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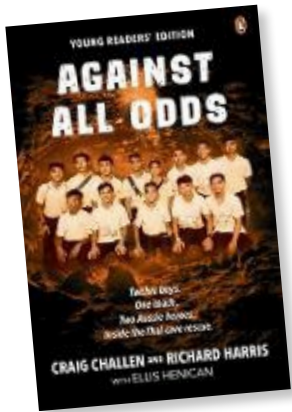
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1. Against All Odds: Young Readers' Edition (Richard Harris)

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The incredible true story of the Tham Laung Thai cave rescue of a boys' soccer team trapped for days with no supplies and decreasing oxygen levels. From joint Australians of the Year Richard Harris and Craig Challen. In June 2018, for seventeen days, the world watched and held its breath as the Wild Boars soccer team were trapped deep in a cave in Thailand. Marooned beyond flooded cave passages after unexpected rains, they were finally rescued, one-by-one, against almost impossible odds, by an international cave-diving team that included Australians Dr Richard 'Harry' Harris and Dr Craig Challen. Harry and Craig were chosen for their medical expertise and cave diving knowledge, but this dangerous rescue asked so much more of them. They had to remain calm under extreme pressure and intense scrutiny, adapt to constantly changing circumstances and, most importantly, build trust among the rescue team and with the young boys and their coach, whose lives were in their hands. An astonishing and moving story of courage, determination and compassion told by two Aussie heroes, who were made joint Australians of the Year for their key role in the rescue. This Young Readers' edition has been specially edited and condensed for a younger audience and includes new maps and diagrams explaining the rescue as well as photographs, a timeline and glossary, and a new introduction especially for young readers written by the two authors. **True Stories AUSTRALIAN NON-FICTION**

2. As Long As The Lemon Treet Grows (Zoulfa Katouh)

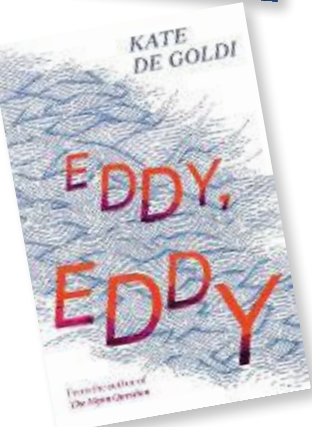
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Burning with the fires of hope and possibility, AS LONG AS THE LEMON TREES GROW will sweep you up and never let you go. Salama Kassab was a pharmacy student when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria. She still had her parents and her big brother; she still had her home. She was even supposed to be meeting a boy to talk about marriage. Now Salama volunteers at a hospital in Homs, helping the wounded who flood through the doors. She knows that she should be thinking about leaving, but who will help the people of her beloved country if she doesn't? With her heart so conflicted, her mind has conjured a vision to spur her to action. His name is Khawf, and he haunts her nights with hallucinations of everything she has lost. But even with Khawf pressing her to leave, when she crosses paths with Kenan, the boy she was supposed to meet on that fateful day, she starts to doubt her resolve in leaving home at all. Soon, Salama must learn to see the events around her for what they truly are-not a war, but a revolution-and decide how she, too, will cry for Syria's freedom. **Syria-Syrian Revolution-War Age 14+**

3. Eddy, Eddy (Kate De Goldi)

\$24.99 ~~\$19.99~~

It's a coming of age story: Eddy, an orphan who lives with his librarian uncle, has been expelled from school and is grappling with identity, love, death, loss and religion. He's working as a dog walker and trying to keep his life together. It's a love story. Despite Eddy's troubles, his world is peopled with a quirky, comic and loving set of characters, both human and animal. It's an earthquake story, set in Christchurch not long after the earthquakes shattered people's homes, lives and minds, including Eddy's. And it's also a story of grief, the way its punch can leave you floundering and how others can help you find your way back. Kate De Goldi's love of words, word play and literary allusions are central to Eddy's world and they form a beautiful overlay to the story. The novel loosely mirrors A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and keen readers will spot many bookish references. **Coming of Age-Love-Grief-Identity Age 15+**



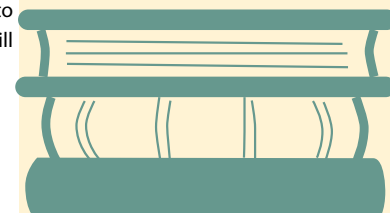
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4. Inheritance Games #3: Final Gambit, The (Jennifer Lynn Barnes)

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The thrilling conclusion to the international bestselling, BookTok sensation, Inheritance Games trilogy, where Knives Out meets One of Us is Lying. Avery's fortune, life, and loves are on the line in the game that everyone will be talking about. To inherit billions, all Avery has to do is survive a few more weeks in Hawthorne House. The paparazzi are dogging her every step. Financial pressures are building. Danger is a fact of life. And the only thing getting Avery through it all is the Hawthorne brothers. Her life is intertwined with theirs. She knows their secrets, and they know her. But as the clock ticks down to when Avery will become the richest teenager on the planet, trouble arrives in the form of a visitor who needs her help-and whose presence in Hawthorne House could change everything. It soon becomes clear that there is one last puzzle to solve, and Avery and the Hawthorne brothers are drawn into a dangerous game against an unknown and powerful player. Secrets upon secrets. Riddles upon riddles. In this game, there are hearts and lives at stake - and there is nothing more Hawthorne than winning. **Thriller-Suspense-Mystery**

Age 14+ For all books in this series INHERITANCE GAMES into the search field at www.pegiwilliams.com.au

5. One Life: Young Readers Edition (Megan Rapinoe)

\$16.99 \$13.59

Adapted for young readers! Join two-time Women's World Cup champion, Olympic gold medalist, and trailblazing activist Megan Rapinoe in the fight for equality and justice in this middle grade adaptation of her New York Times bestselling memoir, One Life. You know Megan Rapinoe as an international soccer superstar! She's also a fierce activist, boldly speaking out about issues of equality and justice-from LGBTQ rights to the equal pay movement to Black Lives Matter. In this adaptation for middle school readers of her memoir One Life, get to know Megan- from her childhood in a small California town where she learned to play soccer and how to fight for social justice; through high school, college and beyond; to 2016 when she became the first high-profile white athlete to take a knee in support of Colin Kaepernick, and also suing the United States Soccer Federation along with her teammates over gender discrimination. Using stories from her own life and career, Rapinoe discusses the responsibility we have to speak up. In this edition specifically for young readers, she reveals the impact everyone, even kids, can have on their communities and how kids can get involved in making the world a better place. **Age 14+**

6. Queen Of The Tiles (Hanna Alkaf)

\$19.99 \$15.99

CATALYST 13 points noun: a person or thing that precipitates an event or change When Najwa Bakri walks into her first Scrabble competition since her best friend's death, it's with the intention to heal and move on with her life. Perhaps it wasn't the best idea to choose the very same competition where said best friend, Trina Low, died. It might be even though Najwa's trying to change, she's not ready to give up Trina just yet. But the same can't be said for all the other competitors. With Trina, the Scrabble Queen herself, gone, the throne is empty, and her friends are eager to be the next reigning champion. All's fair in love and Scrabble, but all bets are off when Trina's formerly inactive Instagram starts posting again, with cryptic messages suggesting that maybe Trina's death wasn't as straightforward as everyone thought. And maybe someone at the competition had something to do with it. As secrets are revealed and the true colors of her friends are shown, it's up to Najwa to find out who's behind these mysterious posts-not just to save Trina's memory, but to save herself. **Mystery-Murder** **Age 14+**

