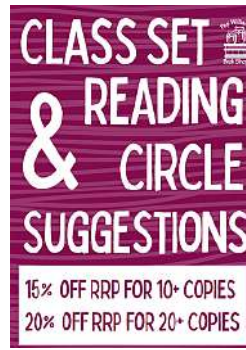


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The summer Beth turns sixteen, she grows. She grows so fast her bones hurt and she feels like throwing up. Everyone – including Etienne, the boy who lives over the road – looks at her differently. Then she starts catching people. People who are falling out of trees or from tall buildings. Soon Beth discovers that helping strangers sometimes hurts. Sometimes it also hurts or annoys the people she loves. It isn't great for her school grades, either. Is there a way to balance family and friendship and basketball and romance and ... catching? An extraordinary story about finding out who you are, and discovering who you want to be.

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2. DAY THE BRIDGE FELL, THE

[Coral Vass](#) | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$13.50**

Obsessed with the construction of Melbourne's new West Gate Bridge, where his father works, Ray Johnston overhears a conversation about a fault in the bridge and a plan to loosen its bolts. He tells his best friend Tom and confides in his father, who insists that he keeps quiet about it. Ray is devastated when he hears sirens coming from the worksite. He races there to find that the bridge has fallen, taking several workers with it. Is his dad one of them? What else can he do?

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3. ETERNAL RUIN

[Tigist Girma](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Like all ruinous things, he came from the abyss. Kidan Adane has finally embraced her darkness. She's killed without remorse, broken Uxlay University's most sacred law by inviting elusive rogue vampires, the Nefrasi, into their campus, and made a truce with the one vampire she swore she'd never trust – Susenyos Sagad. Trapped with a violently unstable vampire and reeling from her sister's return, Kidan wields her anger like a weapon. She vows to master her house and protect the sacred artifact hidden within, even if it means forging an alliance with the depraved leader of the Nefrasi, Samson Sagad – and betraying Susenyos in the process. When Kidan stumbles across a dangerous new philosophical text, it seems to hold the answers she seeks and promises the very thing she has lost: control. As the dark pages consume her, Kidan realises no soul at Uxlay is trustworthy – least of all Susenyos. For Kidan and Susenyos, the lines of loathing and attraction may blur, but the quest for power rules them both. And neither is willing to surrender. As devastating secrets resurface from the past, Kidan and her sister, June, must finally confront each other and take their rightful places in the looming war.

Categories: [Vampires](#), [Vengeance](#), [Romance](#), [Fantasy](#)



4. FLIP

Rebecca Fraser | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$13.50**

Denim Davies wishes he could flip his life, like the vintage items and clothing he finds and sells online. With the worsening housing crisis, Denim and his dad have spent a year moving in search of sustainable work and a home. In the coastal town of Driftwood Heights, the only accommodation is in the caravan park. He's just started Year 10, and he feels more of a misfit than ever. When Denim befriends Mina, a quirky girl with a carefree attitude, Driftwood Heights starts to look a little brighter. But then a vintage find goes horribly wrong, and he has a tough decision to make that could ruin his friendship forever. What do you do when flipping your life has too high a price?

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Housing Crisis, Upcycling, Employment, Poverty



5. LAST CHANCE JOEY

Meredith Resce | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$18.00**

Expelled from three schools, Joey is sent to the country to live with his aunt. She asks him to help an old man recovering from an accident. Now he has a choice and he chooses to help. What else is there to do, a million miles from anywhere? But when Joey meets Harry, he finds in him a friend even if he's eighty-five. Maybe life when people trust you might be a good thing. As Joey's desire for acceptance grows, break-ins threaten the community and Joey's past starts to catch up with him. How can Joey turn his life around when his mistakes follow him everywhere he goes? And will he be there for Harry when he needs him?

Categories: Friendship, Trust, Acceptance, Relationships, Inclusion, Dyslexia, Romance



6. LIKE, COMMENT, SUBSCRIBE?

Kat Ost | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$14.99** | **School Price \$13.50**

Fifteen-year-old Becca questions the influencer life that supports her family when an unexpected friendship in an online writing community challenges her to step into the 'real' life she craves. Becca has been online influencer since she helped make promotional baking videos for her mom's patisserie as a toddler. Now at fifteen, cutting online comments remind Becca she is no longer the cute flour-covered kid her followers first subscribed to. Her business-driven manager fuels Becca's self-doubt by pressuring her to rebrand to a health and weight-conscious influencer. Becca vents her frustration in her poetry journal, questioning if the online life is worth sacrificing real friendships. A teacher encourages Becca to sign up to the online writing community Poet's Portal and there she meets @notmylife, another poster feeling trapped by family expectations. Becca and @notmylife confide in each other without giving away their identities and Becca feels like she has finally met someone who really understands her. When the two win a writing contest with their verse story 'Your dream not mine,' they receive entry to a writing workshop. Becca and @notmylife agree to meet in person before the workshop. But Becca's manager has booked her for a TV show on the same day as the workshop. Becca is torn as her influencer work supports her whole family. Now, she has to decide between the online life that's never been her dream and the real-world connection she so desperately craves. With teens increasingly aspiring to become online influencers, Like, Comment, Subscribe? aims to show the less glamorous side of the influencing lifestyle, particularly when the decision to be thrust in front of the camera is not made by themselves.

Categories: Reluctant Readers, Cyber Safety, Influencers



7. ROMEO V JULIET

Ra Spratt | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$13.59**

The OG enemies-to-lovers. Selby does not want to be in the school play. She is much happier behind the scenes painting sets - anything to avoid standing on stage in front of an audience, performing for disinterested classmates and overenthusiastic parents. So Selby did not plan on landing the lead role of Juliet . . . and she certainly never planned to land in Verona and meet Juliet in person. With warmth, brilliant banter, deadpan humour and, well dead people, R.A. Spratt brings her trademark wit to Shakespeare's famous play.

