suddenly and her fortune goes missing, Lily Rosewood and three other seemingly random teens are sent on a treasure hunt around Rosetown that becomes more dangerous than she ever

could have imagined. YA FIC REED

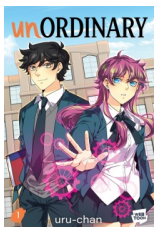


The spells we cast

by Jason June

Sparks fly when Nigel meets Ori during the Culling, a competition that determines whether a magician is stripped of their powers or joins the magical society known as the Guild, but they soon realize the connection growing between them threatens

their future, the Guild, and all of humanity. YA FIC JUNE

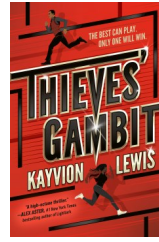


unOrdinary. Volume 1

by uru-chan

Staying under the radar at a high school where the social elite possess unthinkable powers and abilities, John, who has a secret past that could bring down the school's whole social order, is pulled into a world of turf wars, betrayals and deadly conspiracies. YA

GN UNORDINARY



Thieves' gambit

by Kayvion Lewis

To save her mother's life, 17-year-old Ross Quest enters the Thieves' Gambit, a series of dangerous, international heists where the grand prize is a wish for anything in the world, forcing her to decide who to con and who to trust before time runs out. YA FIC

LEWIS



The pirate and the porcelain girl

by Emily Riesbeck

Cursed with porcelain skin and on the run from a zealous knight, Ferra has no choice but to trust the disgraced pirate captain Brig to keep her safe and reunite her with her ex-girlfriend in a faraway city. Together, they bicker across the high seas, dodge nefarious

obstacles, and accidentally fall in love. YA GN PIRATE



Part of your world : a twisted tales graphic novel

by Stephanie Kate Strohm

Discovering her father might still be alive, voiceless queen of Atlantica Ariel resurfaces, determined to overthrow the murderous sea witch Ursula before she destroys her home, her prince and the world she once longed to

be part of. YA GN PART



Danger and other unknown risks

by Ryan North

Here's the deal—on midnight of January 1st, 2000, the world ended. But it wasn't technology that killed it: It was magic. Now, years later, the Earth has transformed. But this new world isn't stable, and unless Marguerite de Pruitt and her canine pal, do something about it, it'll tilt into deadly chaos.

YA GN DANGER



The jump

by Brittney Morris

The best scavenger hunting team in Seattle, Jax, Yas, Spider and Han compete in a dangerous game orchestrated by The Order, who promises a reward of influence, which they see as a chance to change their families' fates and save the city they love. YA FIC

MORRIS