7. Robin Hood #5: Ransom, Raids And Revenge (Robert Muchamore)

\$15.99 \$12.79

Robin and Will Scarlock's band of rebels are enduring a bitterly cold winter in the derelict Sherwood Castle Resort. But when the boss of a major delivery company - the world's second richest man - asks for help to track down the kidnapers of his beloved dogs and offers to pay, Robin finds himself at the centre of the biggest hacking operation of his life. **Adventure-Justice-Survival** **Age 12+** For all books in this series type ROBIN HOOD into the search field at www.pegiwilliams.com.au

8. Scorpion Falls (Martin Chatterton)

\$18.95 \$15.16

Loner Theo Sumner is a 14-year-old living in the isolated Queensland mining town of Scorpion Falls. Following the arrival of an unsettling guest at the Iguana Motel, teenagers start disappearing in mysterious circumstances. As Theo looks for answers, he is drawn deeper into the murky underbelly of his hometown and a shocking nightmare encounter with the truth. In this atmospheric chiller, teenager Theo Sumner finds himself drawn into the increasingly strange events taking place in and under his hometown of Scorpion Falls, an eerie mining town in Central Queensland. **Supernatural-Thriller-Alienation-Racism-Identity-Mortality** **Age 13+ AUSTRALIAN**

9. See You Yesterday (Rachel Lynn Solomon)

\$19.99 \$15.99

Barrett Bloom is hoping college will be a fresh start after a messy high school experience. But when school begins on September 21st, everything goes wrong. She's humiliated by the know-it-all in her physics class, she botches her interview for the college paper, and at a party that night, she accidentally sets a frat on fire. She panics and flees, and when she realizes her roommate locked her out of their dorm, she falls asleep in the common room. The next morning, Barrett's perplexed to find herself back in her dorm room bed, no longer smelling of ashes and crushed dreams. It's September 21st. Again. And after a confrontation with Miles, the guy from Physics 101, she learns she's not alone-he's been trapped for months. When her attempts to fix her timeline fail, she agrees to work with Miles to find a way out. Soon they're exploring the mysterious underbelly of the university and going on wild, romantic adventures. As they start falling for each other, they face the universe's biggest unanswered question yet: what happens to their relationship if they finally make it to tomorrow? **Romance-Magic** **Age 14+**

10. You Can Do It: How To Find Your Team And Make A Difference (Marcus Rashford)

\$19.99 \$15.99

From Marcus Rashford MBE and Carl Anka, the bestselling authors of You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be, comes the eagerly-awaited inspiring and positive follow-up, You Can Do It: How to Find Your Voice and Make a Difference. Marcus uses the power of his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares passionately about, and now he wants to help YOU find the power in yours! From surrounding yourself with the right team, to showing kindness to those around you, to celebrating and championing difference, You Can Do It shows you that your voice really does matter and that you can do anything you put your mind to. You don't have to be an International footballer to make a difference - even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact. Packed with more inspiring stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice, and top-tips from social justice educator Shannon Weber, this book will show you how to use your voice and make a difference in this world. **NON-FICTION**

AUSTRALIAN

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11. Brink, The (Holden Sheppard)

\$24.99 \$22.50

A group of school-leavers: free at last, ready to party, expectations high. A remote island on the Western Australian coast wasn't exactly the plan, but they're not going to let that hold them back. Leonardo, geeky, asthmatic, shy and prone to anxiety, has landed with them. He's terrified-he's definitely not part of this cool gang. Super high-achiever Kaiya is trying to forget her frustration with her drug-addicted sister as well as dealing with pressure from the popular girls to lose her virginity. Mason, footy jock with the physique to match, is coming to terms with his secret desire for his best mate, Jared. And Jared wants a week off from his relationship with Val so he can have sex with as many girls as possible. But the party takes a dangerous turn when Val is drugged and a man is later found dead on the beach. Blame, fear, mistrust, coverups, power plays and dark secrets tear the group apart and expose the deadly tensions beneath the surface. And each teen is forced to confront demons that will lead them either to devastating tragedy or transformative triumph. Whoever survives the week will never be the same again. *The Brink* is a raw, powerful novel that pulls no punches in its authentic exploration of masculinity, sexuality, mental health, drug and alcohol use, relationships and sex. Holden Sheppard takes the teenage experience to the next level. [Masculinity-Sexuality-Mental Health-Drugs-Peer Pressure-Relationships-Sex](#) Age 16+

12. Completely Normal (And Other Lies) (James Biffy)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Love has rules. So does grief. And Stella Wilde's about to break them all. Stella Wilde is secretly in love with the hottest guy in school, Isaac Calder. He seems to love her back, but there's a problem - he already has a girlfriend, the gorgeous Grace Reyes. When Isaac is killed in a car accident, the entire school is turned upside down with grief. And while Grace can mourn publicly, Stella has to hide her feelings to stop people from finding out about her and Isaac being more than friends. But how long can Stella keep lying - to herself and everyone else? And when the truth finally comes out, how will it affect her newfound friendship with Grace? [Love-Grief-Mental Health-Friendship](#) Age 14+

13. Forestfall (Lyndall Clipstone)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Some oaths can never be broken... The curse that haunted Lakesedge Estate has been broken, but at great cost. Violeta Graceling has sacrificed herself to end the Corruption. To escape death, Leta makes a desperate bargain with the Lord Under, one that sees her living at his side in the land of the dead. But this world of souls and mist hides many secrets. And when Leta realises she is still connected to Rowan by a tethering spell, she will risk everything - even her soul - to try and reach him. Torn between power and love, life and death, Leta struggles to keep hold of her humanity as she falls further and further under the spell of the world Below . . . and the Lord Under. [Fantasy-Magic-Monsters-Gothic-Romance](#) Age 14+

14. Hidden Girl, The (Louise Bassett)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Mel has everything to lose - but how can she stand back when she knows something's not right? Within the pages of a stolen diary, Melati discovers a coded cry for help - the diary belongs to Devi, an Indonesian teenager who is being held by traffickers. Mel races across the island of Java and against the clock to work out Devi's identity and where she's being held. Before long the pieces fall into place and Mel must put her own life on the line to save a girl she's never met. [Ethics-Privilege-responsibility-Indonesia-Human Trafficking](#) Age 14+

15. Killing Code, The (Ellie Marney)

\$22.99 \$20.70

'Miss Sutherland ... what would you say if I told you I might be able to offer you a job helping the war effort?' 1943. World War II is raging across Europe and on the Pacific front. Kit Sutherland is hiding a huge secret when she is unexpectedly recruited to work as a young codebreaker at Arlington Hall, a US Signals Intelligence facility. When Kit's roommate doesn't return home from a dance, it sparks a search that ends in a gruesome discovery. And soon it turns into a horrifying pattern: Government girls are being murdered in Washington DC. Kit joins forces with three other girl codebreakers, Dottie, Moya and Violet, and as they work to crack the killer's code, two things become terrifyingly clear: the murderer they're hunting is getting closer every moment ... and Kit's own secret could put her in more jeopardy than she ever imagined. [Thriller-Crime-Codebreaking-Mystery-Suspense-World War 2-LGBTQIA](#) Age 15+