Categories: Shakespeare, Romance, Humour, Acting, Performing Arts, Theatre



8. TRUTH OF IT, THE

David Metzenthen | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$17.95** | **School Price \$16.16**

Isaac Swift knows Dark River is a dangerous place for those who are different... and Mimmy Rose is most certainly different. Isaac also knows there are two sides to every story: crime, river, and sometimes, even the truth... Ultimately, it is Isaac and his friends who must fight to find and shine the diamond light of truth in the darkest of places.



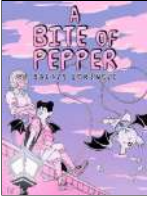
9. WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO LIZA MCLEAN?

Amy Doak | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Meg McLean is a scholarship student at the ultra-elite Douglas College. And everything Meg's younger sister, Liza, has done since they arrived at the school seems to be putting their chances of success at risk. Until one day, when Liza's behaviour is so at odds with her usual temperament that Meg knows something is very, very wrong. Benedict Hargreaves is Douglas College's wealthiest student and perhaps the only one who isn't influenced by the school's strict code of conduct. Is he brave enough to help Meg uncover what has happened to her sister? Or is he part of the elusive 'they' who seem to be controlling everything - and everyone? And, when more than one murder takes place, can Meg trust anyone?

Categories: Mystery, Murder, Thriller, School

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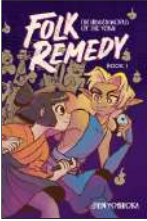


10. BITE OF PEPPER GRAPHIC NOVEL, A

[Balazs Lorinczi](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Pepper Mint might be born a vampire, but she's pretty much your average teenager who loves skateboarding and her dog. What she doesn't love is her mother's continuous efforts to find her a vampire bride so that she can become fully immortal. Then Pepper meets Ana—she's a charming art student, a part-time waitress...and interested in Pepper. Ana's presence changes everything, especially when she uses Pepper for the inspiration behind her art. But the two girls' instant chemistry seems to provide the perfect opportunity for Pepper to finally commit to becoming the immortal creature of the night her mother desperately wants her to be. Between the pressure from her mom and her inability to figure out whether Ana likes Pepper for herself or her aesthetic, it feels like everyone just wants a bite of Pepper. And with all these looming questions, will Pepper be ready to take the biggest bite of her life, committing to an unchanging immortality?

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Coming of Age](#), [Paranormal](#), [Vampires](#), [Dilemma](#)



11. FOLK REMEDY GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Jem Yoshioka](#) | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

At twelve years old, Maple Akimura's future has already been decided. With her mother insisting she become an apprentice at the family apothecary business, Maple sees a small life in her village ahead of her. Maple would rather spend her time with Kunio, her new friend visiting from Taisho City, than study her family's history. Her mother insists she reads the family book detailing the Akimuras' relationship to yokai (spirits and supernatural beings) over generations. To Maple, the stories of the yokai are just a remnant of traditional village living, amid 1920s Japan's rapidly advancing technology and the glamor of modern urban life—especially in bustling Taisho City. But Maple's encounter with a mischievous yokai named Ember sweeps the pair into the hidden spirit world, with only Maple's family stories to guide them. Now, they must navigate hidden dangers, strange creatures, and dark secrets to send Ember home and empower Maple to find her own path.

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Adventure](#), [Danger](#), [Secrets](#)



12. HEARTBREAK HOTEL GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Micol Beltramini](#) | [Agnese Innocente](#) (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Have you ever wanted to disappear after someone broke your heart? Heartbreak Hotel knows exactly how you feel, and will do anything to coddle your illusions. But what is the expiration date of a dream? And when you have to return to reality, who will help you put the fragments of your heart back together?

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Relationships](#), [Romance](#)



13. HELLO SUNSHINE GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Keezy Young](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$29.99** | **School Price \$25.50**

In this lush and romantic queer horror graphic novel, a troubled teen disappears from his small town—sending his loved ones on a paranormal journey to bring him home. Noah is heartbroken. He returns from Bible camp to find that Alex, his secret boyfriend, has had a breakdown and disappeared. He wishes more than anything that he hadn't left that day. Sky is determined. She'll stop at nothing to find her childhood friend, even if it means alienating the people she loves. Izzy is ashamed. She knew something weird was going on with Alex, and she didn't say anything to her boyfriend, Jamie—Alex's twin brother. If she had, would Alex still be here? Jamie is angry. Angry at Alex for being gone, angry at himself for not noticing something was wrong, and angry at his long-dead mother, Desdemona, who had problems of her own. But what if there was something more to Desdemona's demons? Why is Jamie seeing her ghost? And can he get past his hatred of her if it means finding out what happened to his brother?

Categories: [Graphic Novel](#), [Horror](#), [Paranormal](#), [Supernatural](#), [LGBTQIA](#)



14. WE COULD BE MAGIC GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Marissa Meyer](#) | [Joelle Murray](#) (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$34.99** | **School Price \$31.50**

When Tabitha Laurie was growing up, a visit to Sommerland saved her belief in true love, even as her parents' marriage was falling apart. Now she's landed her dream job at the theme park's prestigious summer program, where she can make magical memories for other kids, guests, and superfans just like her. All she has to do is audition for one of the coveted princess roles, and soon her dreams will come true. There's just one problem. The heroes and heroines at Sommerland are all, well... thin. And no matter how much Tabi lives for the magic, she simply doesn't fit the park's idea of a princess. Given a not-so-regal position at a nacho food stand instead, Tabi is going to need the support of new friends, a new crush, and a whole lot of magic if she's going to devise her own happily ever after. . . without getting herself fired in the process.

