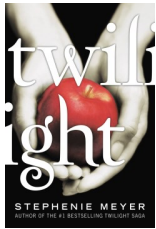


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Twilight

by Stephenie Meyer

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human. YA FIC

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To all the boys I've loved before

by Jenny Han

Keeping private love letters written to five secret crushes she has had, Lara Jean Song finds her personal life going from imaginary to out of control when the letters are unexpectedly mailed. YA FIC HAN

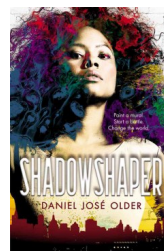


The loop

by Ben Oliver

Enduring a tortuous existence on a futuristic death row for teens where inmates can delay their execution date in exchange for becoming laboratory subjects, Luka uncovers rumors about chaos spreading throughout the outside world before he becomes

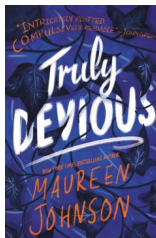
targeted by his crazed fellow prisoners. YA FIC OLIVER



Shadowshaper

by Daniel José Older

When her summer plans are interrupted by creepy supernatural phenomena, Sierra and her artist friend uncover the work of a magic-wielding killer who believes Sierra's family is hiding a powerful secret. YA FIC OLDER



Truly Devious

by Maureen Johnson

When Stevie Bell, an amateur detective, begins her first year at a famous private school in Vermont, she sets a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened. YA FIC JOHNSON



Legendborn

by Tracy Deonn

Wanting to escape her previous life after the death of her mother, 16-year-old Bree enrolls in a program for high school students at the local university before her witness to a magical attack reveals her undiscovered powers as well as sinister truths about her mother's death. YA FIC DEONN



Divergent

by Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group,

and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. Y S ROTH



The inheritance games

by Jennifer Barnes

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance. YA FIC BARNES



Scythe

by Neal Shusterman

Forced to become trained killers in a disease-free world where people can only die if eliminated by professional assassins, teens Citra and Rowan reluctantly train under a master reaper who informs them that the one who successfully kills the other will become his apprentice. YA S

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Belladonna

by Adalyn Grace

Making an alliance with Death himself—the very man she hates most—to solve a murder by poisoning, 19-year-old Signa Farrow is shown that their connection may be more powerful than she dared imagine. YA FIC GRACE

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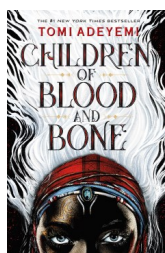


A blade so black

by L. L. McKinney

This isn't the Wonderland you remember. After surviving the Nightmares, Alice is now trained to battle monstrous creatures in the dark dream realm known as Wonderland with magic weapons and fighting skills. But life in Atlanta isn't easy; she juggles an overprotective mom, a high-maintenance

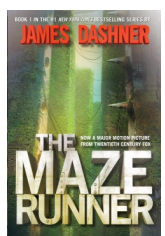
best friend, and a slipping GPA. YA FIC MCKINNEY



Children of blood and bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

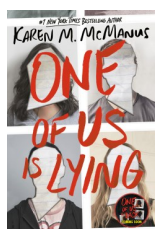
Coming of age in a land where her magi mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zélie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities. YA FIC ADEYEMI



The maze runner

by James Dashner

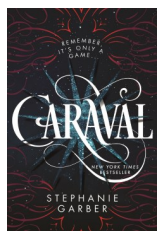
Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. Y S DASHNER



One of Us Is Lying

by Karen M. McManus

When one of five students in detention is found dead, his classmates—including an intellectual, a popular beauty, a drug dealer, and an athlete—are revealed to be the subjects of the victim's latest gossip postings. YA FIC MCMANUS



Caraval

by Stephanie Garber

Believing that she will never be allowed to participate in the annual Caraval performance when her ruthless father arranges her marriage, Scarlett receives the invitation she has always dreamed of before her sister, Tella, is kidnapped by the show's

mastermind organizer. YA FIC GARBER



Legend

by Marie Lu

Raised in an elite military family in a war-torn nation that was once the Western United States, 15-year-old June embarks on a revelatory cat-and-mouse manhunt for criminal youth Day, who is declared a prime suspect in the murder of June's brother. Y S

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Shatter me

by Tahereh Mafi

Ostracized or incarcerated her whole life, Juliette is freed on the condition that she use her abilities in support of the dictatorship, but Adam, the only person ever to show her affection, offers hope of a better future. YA FIC MAFI



Lightlark

by Alex Aster

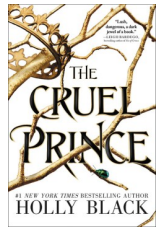
In order to break a curse on her kingdom, Isla Crown, the young ruler of Wilding, must compete in the Centennial, a deadly game that only the rulers of six realms are invited to play, and to survive she must lie, cheat, and betray—even as love threatens to undo everything. YA FIC ASTER



Shadow and bone

by Leigh Bardugo

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold. YA FIC BARDUGO



The Cruel Prince

by Holly Black

A decade after her parents are murdered by the fey who have kidnapped her and her sisters, Jude harbors a seething hatred for a wicked faerie prince and becomes embroiled in court politics as part of her plan to exact revenge. YA FIC BLACK