16. Not So Chosen One, The (Kate Emery)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A sharp, hilarious novel set at a high school for students with magical talent Lucy is just a regular teenager with regular worries-homework, friends, getting home for dinner on time. Oh, and there's the small matter of how she's going to tell her mother about her unplanned pregnancy. So when she first hears about Drake's College, a school for students with magical talent, she's sure someone's messing with her. But despite her scepticism, she's soon swept up into a world beyond her wildest imaginings-and now she's got something else to hide. At Drake's, Lucy befriends Jack, a teacher's assistant who has secrets of his own. More concerningly, Lucy's 'talent' doesn't seem to be materialising, and one of the other students collapses in a mysterious incident. There's danger in the air... Populated with charming characters, and laugh-out-loud funny at times, *The Not So Chosen One* is a clever, rollicking ride. [Humour-Magic-Pregnancy](#) Age 14+

17. Sadie Starr's Guide To Starting Over (Miranda Luby)

\$22.99 \$20.70

Sadie Starr attempts to leave her old self behind, but life at her new school proves starting over is more complicated than it sounds. Sadie Starr is obsessed with starting over. A new year, a new diet, a new social media identity. Anything that gives her a chance to be a better version of herself. So when her dad's job moves the family interstate, Sadie's excited for a fresh start. It's also the perfect excuse to leave behind the mess she's made with her best friend and secret crush Daniel, whose advances she rejected-for fear of screwing things up. But at her new school, life gets complicated fast. She meets glamorous Alexa and her pink-badged girl gang, on a mission to 'support women', and outcast Jack, who the girls say has been stalking fellow student Loz. But Loz has a different story, one that changes everything. Sadie's torn. She wants to be popular. She wants to keep Loz's secret. She wants to fix everything. But she'll have to make choices. And the wrong ones could throw her perfect new life into complete chaos. [Identity-Friendship-Belonging-Secrets](#) Age 14+

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18. Something About Alaska (Ja Cooper)

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'It's a wicked cold, the Alaska winter, and can kill a man in a second...'. Nearing 15, Zac Greene travels to Alaska to re-connect with the father he's only ever known from a distance. But Zac's dad is a lone wolf – a wounded soul who'd rather drown his regrets in a bottle of bourbon than confront the mistakes of his past. As Zac struggles to earn his father's approval, things spiral out of control forcing Zac to take his chances with the Alaskan winter. Whatever hope remains for father and son quickly fades, as Zac is forced to hitchhike to escape the hostile weather and soon finds himself sharing a remote cabin with a total stranger... and his gun. 'They say you don't know your enemies from your friends until the ice breaks beneath your feet...' [Family-Connection-Survival Age 13+](#)

19. The Tower #1: Snow Laundry, The (Mette Jakobsen)

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With the intensity of *The Handmaid's Tale*, the drama of *Divergent* and the political intrigue of *The Darkest Minds* series, this is a captivating, fast-paced thriller set in a dystopian world not so different from our own. Sixteen-year-old Ally is one of 400 homeless young people who has been promised new and better lives in exchange for their votes. The once homeless children and teenagers are now warm and fed. But they are forced to work for the new administration - and their new home is really a prison. When Ally's boyfriend Bon vanishes into thin air, her search for him leads her to discovering that the homeless kids are really lab rats intended for scientific testing. And as Ally delves deeper into her search for Bon, she learns the frightening truth behind his disappearance. [Dystopian-Thriller Age 14+](#)

20. Triple Threat (Katy Warner)

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At the prestigious performing arts school Arcadia Grammar, the theatre kids and the musical theatre kids have just one rule: you DO NOT go for each other's lead roles. But Edie is about to throw the rulebook out the window - and all hell is going to break loose. Edie Emerson is a triple threat: she can sing and dance and act. But despite being the lead in every musical at Arcadia, she knows her future on the stage is uncertain. At least until the infamous director Toby Swan agrees to stage *Romeo and Juliet* at the academy. This show could launch Edie's career - except she doesn't do 'theatre'. And she's already agreed to star in a new musical written by her best friend, Will. So when Toby casts the annoying-but-hot Noah Winters as Romeo, and he insists on Edie for Juliet, it sets the stage for drama ... Edie had her role at Arcadia down to a fine art. But does she have what it takes to play the most difficult and complicated role of all: herself? [Musical Theatre-Romance-Self Belief-Determination Age 13+](#)

21. Upwelling, The (Lystra Rose)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

A CAPTIVATING YOUNG ADULT DEBUT FROM THE WINNER OF THE BLACK&WRITE! WRITING FELLOWSHIP. Kirra is having vivid dreams about terrible things - things that start to come true. When she goes for a surf on the same break that killed her older brother, she somehow slips into a time and place that's completely different - but eerily familiar. Tarni is the daughter of a renowned warrior, with a special gift. Somehow she can understand this visitor and her strange language, even when no-one else can. Narn is preparing for an important ritual but is distracted by the girl who arrives with the dolphins. Why has Kirra been sent to this place? Is her arrival part of an ancient prophecy, like some believe? When a shadow threatens all living things in the land, the three realise they have an important role to play, as do their newly discovered magical powers. Working together will be their only chance to save the world. [Fantasy-Alternate Universe-Culture-Community Age 14+](#)

22. Walk In The Dark, A (Jane Godwin)

\$16.99 ~~\$15.30~~

A gripping and suspenseful rite-of-passage novel about five teenagers and one night that will change them all, from award-winning author Jane Godwin. 'It's just a walk in the dark. What is there to worry about?' That's what the head teacher, Johan, says. And so the Year Nines from Otway Community School set out on an overnight hike, with no adults. But doesn't Johan know that a storm is coming? When five teenagers head in to the forest that late afternoon, none of them is aware what the night will bring. Each will have to draw on their particular strengths to survive. Each will have to face the unknown, battling the elements, events beyond their control, and their own demons. It's a night that will change everything. Set in the rainforest of Victoria's Otway Ranges, *A Walk in the Dark* is about friendship, trust, identity and family, consent and boundaries, wrapped in a compulsively readable, suspense-filled adventure. Five head into the forest, but will all five make it out? [Survival-Adventure-Friendship-Trust-Identity-Family-Consent-Boundaries Age 13+](#)

23. Where You Left Us (Rhiannon Wilde)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

An evocative YA mash-up that's like *Wuthering Heights* meets *Sherlock Holmes*, with Taylor Swift's evermore as the soundtrack. Think Kristen Stewart playing Heathcliff, and Holmes and Watson as teenagers with social anxiety - all set on the beach. Cinnamon Prince is angry. She's living at home with her rockstar father after his latest breakdown, and she's stuck in a town where people have whispered that the Princes aren't quite right ever since the mysterious disappearance of her Great Aunt Sadie. Not that Cinnamon cares about anyone else's opinion. Except, she might be really starting to care what her gorgeous co-worker Daisy Leung thinks. Scarlett Prince is anxious. Most of the time, and also about spending the summer with her sister and barely there dad. She's holding it together. Just. But when sister's ex-boyfriend-now-best-friend Will starts helping her search for the truth about Sadie, things get all-the-ways complicated. Can solving the mystery fix their broken family? A story about healing, home and how to pick up the pieces when you feel left behind. [Family-Healing-Secrets-Social Anxiety-Home-LGBTQIA Age 14+](#)

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24. 21% Monster (Pj Canning)

\$14.99 \$13.50

Genetically-modified teens try to bring down the organisation that made them. When Darren Devlin is arrested for destroying his school with his bare hands, it's not just the police who are after him. Enter Marek Masters, 14 years old, 19% alien, and the most intelligent, most wanted "almost human" alive. Marek is here to tell Darren the truth - he is 21% monster, and together they must take down the secret organisation that created them. [Science Fiction-Adventure](#) Age 12+