Categories: [Growing Up](#), [Family](#), [Body Image](#), [Relationships](#)



15. WHEN THE SKY FALLS GRAPHIC NOVEL

[Phil Earle](#) | [Fred Fordham](#) (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 11+ | **RRP \$34.99** | **School Price \$31.50**

A stunning graphic-novel edition of the multi-award-winning story about the incredible friendship between a young boy and a silverback gorilla during the Second World War, inspired by a true story. 1941. War is raging. And Joseph has been sent to live in the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, he will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, Joseph and Adonis become friends, but what will happen when the bombers set him rampaging free?

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16. BEAT I DRUM, THE

[Dusti Bowling](#) | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$16.99** | **School Price \$14.45**

Connor Bradley is dreading the first day of high school, because he has Tourette Syndrome, and every day has been a challenge from the mimicking to the laughing, the questions, and the stares. Connor forms a fast friendship with a girl who also has Tourette's and is welcomed into her accepting circle of friends. But Connor's world is turned upside down when his absent father reappears and a bully starts to escalate at school. All these problems build until Connor feels ready to explode. Will a surprising revelation save him and help him find his beat again? The Beat I Drum offers an empathetic look at a misunderstood syndrome, the therapeutic value of music, and the power of forgiveness.

Categories: [Tourette Syndrome](#), [Differences](#), [Friendship](#), [Fear](#), [Acceptance](#), [Forgiveness](#)



17. BETTER NIGHTMARE, A

[Megan Freeman](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$18.00**

Emily Emerson has the Grimm. A disease nobody wants. Removed to a facility, she becomes property of the state, a pale shadow of her real self. Here she meets a boy, Emir, who tells her she's not sick – she's just different. Only by dreaming, he says, can they break out of the world that's keeping them imprisoned. And perhaps – make a better future...

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Friendship](#)



18. BITTEN

[Jordan Stephanie Gray](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$22.50**

The night her best friend is brutally slaughtered by wolves, Vanessa Hart's life is changed. Because these are no ordinary wolves... they're werewolves. And when Vanessa's father discovers that she has been bitten, he hands her to them and to the treacherous Wolf Queen's court. Taken as prisoner, Vanessa vows to seek vengeance for her friend, even as she finds herself mesmerised by the prince Sinclair Severi, and his brooding disgraced cousin, Calix. Vanessa has two choices: swear her life to the Court, or die the agony of a lone wolf. But the malevolence of werewolf society goes far beyond a single murder in the forest. The Court is at war, and Vanessa just a pawn in its deadly game...

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Romance](#)



19. BRIGHTWOOD CODE, THE

[Monica Hesse](#) | Paperback | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Seven months ago, Edda was on the World War I front lines as a female switchboard operator employed by the US Army. She spent her nights memorizing secret connection codes to stay ahead of spying enemies, and her days connecting vital calls between bases and generals – their lives were in Edda's hands. Until one day everything went wrong. Now, Edda is back in Washington, DC, working as a telephone operator. When she receives a panicked phone call from someone who utters the fateful code word "Brightwood," Edda has no choice but to confront her past. With precious few clues and help only from Theo, a young man bearing his own WWI scars, Edda must uncover her secrets from across the ocean.

Categories: [War](#), [World War I](#), [Code](#), [Spies](#), [Thriller](#)

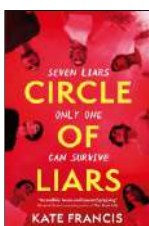


20. BURY YOUR FRIENDS

[Benjamin Dean](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Ten friends. One night. A classy celebration. A deranged killer. Lots of murder. Noah and his best friends are finally graduating from Woodthorn Academy with the world and all its promises laid out before them. To celebrate exam results day, they're hosting a party weekend at Black Stone, an opulent country estate, for the whole school to attend. But for one night only, the ten friends will have a low-key celebration – after all, it's how the upper echelons begin their futures. But things take a sinister turn when they find themselves in the crosshairs of a killer making one simple demand: every hour, one person must be evicted from the house or someone inside the house will die. With nowhere to run and a killer on the prowl, choices must be made. But, as people inside the house start to go missing too, it soon becomes clear that nobody is safe. By the time morning comes, who will have survived the night? And is the killer much closer than they realised ...

Categories: [Murder](#), [Thriller](#)



21. CIRCLE OF LIARS

[Kate Francis](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Seven teens arrive for a school retreat – only to find an abandoned motel and a sinister text message waiting for them: I know what you did a year ago. Each of the seven buried a guilty secret about their tragic school fire. And now someone is out for revenge. Every hour they must choose the guiltiest one among them to cross over the white line that circles the motel and be killed. Otherwise, they all die. But who deserves to live, and who to die? Because only one of them can survive...

Categories: [Mystery](#), [Thriller](#), [Suspense](#), [Lies](#), [Secrets](#), [Revenge](#)



22. COLD WIRE

Chloe Gong | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

For decades, the world has been caught in a cold war between two powerful nations: Medaluo and Atahua. The Medan orphans who live in Atahua suffer the cost. Their enrollment at Nile Military Academy is mandatory. Either serve as a soldier, or risk being labelled a spy. Eighteen-year-old Eirale is one such orphan. Having recently graduated and joined NileCorp's forces, she's doing well for herself – until Atahua's most wanted anarchist frames her for assassinating a government official and she's given a choice: cooperate with him to search for a dangerous program in Medaluo or go down for treason. Meanwhile, seventeen-year-old Lia is close to her own graduation when she's paired with her academic nemesis for one final assignment. But when they are ordered to infiltrate Medaluo in virtual reality, Lia quickly realises there is much more at stake than her school ranking. As Eirale and Lia tear through Medaluo on separate courses, the two start to suspect they are pieces in a larger conspiracy – and the closer they get to the truth, the closer their worlds come to a shattering collision.

Categories: [Dystopian](#), [Conspiracy](#)



23. DEEP WATER

Maren Stoffers | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Vesper thought a ten-day cruise would be the perfect escape from her troubled life. But when the ship leaves the harbor, she quickly realizes this is no ordinary vacation. She's has been enrolled in No Exit, a sinister program to reeducate bullies. Now, Vesper and her fellow passengers are about to confront their darkest fears and deepest regrets. As the days pass, the ship becomes a floating prison where the rules are brutal and the punishments deadly. With each new challenge, the teens must navigate physical and psychological trials that push them to their limits. And not everyone will make it back alive.

Categories: [Thriller](#), [Danger](#), [Psychological Thriller](#)



24. DIAMOND BRIGHT AND BROKEN, A

Holly Davis | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Discover the founder of Diversity is Lit Bookclub's debut where one girl's magical power is both a gift and a curse. Sixteen-year-old Cadence was born with the ability to cry tears of diamonds a secret talent her parents have abused to climb the royal ranks thanks to the infinite source of wealth. At their command, she cries diamonds to pay for the pricey treatments for her sister's neuromuscular disorder. Regardless of the pain, she'll do anything for her sister, who weakens by the day. When the prince heckles Cadence at the King's Summer Solstice Ball about her sister's disability while dancing in the ballroom, she's left on the verge of tears, threatening to expose her power. She is saved by a mysteriously charming girl who sweeps in to take the next dance and the single diamond Cadence cried. The stranger reveals the Magi Queen sent her to tell Cadence that she's a mage, and that her power is a curse. Yearning to discover the secrets behind her powers, Cadence sets off for the City of Magi. To claim the life she wants, Cadence must embrace her power before she loses the bright spots in her otherwise sad existence. After all, even diamonds can shatter.

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25. FAKE SKATING

Lynn Painter | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$20.70**

From play dates on the playground to sneaking into movie theatres, Dani and Alec were inseparable as kids. Until Dani moved away. Years later, Dani is back in Minnesota, and excited to reconnect with the nerdy and comforting Alec. But teenage Alec is NOTHING like the boy she remembers. He's the hockey STAR in a town where hockey players are worshipped as gods – and he loves it. When one thing leads to another and Dani and Alec find themselves thrown together and playing the role of boyfriend and girlfriend, "complicated" becomes an understatement. In this Minnesota town, hockey may rule, but romance is about to take its place.

Categories: [Romance](#), [Relationships](#), [Friendship](#)



26. FOREST OF HEARTS

MA Kuzniar | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Elka has been banished to the forest by her wicked mother, who rules the city with an iron fist. She is cursed to remain there forever unless she takes the hearts of seven men. Six have been slain and a wounded huntsman stumbles across her path, destined to be the seventh. But Kaz is hiding a secret of his own, arriving in the forest with another agenda and as the two get to know one another, passion begins to spark. The magic within the forest is stirring and dark forces threaten to overtake them. Elka must face the ultimate choice: relinquish her destiny or betray her heart? Step into the forest of hearts in this richly imagined take on the Snow White folklore, full of forbidden love, slow burn passion and the promise of true love's kiss.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Romance](#)



27. HERO COMPLEX, THE

Helen Comerford | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$18.99** | **School Price \$17.10**

Jenna Ray was the Love Interest, but now she's the HERO. Unfortunately, as it turns out, having actual superpowers doesn't make life any easier. For starters, being an official superhero means Jenna and Blaze can work together but not be together, no matter how much they are drawn to each other. Jenna knows she can make it work. She can be 'just friends' with Blaze, keep up with the HPA's intensive training, ignore the country clamouring for the return of King Ron and battle world disasters, all while keeping her own power-triggering panic attacks a secret ... She can be the perfect hero. As the pressure builds, what more will Jenna have to give up in order to save the world?

Categories: [Romance](#), [Action](#), [Superheroes](#)



28. HIVE, THE

[Anna February](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Justice is merciless in *The Hive*, a monarchy of tomorrow, where young bodyguard Feldspar awaits execution, guilty of being alive when her charge is dead. The girl has one defender – Niko, a royal maverick. Together they have three days to prove the impossible. Three days to question everything Feldspar knows about the world that raised her and discover who the real murderer is ... A thrillingly original YA murder mystery. Themes: ecology, science, politics, class hierarchy.