25. Ali Cross #3: Ali Cross: Secret Detective, The (James Patterson)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Ali Cross, son of the brilliant Alex Cross, is back to solve another case in this exciting continuation of the Ali Cross series School, mysteries, crime-solving - just an ordinary day for Ali Cross! Ali has helped to solve two big cases and he knows he has what it takes to follow in the footsteps of his famous detective father, Alex Cross. Eager to keep solving crimes, Ali and his friends hack into police calls and try to crack their cases themselves. But when Ali witnesses something terrible, he must grapple with some tough questions about what it means to be a detective, and a detective's son. Will he be the one in danger this time? [Mystery-Crime](#) Age 12+ For all books in this series type ALI CROSS into the search field at www.pegwilliams.com.au

26. All The Best Liars (Amelia Kahaney)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A dark, modern psychological thriller of obsession, manipulation and the intensity of friendship. Tic tac toe, three girls in a row. Nine years old and inseparable. Friends for life, or so they think... Best friends Syd, Rain and Brie grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in the stifling California desert, desperately wishing for a way out. In the end, each of them will escape, but not in the way they expect. One will do it by dying, another by lying, a third by taking the fall. A deadly fire is set two weeks before the end of their senior year of high school and nothing will ever be the same. With gorgeous, taut prose and twists to the very last page, All the Best Liars switches between the present and the past to unravel the truth behind the fire and the cost of the secrets at the heart of their friendship. [Psychological Thriller-Obsession-Manipulation-Friendship](#) Age 14+

27. Bad Things Happen Here (Rebecca Barrow)

\$17.99 \$16.20

The island of Parris: paradise or poison? Luca Laine Thomas lives in Parris, the beautiful island plagued by the unsolved deaths of young women - most significantly, Luca's best friend. All Luca wants is to heal from the traumatic loss and leave her feelings of guilt and helplessness behind. Then Luca comes home to find police cars in her driveway. Her sister, Whitney, is dead. Luca and Naomi, the new girl next door, decide to take the investigation into their own hands, and along the way their connection deepens. Soon, their casual touches and innocent flirtations become something way more real. But finding out what happened on the night of Whitney's disappearance reveals lie upon lie. Nothing is as it seems. Will Luca's search finally reveal truth about her sister's murder? And will she unravel and escape the clutches of the curse and survive Parris? [Murder-Mystery-Thriller](#) Age 15+

28. Better Than The Movies (Lynn Painter)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Perpetual daydreamer Liz Buxbaum gave her heart to Michael a long time ago. But her cool, aloof forever crush never really saw her before he moved away. Now that he's back in town, Liz will do whatever it takes to get on his radar—and maybe snag him as a prom date—even befriend Wes Bennet. The annoyingly attractive next-door neighbor might seem like a prime candidate for romantic comedy fantasies, but Wes has only been a pain in Liz's butt since they were kids. Pranks involving frogs and decapitated lawn gnomes do not a potential boyfriend make. Yet, somehow, Wes and Michael are hitting it off, which means Wes is Liz's in. But as Liz and Wes scheme to get Liz noticed by Michael so she can have her magical prom moment, she's shocked to discover that she likes being around Wes. And as they continue to grow closer, she must reexamine everything she thought she knew about love—and rethink her own ideas of what Happily Ever After should look like. Age 15+

29. Blood Like Magic (Liselle Sambury)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A rich, dark urban fantasy debut following a teen witch who is given a horrifying task: sacrificing her first love to save her family's magic. The problem is, she's never been in love—she'll have to find the perfect guy before she can kill him. After years of waiting for her Calling—a trial every witch must pass to come into their powers—the one thing Voya Thomas didn't expect was to fail. When Voya's ancestor gives her an unprecedented second chance to complete her Calling, she agrees—and then is horrified when her task is to kill her first love. And this time, failure means every Thomas witch will be stripped of their magic. Voya is determined to save her family's magic no matter the cost. The problem is, Voya has never been in love, so for her to succeed, she'll first have to find the perfect guy—and fast. Fortunately, a genetic matchmaking program has just hit the market. Her plan is to join the program, fall in love, and complete her task before the deadline. What she doesn't count on is being paired with the infuriating Luc—how can she fall in love with a guy who seemingly wants nothing to do with her? With mounting pressure from her family, Voya is caught between her morality and her duty to her bloodline. If she wants to save their heritage and Luc, she'll have to find something her ancestor wants more than blood. And in witchcraft, blood is everything. Age 12+

30. Butterfly Assassin, The (Finn Longman)

\$17.99 \$16.20

Innocent by day, killer by night: a dark, twisting thriller about a teen assassin's attempt to live a normal life. Trained and traumatised by a secret assassin programme for minors, Isabel Ryans wants nothing more than to be a normal civilian. After running away from home, she has a new name, a new life and a new friend, Emma, and for the first time, things are looking up. But old habits die hard, and it's not long until she blows her cover, drawing the attention of the guilds - the two rival organisations who control the city of Espera. An unaffiliated killer like Isabel is either a potential asset . . . or a threat to be eliminated. Will the blood on her hands cost her everything? [Thriller](#) Age 15+

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31. Cold The Night, Fast The Wolves (Meg Long)

\$26.99 \$24.30

After angering a local gangster, seventeen-year-old Sena Korhosen must flee with the gangster's prize fighting wolf, Iska, in tow. A team of scientists offer to pay her way off her frozen planet on one condition: she gets them to the finish line of the planet's infamous sled race. Though Sena always swore she'd never race after it claimed both her mothers' lives, it's now her only option. But the tundra is a treacherous place, and as the race unfolds and their lives are threatened at every turn, Sena starts to question her own abilities. She must discover whether she's strong enough to survive the wild-whether she and Iska together are strong enough to get them all out alive. [Age 13+](#)

32. Dancing Barefoot (Alice Boyle)

\$24.99 \$22.50

Evie Vanhoutte is a teachers' pet, a basketball star and the most beautiful girl in the year level. Evie Vanhoutte is tall, has long dark hair, a great smile, and for the past four years, Evie Vanhoutte has been the object of my most ardent, heartfelt, and passionate affection. Unrequited affection, of course. Patch is out of place at Mountford College- she wears the wrong clothes, she's not sporty or popular, she lives in a small flat above her dad's record shop a world away from the leafy suburb where she goes to school. And she has a secret long-term crush on basketball star Evie Vanhoutte. Evie barely knows Patch exists until an accident involving a bottle of ink and Patch's school uniform sparks a friendship that's equal parts exhilarating and terrifying, and very, very confusing. As if that weren't enough, Patch is also trying to deal with a jealous school bully, forgetting to be supportive of her transitioning best friend, Edwin, and worrying about how a potential new stepmother could throw everything off course. Dancing Barefoot is a feel-good romance about growing up queer, figuring out your place in the world, staying true to yourself and your friends, finding love, and learning to embrace the obstacles life throws in your path. [Age 15+](#)

33. Defend The Dawn (Brigid Kemmerer)

\$16.99 \$15.30

The embers of revolution continue to simmer in Kandala. The country is still plagued by disease, and the only cure is a scarce moonflower elixir only the rich can afford. Tessa Cade has gone from masked outlaw to palace advisor - and she's determined to help the people of Kandala. With supplies of the moonflower running out, Tessa embarks with Prince Corrick on an uncertain journey to the mysterious neighbouring kingdom of Ostriary. The journey could be their only chance to save the people of Kandala - but it will hold untold danger for both Tessa and Prince Corrick as they navigate perilous waters and confront their feelings for each other. No one is who they seem to be, and the consequences will be dangerous and unpredictable ... It's time to rise up and DEFEND THE DAWN. [Age 14+](#)