Categories: [Dystopian](#), [Murder](#), [Mystery](#), [Politics](#), [Hierarchy](#)



29. HOLLY

[Adalyn Grace](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$20.70**

Reunited at last, Blythe and Aris have settled into their magical manor. Blythe has her heart set on the perfect celebration for the holidays and Aris is determined to figure out what to get the woman who holds the power of life itself. But gifts turn out to be the least of their worries when volatile spirits threaten the festivities, keeping Signa's hands full with the mystery of their deaths. It would be easier with Syllas at her side, but he's disappeared and seems to have his own secrets. Now Signa and Aris must work together to uncover what happened to Wisteria's ghostly inhabitants and help them move on before it's too late – all while keeping Blythe blissfully unaware.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Magic Realism](#)



30. HOUSE SAPHIR, THE

[Marissa Meyer](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

Mallory Fontaine is a fraud. Though she comes from a long line of witches, the only magic she possesses is the ability to see ghosts, which is rarely as useful as one would think. She and her sister have maintained the family business, eking out a paltry living by selling bogus spells to gullible buyers and conducting tours of the infamous mansion where the first of the Saphir murders took place. Mallory is a self-proclaimed expert on Count Bastien Saphir—otherwise known as Monsieur Le Bleu—who brutally killed three of his wives more than a century ago. But she never expected to meet Bastien's great-great grandson and heir to the Saphir estate. Armand is handsome, wealthy, and convinced that the Fontaine Sisters are as talented as they claim. The perfect mark. When he offers Mallory a large sum of money to rid his ancestral home of Le Bleu's ghost, she can't resist. A paid vacation at Armand's country manor? It's practically a dream come true, never mind the ghosts of murdered wives and the monsters that are as common as household pests. But when murder again comes to the House Saphir, Mallory finds herself at the center of the investigation—and she is almost certain the killer is mortal. If she has any hope of cashing in on the payment she was promised, she'll have to solve the murder and banish the ghost, all while upholding the illusion of witchcraft. But that all sounds relatively easy compared to her biggest challenge—learning to trust her heart. Especially when the person her heart wants the most might be a murderer himself.

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31. I DARE YOU

[Tamsin Winter](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$16.20**

Cathy Cassidy Willow and Alma are best friends. All they want is fame and fortune so they start filming dares to get it. And as their challenges get more extreme, their fan base grows. Duct-taping themselves to a wall? No-brainer. Eating super-hot chillis? Of course! Waxing an eyebrow off? Super funny! And if they get in a bit of trouble, it's worth it. But if they really want to prove themselves, they have to go all-out. So they come up with the perfect idea. An idea that causes more than just a bit of trouble. An idea that might destroy not just their ambitions but their entire friendship for good.

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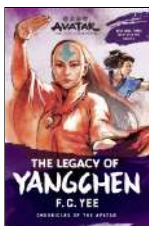


32. KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE

[Cynthia Murphy](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$18.00**

Chloe Roberts is on top of the world at Morton Academy. She's a shoo-in for Head Girl and the lead spot in the school's secret society—Jewel and Bone. But then her best friend, Nikhita Patel, betrays her, and life comes crashing down. Things take a darker turn when Chloe stumbles upon the Book of Crime and Punishment – a record of every misdeed committed by Morton students and the fitting penalty. And it's not long before entries in the book start to match up with murders of Jewel and Bone members. Anyone could be a suspect. Can Chloe get to the bottom of this twisted game before she's next on the killer's hit list?

Categories: [Thriller](#), [Suspense](#), [Action](#)



33. LEGACY OF YANGCHEN AVATAR THE LAST AIRBENDER

[FC Yee](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$21.99** | **School Price \$18.70**

Avatar Yangchen has succeeded in bringing a measure of stability to Bin-Er, but her successes have been limited to a single city, and rumors concerning Unanimity—a weapon capable of total obliteration—have led to increasing tensions among the Four Nations. Desperate to restore diplomacy, Yangchen attempts to de-escalate hostilities between heads of state. But in the wake of a brutal assassination and the freeing of Unanimity, Yangchen is forced to bring Kavik—the trusted former companion whose betrayal crushed her—back into her fold. As the Four Nations teeter on the brink of conflict and she begins to unravel the power-hungry Zongdu Chaisee's true agenda, Yangchen is forced to measure the worth of humanity and sacrifice in the name of balance.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Adventure](#), [Magic Realism](#)



34. LIVIA IN ROME

[Bruna De Luca](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Sixteen-year-old Scottish Italian Livia feels like an outsider, working in her ailing grandmother's bar in Rome. Smug local boy Giulio works there too, and quickly becomes Livia's nemesis. She is not going to be the cliché foreign girl who has a summer romance. But as Livia navigates family drama, newfound friendships and ... Giulio, she starts to see the city—and herself—in a new light ... Sun-drenched clean teen romance in a vibrant destination setting. Think ice cream dates, gorgeous Italian boys and sightseeing on a Vespa.

Categories: [Romance](#), [Growing Up](#), [Identity](#), [Relationships](#)

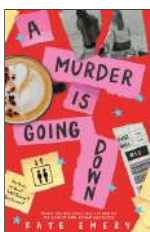


35. MOTH DARK

[Kika Hatzopoulou](#) | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

THE DARK HAS COME ALIVE ... Six years ago, vicious creatures began to crawl out of the dark crevices of the world, and with it Sascia's fascination with the darkness was born. Now that fascination has become an obsession, and while exploring an area known for its connection to the Darkworld, Sascia - impossibly - pulls out a person from the shadows. But Nugau is no ordinary person, they're the heir to the Darkworld, with one mission ... to kill Sascia. Except, the second time they meet, Nugau is younger and doesn't recognise Sascia. And the third time, Nugau stumbles out of the darkness with poison running through their veins, expressing their undying love for her. Piecing together the puzzle, Sascia makes two shocking discoveries- the timelines of her world and Nugau's are not linear, and she is inexplicably entangled in a war between humanity and the Dark. But with their worlds at battle, is it worth fighting for each other ... ?