34. Dress Coded (Carrie Firestone)

\$14.99 \$13.50

In this middle-grade girl-power friendship story, perfect for fans of Moxie, an eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion. Now available in paperback! Molly Frost is FED UP... Because Olivia was yelled at for wearing a tank top. Because Liza got dress coded and Molly didn't, even though they were wearing the exact same outfit. Because when Jessica was pulled over by the principal and missed a math quiz, her teacher gave her an F. Because it's impossible to find shorts that are longer than her fingertips. Because girls' bodies are not a distraction. Because middle school is hard enough. And so Molly starts a podcast where girls can tell their stories, and before long, her small rebellion swells into a revolution. Because now the girls are standing up for what's right, and they're not backing down. [Activism-Equality-Friendship Age 12+](#)

35. Every Single Lie (Rachel Vincent)

\$16.99 \$15.30

Nobody in sixteen-year-old Beckett's life seems to be telling the whole story. Her boyfriend Jake keeps hiding texts, which could mean he's cheating on her. Her father lied about losing his job and so much more before his shocking death. And everyone in school seems to be whispering about her and her family behind her back. But none of that compares to the day Beckett finds the body of a newborn baby in a gym bag--Jake's gym bag--on the floor of her high school locker room. As word leaks out, rumors that Beckett's mother take off like wildfire in a town all too ready to believe the worst of her. Beckett soon finds herself facing threats and accusations both heartbreaking and dangerous. Nobody believes her side of the story, and as the police investigation unfolds, she discovers that everyone has a secret to hide and the truth could alter everything she thought she knew. [Age 16+](#)

36. First Thing About You, The (Chaz Hayden)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A high school student with spinal muscular atrophy is determined to reinvent himself. When new-boy Harris meets cute-girl-in-his-class Nory, he is determined to prove he is more than just the kid in the powered wheelchair. Luckily, he has a secret weapon. His new nurse Miranda. Beautiful and confident, Miranda sees Harris for who he really is - funny, smart and totally worthy of Nory's affections. It seems everything is working out for Harris for once. But Miranda has her own demons, and Harris starts to wonder if she has his best interests at heart. [Disability-Spinal Muscular Atrophy-Self Esteem-Identity-Humour Age 14+](#)

37. Girl From The Well, The (Rin Chupeco)

\$19.99 \$18.00

The Ring meets The Exorcist in this haunting story set in Japan about an American boy whose last hope for protection lies with a vengeful ghost. I am where dead children go. Okiku is a lonely soul. She has wandered the world for centuries, freeing the spirits of the murdered-dead. Once a victim herself, she now takes the lives of killers with the vengeance they're due. But releasing innocent ghosts from their ethereal tethers does not bring Okiku peace. Still she drifts on. Such is her existence, until she meets Tark. Evil writhes beneath the moody teen's skin, trapped by a series of intricate tattoos. While his neighbors fear him, Okiku knows the boy is not a monster. Tark needs to be freed from the malevolence that clings to him. There's just one problem: if the demon dies, so does its host. [Age 14+](#)

38. Hide And Don't Seek: And Other Very Scary Stories (Anica Mrose Rissi)

\$14.99 \$13.50

A contemporary collection of original short stories by Anica Mrose Rissi that is sure to elicit chills, laughs, and screams, even from the most devoted fans of Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark! A game of hide-and-seek goes on far too long... A look-alike doll makes itself right at home... A school talent-show act leaves the audience aghast... And a summer at camp takes a turn for the braaaains... This collection of all-new spooky stories is sure to keep readers up past their bedtimes, looking over their shoulders to see what goes bump in the night. So if you're feeling brave, turn the page. [Age 15+](#)

(RRP) (School)

39. Holloway Girls, The (Susan Bishop Crispell)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A kiss from a Holloway girl is supposed to be good luck. But for sixteen-year-old Remy, the kissing season turns out to be a curse. During the kissing season, one kiss from Remy or her older sister Maggie will give the boy - or girl - good luck. Or so it has been for all the Holloway girls before. But this year, Remy's first season, she doesn't follow the rules, dooming the boy she kisses to bad luck that almost kills him and leaving Remy with a cursed kissing season. Now Remy is adamant about keeping her lips to herself. But the new boy in town is making it hard to keep her promise. Especially because he seems to really want to get to know her, and isn't just using her for the Holloway luck. But before she can even think about kissing someone else, she'll have to find a way to fix the curse, or else her family's legacy will be tainted forever. [Age 13+](#)

40. How To Pack For The End Of The World (Michelle Falkoff)

\$19.99 \$18.00

The Breakfast Club meets We Are the Ants in this timely story for a generation of young activists. If you knew the world was going to end tomorrow, what would you do. This is the question that haunts Amina as she watches new and horrible stories of discord and crisis flash across the news every day. But when she starts at prestigious Gardner Academy, Amina finds a group of like-minded peers to join forces with-fast friends who dedicate their year to learning survival skills from each other, before it's too late. Still, as their prepper knowledge multiplies, so do their regular high school problems, from relationship drama to family issues to friend blow-ups. Juggling the two parts of their lives forces Amina to ask another vital question: Is it worth living in the hypothetical future if it's at the expense of your actual present [Relationships-Doomsday-Friendship-Survival Age 14+](#)

41. Indestructible Object (Mary Mccoy)

\$19.99 \$18.00

For the past two years, Lee has been laser-focused on two things: her job as a sound tech at a local coffee shop and her podcast Artists in Love, which she cohosts with her boyfriend Vincent. Until he breaks up with her on the air right after graduation. When their unexpected split, the loss of her job, and her parent's announcement that they're separating coincide, Lee's plans, her art, and her life are thrown into turmoil. Searching for a new purpose, Lee recruits her old friend Max and new friend Risa to produce a podcast called Objects of Destruction, where they investigate whether love actually exists at all. But the deeper they get into the love stories around them, the more Lee realizes that she's the one who's been holding love at arm's length. And when she starts to fall for Risa, she finds she'll have to be more honest with herself and the people in her life to create a new love story of her own. Funny, romantic, and heartfelt, this is a story about secrets, lies, friendship, found family, an expired passport, a hidden VHS tape, fried pickles, the weird and wild city of Memphis, and, most of all, love. [Age 14+](#)

42. Indigo Moon (Eileen Merriman)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Kazuo Ishiguro meets the Hunger Games, following a new generation with enhanced powers and even more deadly challenges. Book 1 of the gritty, fast-paced, thought-provoking Eternity Loop Series. Promise you will never, ever mess with time . . . Both Rigel and Indigo are Offspring, born to virally optimised parents. With dire warnings about the possible consequences of time travel, they have been forbidden from even thinking about it. But Indigo is bored - what could really go wrong? She longs for excitement, which she might just find with the mysterious stranger Billy Raven. Meanwhile, Rigel has an odd feeling that he can't shake off. Is it because his dad, Johnno (aka Phoenix), is off on another dangerous mission? Or is it because of what the Foundation did to his mum, Violet? Or is something else going on? Only time will tell. [Age 15+](#)

43. Jo And Laurie (Margaret Stohl)

\$19.99 \$18.00

Bestselling authors Margaret Stohl and Melissa de la Cruz bring us a romantic retelling of Little Women starring Jo March and her best friend, the boy next door, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence-now available in paperback! 1869, Concord, Massachusetts- After the publication of her first novel, Jo March is shocked to discover her book of scribbles has become a bestseller, and her publisher and fans demand a sequel. While pressured into coming up with a story, she goes to New York with her dear friend Laurie for a week of inspiration-museums, operas, and even a once-in-a-lifetime reading by Charles Dickens himself! But Laurie has romance on his mind, and despite her growing feelings, Jo's desire to remain independent leads her to turn down his heartfelt marriage proposal and sends the poor boy off to college heartbroken. When Laurie returns to Concord with a sophisticated new girlfriend, will Jo finally communicate her true heart's desire or lose the love of her life forever?[Age 14+](#)

44. Kill Joy (Holly Jackson)

\$16.99 \$15.30

A thrilling prequel story to the bestselling, award-winning A Good Girl's Guide to Murder! Pippa Fitz-Amobi is not in the mood for her friend's murder mystery party. Especially one that involves 1920's fancy dress and pretending that their town, Little Kilton, is an island called Joy. But when the game begins, Pip finds herself drawn into the make-believe world of intrigue, deception and murder. But as Pip plays detective, teasing out the identity of the killer clue-by-clue, the murder of the fictional Reginald Remy isn't the only case on her mind ... Find out where it all began for Pip in this prequel to the best-selling A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Good Girl, Bad Blood and As Good As Dead! [Age 14+](#)

45. Last Chance Books (Kelsey Rodkey)

\$19.99 \$18.00

You've Got Mail meets Morgan Matson in this smart, banter-filled romcom with a bookish twist. Nothing will stop Madeline Moore from taking over her family's bookstore after college. Nothing, that is-until a chain bookstore called Prologue opens across the street and threatens to shut them down. Madeline sets out to demolish the competition, but the guy who works over at Prologue seems intent on ruining her life. Not only is he taking her customers, he has the unbelievable audacity to be... extremely cute. But that doesn't matter. Jasper is the enemy and he will be destroyed. After all-all's fair in love and (book) war. [Age 14+](#)

46. Love And Other Natural Disasters (Misa Sugiura)

\$19.99 \$18.00

This delightfully disastrous queer YA rom-com is a perfect read for fans of Jenny Han, Morgan Matson, and Sandhya Menon. When Nozomi Nagai pictured the ideal summer romance, a fake one wasn't what she had in mind. That was before she met the perfect girl. Willow is gorgeous, glamorous, and...heartbroken And when she enlists Nozomi to pose as her new girlfriend to make her ex jealous, Nozomi is a willing volunteer. Because Nozomi has a master plan of her own: one to show Willow she's better than a stand-in, and turn their fauxmance into something real. But as the lies pile up, it's not long before Nozomi's schemes take a turn toward disaster...and maybe a chance at love she didn't plan for. [Age 15+](#)

47. **Magic Steeped In Poison, A (Judy Lin)**\$22.99 ~~\$20.70~~

For Ning, the only thing worse than losing her mother is knowing that it's her own fault. She was the one who unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her—the poison tea that now threatens to also take her sister, Shu. When Ning hears of a competition to find the kingdom's greatest shénnóng-shi — masters of the ancient and magical art of tea-making — she travels to the imperial city to compete. The winner will receive a favor from the princess, which may be Ning's only chance to save her sister's life. But between the backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious (and handsome) boy with a shocking secret, Ning might actually be the one in more danger. [Age 13+](#)

48. **Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir Of A Wuhanese American (Laura Gao)**\$22.99 ~~\$20.70~~

After spending her early years in Wuhan, China, riding water buffalos and devouring stinky tofu, Laura immigrates to Texas, where her hometown is as foreign as Mars—at least until 2020, when COVID-19 makes Wuhan a household name. In *Messy Roots*, Laura illustrates her coming-of-age as the girl who simply wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why girls make her heart flutter. Insightful, original, and hilarious, toggling seamlessly between past and present, China and America, Gao's debut is a tour de force of graphic storytelling. [Graphic Novel-Immigration-Racism-Harassment-Sexuality-Assimilation-Intersectionality Age 14+](#)

49. **Monsters Born And Made (Tanvi Berwah)**\$22.99 ~~\$20.70~~

She grew up battling the monsters that live in the black seas, but it couldn't prepare her to face the cunning cruelty of the ruling elite. Sixteen-year-old Koral and her older brother Emrik risk their lives each day to capture the monstrous maristags that live in the black seas around their island. They have to, or else their family will starve. In an oceanic world swarming with vicious beasts, the Landers — the ruling elite, have indentured Koral's family to provide the maristags for the Glory Race, a deadly chariot tournament reserved for the upper class. The winning contender receives gold and glory. The others — if they're lucky — survive. When the last maristag of the year escapes and Koral has no new maristag to sell, her family's financial situation takes a turn for the worse and they can't afford medicine for her chronically ill little sister. Koral's only choice is to do what no one in the world has ever dared: cheat her way into the Glory Race. But every step of the way is unpredictable as Koral races against contenders who have trained for this their whole lives and who have no intention of letting a low-caste girl steal their glory. When riots break out and rogues attack Koral to try and force her to drop out, she must choose — her life or her sister's — before the whole island burns. [Age 13+](#)

50. **Moonlight Dreamers #2: Dreaming By Starlight (Siobhan Curham)**\$16.99 ~~\$15.30~~

Friends make dreams come true Jazz, short for Jasmine, and her parents have just moved to Brighton from Sydney, so that Jazz's dad, Mikey, can pursue his career as a music producer. Jazz is finding it difficult to fit into her new school, and her love of surfing seems destined to be quashed for ever. Not only do Brighton's beaches have stones instead of sand and the water is downright freezing. but there's not a surfboard in sight. When she meets her older cousin, Amber, at a family dinner in London. Amber senses Jazz's unhappiness and tells her about the Moonlight Dreamers, a secret society of likeminded friends that she founded years earlier. Amber suggests that Jazz seek out a group of soulmates too and form her own Moonlight Dreamers. At first Jazz is wary, but then decides to leave postcards for prospective soulmates, just as her cousin had. And so a new group of Moonlight Dreamers is born. Allegra, Hope, Portia and Jazz may be very different but they soon become firm friends who are always there for one another. They listen to each other's problems and support each other's hopes – and help them make their dreams come true. [Friendship-Bullying-Chronic Illness Age 13+](#) For all books in this series type [MOONLIGHT DREAMERS](#) into the search field at www.pegiwilliams.com.au

51. **My Mechanical Romance (Alexene Farol Follmuth)**\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

From Alexene Farol Follmuth the globally bestselling, TikTok viral author of *The Atlas Six* (under the penname Olivie Blake) comes *My Mechanical Romance*, an adorable opposites-attract YA romance that explores the vulnerability of first love. Nerds are so hot. Especially battle-robot-building nerds. When Bel accidentally reveals a talent for engineering at school, she's forced into joining the robotics club. Enter Mateo Luna, perfect on paper - captain of the football team and the robotics club - who recognizes Bel as a potential asset, even if they couldn't be more different. And as the nights of after-school work grow longer, Bel and Teo realize they've made more than just a combat-ready robot for the championship: they've made a connection themselves. But with graduation approaching, their differences and what they want for their futures, threatens what they've built together. Can they survive Nationals without breaking their robots - or their hearts? [Age 13+](#)