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Magic](#), [Romance](#), [Suspense](#)



36. MURDER IS GOING DOWN, A

[Kate Emery](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Heidi's meant to be having the time of her life on exchange in Switzerland, but instead she's cold, alone and on an involuntary dairy-free diet. So when she hears the news of her brother Felix's death, who honestly wasn't that much of a brother, she jumps on the first plane home to Perth. Heidi's not crying buckets - but she's not exactly happy either. Thanks to an epic betrayal by her (ex) best friend and (ex) boyfriend, Heidi has absolutely no one to talk to. That's until Patrick, the younger brother of Felix's widow, convinces her that they need to investigate her brother's mysterious death. Will Heidi and Patrick get to the bottom of Felix's death - and do they want to?

Categories: [Mystery](#), [Crime](#), [Humour](#)



37. MY SOUL, A SHINING TREE

[Jamila Gavin](#) | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$15.30**

Based on the true story of Indian WWI gunner and recipient of the Victoria Cross, Khudadad Khan. The story is told from four perspectives: Lotte, a Belgian farmgirl whose village is the flashpoint for a battle; Ernst, a German teenage cavalry soldier whose grandiose dreams of war lie in tatters; Khudadad Khan, the gunner fighting with the British Army; and the walnut tree that shelters them all.

Categories: [Historical Fiction](#), [War Stories](#), [World War 1](#)

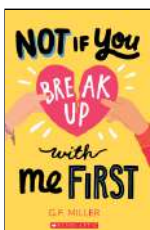


38. NEVER EVER AFTER

[Sue Lynn Tan](#) | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$22.50**

After the death of her beloved uncle, Yining has only survived as a skilled thief and an even better liar. When an enchanted ring that holds the key to a brighter future is stolen from her, Yining must venture into the heart of the kingdom. Yining catches the eye of the ruthless and ambitious prince, who tempts her with a world she's never imagined. But soon she is entangled in power, treachery, and greed - her only ally a cunning advisor who keeps dangerous secrets of his own. Yining must embark on a perilous quest to fight for a future that both frightens and calls to her, and choose who to trust when allies can be as deadly as enemies.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Magic Realism](#)



39. NOT IF YOU BREAK UP WITH ME FIRST

[GF Miller](#) | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$18.00**

Childhood friends Eve and Andrew are destined to be together—everyone says so, especially their friends and classmates who are all suddenly crush-obsessed. So when Eve and Andrew's first eighth grade school dance rolls around and Eve, feeling the pressure, awkwardly asks Andrew to go with her, everyone assumes they are Officially Dating and Practically in Love. Overwhelmed, Eve and Andrew just go with it. And it's weird. Neither of them wants this dating thing to mess up their friendship, and they don't really see each other that way. But they also don't want to be the one to call things off, the one to make things super awkward. So they both—separately—pledge to be the worst boyfriend or girlfriend ever, leaving it to the other person to break up with them. It would be genius ... if the other person weren't doing the exact same thing.

Categories: [Romance](#), [Relationships](#), [Dating](#), [Friendship](#)



40. ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Anna Sortino | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Ellie's Deaf school just shut down, forcing her to leave the place she considered home. But being mainstreamed into public school isn't exactly easy. So her guidance counselor pairs her with Jackson, a student who's supposed to help her adjust. Can the boy who tries to say the right things, and gets it all wrong, be the lifeline Ellie needs? Jackson has been avoiding his teammates ever since some numbness in his legs cost them an important soccer match. He's intrigued when he's asked to help the new girl. Little does he know Ellie will soon be the person he wants most by his side when the strange symptoms he's experiencing amount to a life-changing diagnosis.

Categories: [Romance](#), [Disability](#), [Hearing Impairment](#), [Deafness](#)

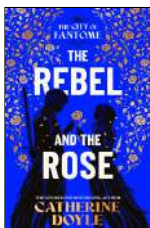


41. RAVENMINDER

Lindsay Cummings | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

In the war-torn kingdom of Lordach, Ezer has spent two years as the Ravenminder of Rendegard. Chained in a prison tower's aviary, has mystical 'strangeties' unlike any magic in their world and is haunted by dreams of her death. Then a Sacred Knight arrives to recruit Ezer for the fight against the enemy, the Acolyte. When her affinity with birds reveals itself, she must help the Prince of Lordach tame one of the Acolyte's captured raphons. While Ezer forges an unbreakable bond with the raphon, her heart becomes torn between the loyal Knight and the mysterious Prince. But as her dreams take on new clarity, she finds herself faced with a choice and a question: has the darkness been her destiny all along?

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Magic](#), [Adventure](#), [Romance](#)

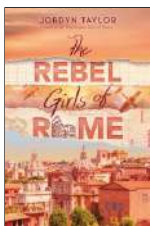


42. REBEL AND THE ROSE, THE CITY OF FANTOME

Catherine Doyle | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Seraphine Marchant and her Order of Flames plot to eradicate shade magic with lightfire. But as Sera struggles to control her blooming powers, destiny calls her back to Fantome, and to the assassin who haunts her dreams. Ransom Hale can't get Sera out of his head. As their rivalry grows and he grapples with the responsibility of leading the Order of Daggers, he feels himself slipping further from who he wants to be. Meanwhile, rebellion is stirring and a dangerous prince grows in power. Forced to work together by order of the king, Sera and Ransom's conflicted hearts are tested to their limits. And all the while, an ancient prophecy is unfolding that will change the fate of Valterre forever...

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Romance](#)



43. REBEL GIRLS OF ROME, THE

Jordyn Taylor | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$29.99 | School Price \$25.50

Now: Grieving the loss of her mother, college student Lilah is hoping to reconnect with a grandfather. Fellow student, Tommaso, claims he's found a lost family heirloom and soon, Lilah finds herself trying to unlock her grandfather's history as a Holocaust survivor. As Tommaso and Lilah's relationship deepens, she realises that some secrets may be too painful to bury... Then: It's 1943, and nineteen-year-old Bruna and her family are trying to survive in Rome's Jewish quarter under Nazi occupation. Until Bruna is irrevocably separated from the rest of her family, and escapes her family's fate in the camps by joining an underground rebellion. When her missions bring her back to her childhood crush, Bruna must decide how much she's willing to risk.