52. **Needle (Patrice Lawrence)**\$14.99 ~~\$13.50~~

Award-winning author Patrice Lawrence explores the harsh reality of the criminal justice system for young people in this riveting teen drama. Roo is a demon knitter. She can't remember how she learned - maybe from a grandparent or while she was in another foster home. But it's the only thing she believes she's really good at. So when her foster mum's son destroys her latest creation, Roo loses it and pokes him in the hand with her knitting needle. It damages a nerve and she gets sucked into the criminal justice system for assault. Roo's not sorry and she's never apologised to anyone in her life. But people keep telling her that if she says sorry, they'll go easier on her. Can she bring herself to say it and not mean it when her freedom's at stake? [Foster Care-Family-Home-Criminal Justice System-Dyslexic Friendly BARRINGTON STOKE TEEN Age 13+](#)

53. **Nothing More To Tell (Karen McManus)**\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

From the bestselling author of *One of Us is Lying* comes another page-turning thriller from the Queen of Crime. Someone got away with murder. The most terrifying part is that they're back - or maybe they never left. Five years ago, Brynn quit Saint Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favourite teacher. The case was never solved, but Brynn's sure that the three kids who found Mr. Larkin's body on school grounds know more than they're telling. Brynn's ex-best friend Tripp was one of them. Thanks to Tripp's testimony none of them were found guilty of the murder and now, five years later, the trio are at the top of the school's social ladder. When Brynn gets the internship of a lifetime working on a new true-crime show, she decides to investigate what really happened that day in the woods for herself. But the further she dives into the past, the more secrets she uncovers-about Saint Ambrose School, about Mr. Larkin, and even about her ex-best friend. [Mystery-Murder Age 14+](#)

(RRP) (School)

54. One Great Lie (Deb Caletti)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

When Charlotte wins a scholarship to a writing workshop in Venice with the charismatic and brilliant Luca Bruni, it's a dream come true. Writing is her passion, she loves Bruni's books, and going to that romantic and magical sinking city gives her the chance to solve a long-time family mystery about a Venetian poet deep in their lineage, Isabella Di Angelo, who just might be the real author of a very famous poem. Bruni's villa on the eerie island of La Calamita is extravagant-lush beyond belief, and the other students are both inspiring and intimidating. Venice itself is beautiful, charming, and seductive, but so is Luca Bruni. As his behavior becomes increasingly unnerving, and as Charlotte begins to unearth the long-lost work of Isabella with the help of sweet, smart Italian Dante, other things begin to rise, too—secrets about the past...and secrets about the present. As the events of the summer build to a shattering climax, Charlotte will be forced to confront some dark truths about the history of powerful men—and about the determination of creative girls. [Romance-Mystery-Power](#) Age 15+

55. Promise Of Lost Things, The (Helene Dunbar)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

Russ Griffin has always wanted to be a fantastic medium. Growing up in the town of St. Hilaire, where most residents make their living by speaking to the dead, means there's a lot of competition, and he's always held his own. But Russ knows the town he loves is corrupt, and he's determined to save it before the sinister ruling body, The Guild, ruins all he's ever wanted. Willow Rogers is St. Hilaire royalty. An orphan, raised by The Guild, she's powerful and mysterious. But she has secrets that might change everyone's fate. She's done with St. Hilaire, done with helping spirits move on. She wants to end the cycle for good and rid the town of ghosts, even if that means destroying the only home she's ever known. Asher Mullen lost his sister, and his parents can't get over her death. They sought answers in St. Hilaire and were turned away. Now they want revenge. Asher is tasked with infiltrating the town, and he does that by getting to know Russ. The only problem is, he might be falling for him, which will make betraying him that much harder. Russ, Willow, and Asher all have their own agendas for St. Hilaire, but one thing's for certain, no one will be resting in peace. Age 15+

56. Secret Princess, A (Margaret Stohl)

\$17.99 ~~\$16.20~~

A surprising and romantic YA retelling-mashup of A Little Princess and The Secret Garden by bestselling authors Margaret Stohl and Melissa de la Cruz. Best friends Mary Lennox, Sara Crewe, and Cedric Erroll are best friends. And thank goodness, since their boarding school is basically insufferable. When one of the friends suffers a personal tragedy, a plan—and a secret-change everything for the trio... for good. Age 13+

57. Secrets Act, The (Alison Weatherby)

\$16.99 ~~\$15.30~~

Pearl and Ellen are recruited to work at code-cracking HQ, Bletchley Park, during World War Two—but when they stumble across a sinister plot which threatens the very soul of the war effort, their budding friendship is put to the test. [World War 2-Mystery-Friendship-Loyalty-Secrets-Romance](#) Age 14+

58. Stealing Infinity (Alyson Noel)

\$26.99 ~~\$24.30~~

My life goes completely sideways the moment I meet the mysterious Braxton. Sure, he's ridiculously hot, but he's also the reason I've been kicked out of school and recruited into Gray Wolf Academy—a remote island school completely off the grid. I never should have trusted a face so perfect. But the reality of why Gray Wolf wanted me is what truly blows my mind. It's a school for time travelers. Tripping, they call it. This place is filled with elaborate costumes and rare artifacts, where every move is strategic and the halls are filled with shadows and secrets. Here, what you see isn't always what it appears. Including Braxton. Because even though there's an energy connecting us together, the more secrets he keeps from me, the more it feels like something is pulling us apart. Something that has to do with this place—and its darker purpose. It's all part of a guarded, elaborate puzzle of history and time...and I might be one of the missing pieces. Now I have all the time in the world. And yet I can't shake the feeling that time is the one thing I'm about to run out of...fast. Age 15+

59. Stranded, The (Sarah Daniels)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

Welcome to the Arcadia. Once a luxurious cruise ship, it became a refugee camp after being driven from Europe by an apocalyptic war. Now it floats near the coastline of the Federated States - a leftover piece of a fractured USA. For forty years, residents of the Arcadia have been prohibited from making landfall. It is a world of extreme haves and have nots, gangs and make-shift shelters. Esther is a loyal citizen, working flat-out to have the rare chance to live a normal life as a medic on dry land. Ben is a rebel, planning something big to liberate the Arcadia once and for all. When events throw them both together, their lives, and the lives of everyone on the ship, will change forever... [Dystopian-Thriller](#) Age 14+

60. That Weekend (Kara Thomas)

\$19.99 ~~\$18.00~~

THREE BEST FRIENDS, A LAKE HOUSE, A SECRET TRIP -- WHAT COULD GO WRONG? It was supposed to be the perfect prom weekend getaway. But it's clear something terrible happened when Claire wakes up alone and bloodied on a hiking trail with no memory of the past forty-eight hours. Now everyone wants answers--most of all, Claire. She remembers Friday night, but after that... nothing. And now Kat and Jesse--her best friends--are missing. What happened on the mountain? And where are Kat and Jesse? Claire knows the answers are buried somewhere in her memory. But as she's learning, everyone has secrets--even her best friends. And she's pretty sure she's not going to like what she remembers. Age 15+

61. That's Debatable (Jen Doll)

\$24.99 ~~\$22.50~~

Millie Chalmers is a debate legend. Calm, cool, and collected, what Millie lacks in popularity, she makes up for in debate trophies. Until she meets Tag. Taggart Strong is everything Millie isn't. He's rich, he's well-connected, and he doesn't give a hoot about winning. He only cares about arguing the side he believes--much to the consternation of his teammates. But when the first tournament of the year takes a scary turn, Millie and Tag find themselves unexpectedly working together. Even though Millie decidedly does not like Tag, she does enjoy teaching him a thing or two about debate. And who knows, maybe Millie and Tag might make a better team than they think... In this feminist and witty romantic comedy, perfect for fans of Jennifer Mathieu's Moxie, author Jen Doll explores what it means to break down barriers in all things love and debate. Age 14+