Categories: [Historical Fiction](#), [Survival](#), [Romance](#), [Holocaust](#), [Family](#), [Secrecy](#)



44. RESPAWN VILLAIN

Adrian Beck | Paperback | Age 11+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

The villainous AI entity known as Z is gone for good. Or so Jay thinks. But when his best friend, Leni, locates Z's secret abandoned facility, Jay is thrust into the centre of the AI mastermind's diabolical playground. This time, the deadly games are being played on Z's turf. And it's not just Jay's life on the line. If he and his friends can't figure out what's really going on, all of humanity will suffer the consequences. A High-tech thriller with a dash of comedy and topical theme: When AI goes wrong.

Categories: [Thriller](#), [Action](#), [Artificial Intelligence](#)

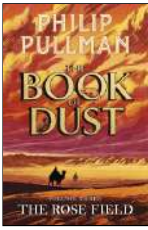


45. ROCK BAND MUSIC AND MISFITS

Leah Osakwe | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Galaxy has always known she's destined for fame and fortune as a solo singer. So when she and notorious troublemaker Sabrina spot a poster for a talent show at their school, they agree to form a rock band. Unfortunately, the only students interested in joining them are a socially awkward goody two shoes, and Galaxy's little sister. Is her chance at stardom over before it's even begun?

Categories: [School](#), [Music](#)



46. **ROSE FIELD, THE** **BOOK OF DUST**

Philip Pullman | Paperback | Age 12+ | **RRP \$34.99** | **School Price \$29.75**

Lyra is alone, in the ruins of a deserted city. Pantalaimon has run from her in search of her imagination, which he believed she's lost. Lyra has travelled across the world from her Oxford home in search of her demon. And Malcolm journeyed far from home too, searching for her. Soon, their quests converge and they must take help from spies and thieves, gryphons and witches, old friends and new, learning all the while the surprising truths of the alethiometer. All around them, the world is aflame – made terrifying by fear, power and greed. As they move East, towards the red building that will reunite them and give them answers, so too does the Magisterium, at war against all that Lyra holds dear.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Adventure](#)



47. **RUNNING BACK TO YOU**

Sarah Henning | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$17.99** | **School Price \$16.20**

Ever since her mom lied to their family about the six-month affair she was having, Millie has pledged to always tell the truth, no matter what. But when her classmate Logan asks her whether she's kissed anyone, she panics and lies, saying she has. Millie hasn't only broken her most important rule, she's done it badly. The only way out is to make reality catch up to her lies by changing her kiss status and getting a boyfriend. But Millie's mission keeps getting foiled by Logan and she starts to wonder why he cares so much. Could it be that when he asked about her first kiss, it wasn't to embarrass her at all?

Categories: [Romance](#)



48. **SAME BACKWARD AS FORWARD, THE**

Jennifer Lynn Barnes | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$27.99** | **School Price \$23.80**

Hannah Rooney has a plan– keep her head down and avoid the dealings of her criminal family. She's biding her time in nursing school, waiting for her beloved sister, Kaylie, to turn eighteen so Hannah can get them both far away. Tobias Hawthorne II acts every inch the entitled heir. Yet behind his razor sharp cheekbones and devil may care attitude, Toby is guarding a nest of deadly secrets and a fiery anger. Then, Hannah and Toby's lives collide in one tragic night, where an act of arson leaves Kaylie dead, and Toby barely alive, with no memory of who he is – or how responsible he is for the fire. Now, fueled by her hatred, Hannah is determined to deny Toby his death wish by keeping him alive. But as she nurses him back, Hannah begins to realise that Toby Hawthorne might just be earning her love rather than deserving of her hate . . .

Categories: [Romance](#)



49. **SEVEN DEADLY THORNS**

Amber Hamilton | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

In the cursed Kingdom of Aragoa, the punishment for magic is death. Even the students at Vandenberghe Academy aren't spared. When Viola Sinclair's deadly shadow magic is discovered, the queen gives her assassin a new assignment and a new cursed tattoo– a seven-thorned rose on his arm for the seven days he has to hunt Viola down and kill her. If he doesn't, he will be the one to die. The assassin is Roze Roquelart – entitled prince, arrogant fellow student, and the one person Viola hates more than anyone. Roze should revel in the chance to end her life, but he desperately needs something from Viola and her magic. And he's willing to spare her life – and fake their engagement – to get it. Forced to work together, Viola and Roze must contend with deadly threats, dangerous secrets, and an impossible attraction. Will they give in to their deepest desires, even if it means destroying Aragoa – and risking both their lives?

Categories: [Dark Academia](#), [Fantasy](#), [Romance](#)



50. **SKYSHADE** **THE LIGHTLARK SAGA**

Alex Aster | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Back in Grim's castle on Nightshade, Isla is reeling in the wake of a brutal battle and the devastating truths it exposed. Past Isla, who fell in love with the ruler of Nightshade, fights to resist feelings she considers treasonous. The Isla of the present will do anything to save Lightlark and its king. As the line between enemy and friend is tested, Isla is desperate to understand the oracle's final prophecy and change her heartrending fate. But a storm is coming, alongside a long-buried evil greater than anything before. With the clock ticking on her destiny and the survival of two warring kingdoms hinging on her own shattered heart, Isla Crown will either save the world–or destroy it.