(RRP) (School)

62. Vampires Never Get Old (Zoraida Cordova)

\$19.99 \$18.00

In this delicious new collection, you'll find stories about lurking vampires of social media, rebellious vampires hungry for more than just blood, eager vampires coming out and going out for their first kill and other bold, breath-taking, dangerous, dreamy, eerie, iconic, powerful creatures of the night. Welcome to the evolution of the vampire and a revolution on the page. Vampires Never Get Old includes stories by authors both bestselling and acclaimed, including Samira Ahmed, Dhonielle Clayton, Zoraida Cordova and Natalie C. Parker, Tessa Gratton, Heidi Heilig, Julie Murphy, Mark Oshiro, Rebecca Roanhorse, Laura Ruby, Victoria "V. E." Schwab, and Kayla Whaley. [Age 14+](#)

63. Vile Stars (Sera Milano)

\$17.99 \$16.20

A gripping, haunting and beautifully written book for fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, They Both Die at the End and Holly Jackson. How can the things you love hurt so much? 17-year-old Luka isn't looking for love. She's trying to piece her life back together after a heartbreaking loss. But when she meets the gorgeous and charismatic Cosmo under a meteor shower at the Greenwich Observatory, it feels like destiny has played a hand. Surely theirs is a love written in the stars. But Cosmo isn't what he seems, using Luka's love for him to slowly take control of her life. As the pandemic starts to make headlines and lockdown sets in, she is trapped emotionally and physically in a coercive relationship. Luka's friends and brother can see what's happening, but struggle to reach her. Something will have to be sacrificed so Luka can set herself free - but what will be left of her when she does? (TRUE) LOVE (TOXIC) LOVE (LOST) LOVE This is a different kind of love story. [Love-Loss-Hope-Survival-Coercive Control-Domestic Violence-Suicide](#) [Age 15+](#)

64. Well: Graphic Novel, The (Jake Wyatt)

\$32.99 \$29.70

Li-Zhen's life on the archipelago is simple. Known to friends and family as Lizzy, she takes care of her grandfather and their goats, she flirts with the woman who helps row the ferry, and she stays away from the fog that comes in the night—and the monsters hiding within it. But Lizzy's life comes apart when she steals a handful of coins from a sacred well to cover a debt. The well requires repayment, but it doesn't deal in coins. It needs wishes, and its minions will drown Lizzy in its depths if she doesn't grant them. Lizzy finds herself on a quest to uncover hidden memories, bestow great wealth, and face the magical secrets that nearly destroyed her family—and are now returning to threaten everything she has ever known. [Age 15+](#)

65. With Fire In Their Blood (Kat Delacorte)

\$19.99 \$18.00

A seductive, simmering supernatural romance set in Italy, that's Sarah J. Maas meets M neskin. Sixteen-year-old Lilly Deluca is furious when her father accepts a new job in shadowy hill-town of Castello, Italy. From the moment she arrives, Lilly knows Castello is deadly - the town itself is divided by an invisible line, keeping the ancient warring families of Marconi and Paradiso from destroying each other. Lilly quickly falls in with the seductive, rebellious Liza, brooding Nico and sensitive Christian, who are all keeping their own secrets. Life starts to seem almost normal until Lilly accidentally breaks Castello's most important rule—when the General's men come to test your blood, you'd better not be anything more than human. [Age 14+](#)

66. Writing On The Wall (Jenny Éclair)

\$17.99 \$16.20

Summer 1975: Helena is bored out of her mind - there's absolutely nothing to do and her supposed "best friends" Gwen and Elaine are holidaying in the South of France without her. The only saving grace is that she's allowed to re-decorate her room - bring on the purple floral wallpaper. Summer 2021: New to the north, Hermione's mum has moved her away from London and all her friends to start a new life with new boyfriend Paul, who resembles a slab of meat from the butchers. Just as well she can paint over that hideous wallpaper in her new room. By some miracle, the girls meet. When Hermione discovers Helena's writing under the wallpaper - she's transported back to Summer 1975 and the two instantly hit it off. But after dancing to the juke box at the infamous Blue Monkey cafe, and meeting Helena's multiple crushes, Hermione discovers a truth about Helena's future which suggests she is in great danger... Hermione found the writing on the wall. But can she save Helena? [Friendship-Time Slip-Mystery-Change](#) [Age 13+](#)



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67. Aussie Stem Stars: Michelle Simmons: Quantum Computing Scientist (Nova Weetman)

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Growing up in London, Michelle's interests frequently bumped up against expectations of girls which she pushed through, including her love of playing soccer and chess, and later, her passion for science and technology. Professor Simmons is well-known for creating the field of atomic electronics. Since 2000 she established the Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology dedicated to the making of tiny atomic-scale devices in silicon and germanium. Her research group at the University of New South Wales is the only group worldwide that can create atomically precise devices in silicon. It was also the first team in the world to develop a working 'perfect' single-atom transistor and the narrowest conducting doped wires in silicon. In 2018 Michelle became Australian of the Year and is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow. She is passionate about encouraging girls to pursue a career in science and technology: 'Seeing women in leadership roles and competing internationally ... gives them the sense that anything is possible.' [Famous People-Biography-Science-Scientist-STEM](#) For all books in this series type AUSSIE STEM STARS into the search field at www.pegiwilliams.com.au



68. Aussie Stem Stars: Skye Blackburn-Lang (Dianne Wolfer)

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Skye Blackburn-Lang is an entomologist and food scientist who has combined her two specialities and high energy entrepreneurial spirit to become a world leader in developing nutritious superfoods for a sustainable future from insects and their larvae – without the Yuck! factor. From the time Skye was very young, she was passionate about all things creepy crawly and dreamed of becoming an entomologist when she was just four years old! After finishing her university studies, she first worked in a pet food company developing nutritious food for cats but very soon created her own businesses introducing children and adults to the world of insects. She developed insect life cycle kits and butterfly sessions, becoming a regular and extremely popular speaker at schools, invited to show and talk about her insects at public and private events. She has appeared on television, on the children's reality show Camp Orange, and has also worked with production companies that require her services and live insects in TV shows, films and advertisements. Her creepy-crawlies have become rock stars! After visiting Thailand and seeing insects cooked up as yummy treats, she is now famous for producing amazing food – from ice cream, to muesli to choc chip cookies, made from protein and nutrient-rich insects that she farms herself. Food for the future! [Biography-Famous People-Scientist-Entomologist-Food Scientist](#) Age 10+



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Veena Sahajwalla Inspired by what she observed growing up in Mumbai, that 'one person's trash is another person's treasure', Veena has dedicated her life to revolutionising the processes to transform waste into amazing products in your suburb – micro-recycling. She's head of the Centre for Sustainable Materials Research and technology (UNSW) and 2022 NSW Australian of the Year. A great role model for girls, in particular! Aussie STEM Stars is an inspiring children's series that celebrates Australia's world-leading experts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics About this series Each book is written by an award-winning children's author and follows the real-life stories of some of Australia's top scientists and inventors, chosen on the basis of their pioneering work. [STEM-Engineering-Sustainability-Recycling-Technology](#) Age 10+



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Today surveillance cameras are inescapable. They can be found in banks and stores. They are in schools parking lots and sports stadiums. They could even be in a neighbor's doorknob. The world of constant surveillance concerns those who fear that anonymity is a thing of the past. Others praise the benefits of increased surveillance and the growing utility of drones for a variety of uses. This book explores a variety of issues related to surveillance and drone use.



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