Categories: [Fantasy](#), [Action](#), [Romance](#)



51. **SNOWED IN AT THE WILDEST DREAMS BOOKSHOP**

Gracie Page | Paperback | Age 13+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Ivy's first term at art college hasn't gone to plan. Lacking in friends and inspiration, she's looking forward to a quiet, cosy, antisocial winter holiday working at the Wildest Dreams Bookshop. Except, her sleepy small town is suddenly full of chirpy tourists, including Trip – her most annoyingly sunshine-y (and annoyingly handsome) new customer of all, who's desperate for Ivy to show him the sights of Fox Bay. Ivy doesn't think there's much of interest in her hometown, but can seeing it through Trip's eyes give her a fresh perspective? And when they both get roped in to helping save the local school show, might Trip be the unlikely inspiration Ivy needs to get her creative sparks flying again?

Categories: [Relationships](#), [Romance](#), [Love](#), [Books](#), [Enemies](#)



52. **STRANGE NATURE**

Mary Watson | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Jasmin has always known that monsters are real. And they wear ordinary faces. When she was a child, she witnessed her famous, adored grandfather attempt to kill her grandmother. Now Jasmin is eighteen, watchful and curious. She hangs out at the local college, sneaking into the lectures of charismatic professor Theo Merrick and spying on an intoxicatingly cool group of older students. She can only dream of being part of their world. Then, when a college student dies in mysterious circumstances, Jasmin seizes her chance to join the group as they try to solve the mystery – while unwittingly unraveling her own dark past.

Categories: [Dark Academia](#), [Fantasy](#), [Romance](#)



53. **WE FELL APART WE WERE LIARS**

Emily Lockhart | Paperback | Age 15+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$21.25**

When Matilda's long-lost father, the famous and reclusive painter Kingsley Cello, invites her to spend the summer at his seaside home, Hidden Beach, she arrives to find a crumbling house in a state of neglect, filled with mysterious paintings and locked towers, and three teenaged boys: Meer – her open-hearted, tattoo-obsessed half-brother; Brock – the damaged, professionally charming former-child star; and Tatum – who for some reason wants Matilda to leave Hidden Beach as soon as possible. With Kingsley nowhere to be seen, Matilda must delve into the twisted heart of Hidden Beach to uncover the answers she's desperately craving. But secrets run thicker than blood, and blood runs like seawater. And everyone here is lying.

Categories: [Family](#), [Secrets](#), [Thriller](#), [Suspense](#), [Intrigue](#), [Romance](#), [Gothic](#)



54. **WE'RE NOT SAFE HERE**

Rin Chupeco | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$19.99** | **School Price \$17.00**

Wispy Falls is safe. The town motto is even "You'll be safe here!" But you aren't safe in the woods that surround the town. In the woods there are monsters. People go missing in the woods. And sometimes the monsters don't stay in the woods...maybe you aren't that safe in Wispy Falls. A seventeen-year-old vlogger known as Storymancer is determined to get to the bottom of what's wrong in his town. A few years ago, his little brother went missing in the woods and no one, not even his parents, seemed to care enough to try and find him. But for the first time, an actual body has been found in the woods, and Storymancer is using the opportunity to uncover the rotten core at the heart of Wispy Falls. To investigate the monsters that lurk in the shadows, and the people in town who might just want the monsters there after all.

Categories: [Thriller](#), [Suspense](#), [Magic](#)



55. **WHEN DEVILS SING**

Xan Kaur | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$24.99** | **School Price \$22.50**

When Devils Sing is a rural, atmospheric YA horror is perfect for fans of Stephen King. In a small town in the American South four unlikely allies investigate a local teen's disappearance – but what they discover festering at the core of their community is far more sinister than they could've ever imagined . . . When Dawson Sumter goes missing, all he leaves behind is a smattering of blood in room 4 of the debt-ridden motel owned by Neera Singh's family. Disappearances like this aren't uncommon in the rural Georgia town of Carrion. Especially during the Cicada Festival, which takes place every thirteen years when a cicada brood returns from underground, shrieking their deafening screams. Desperate to find out if Dawson is still alive, Neera joins forces with three other local teens: Isaiah, clandestine true crime podcaster; Reid, son of the wealthiest man in the region; and Sam, estranged daughter of the local hitman. As they find themselves entangled in a messy web of secrets and lies, they discover just how deep the rot in Carrion goes . . .

Categories: [Disappearance](#), [Horror](#), [Lies](#), [Secrets](#)



56. **WITH LOVE, ECHO PARK**

Laura Taylor Namey | Paperback | Age 14+ | **RRP \$22.99** | **School Price \$19.55**

Seventeen-year-old Clary is set to inherit her family's florist shop, La Rosa Blanca—one of the last remnants of the Cuban business district that once thrived in Los Angeles's Echo Park neighborhood. Clary knows Echo Park is where she'll leave a legacy, and nothing is more important to her than keeping the area's unique history alive. Besides Clary's florist shop, there's only one other business left founded by Cuban immigrants fleeing Castro's regime in the sixties and seventies. And Emilio, who's supposed to take over Avalos Bicycle Works one day, is more flight risk than dependable successor. While others might find Emilio appealing, Clary can see him itching to leave now that he's graduated, and she'll never be charmed by a guy who doesn't care if one more Echo Park business fades away. But then Clary is caught off guard when an unexpected visitor delivers a shocking message from someone she thought she'd left behind. Meanwhile, Emilio realizes leaving home won't be so easy—and Clary, who has always been next door, is who he confides in. As the summer days unfold, they find there's something stronger than local history tying them together.

Categories: [Relationships](#), [Romance](#)