

Older Teens - Fiction

Adeyemi, Tomi **Children of Blood and Bone**
Magic is forbidden under a ruthless king's rule in Zélie's world. She and a mysterious princess fight to topple evil and restore their people's powers.

Bardugo, Leigh **Six of Crows**
Kaz and his group of young thieves plan a major heist that will bring them great wealth, but tension between them complicates the operation.

Barnard, Sara **A Quiet Kind of Thunder**
A tender romance between Steffi, a girl with mutism, and deaf boy named Rhys. As they find a way to communicate, Steffi works on improving her speaking despite her anxiety.

Benway, Robin **Far From the Tree**
Grace discovers that she is adopted and seeks out her birth family. Her sister Maya wonders about her true family history while her brother Joaquin wants nothing to do with his past.

Boulley, Angeline **Firekeeper's Daughter**
Ojibwe teen Daunis becomes involved in a progressively tangled investigation in search for a harmful drug after witnessing a brutal crime.

Brown, Roseanne A. **A Song of Wraiths and Ruin**
When Mallik's sister is kidnapped by a mysterious being, he makes a promise to assassinate Crown Princess Zarina to free his sibling then enters a fierce competition to gain access to the princess.

Choi, Mary H. K **Yolk**
Jayne and June have a difficult sibling relationship which becomes more complex when one of them is diagnosed with cancer.

Deonn, Tracy **Legendborn**
16-year-old Bree discovers a mysterious society based in Arthurian legend after being targeted by a supernatural entity on her university campus.

Drake, Julia **The Last True Poets of the Sea**
In a loose interpretation of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Violet is sent to Maine following her brother's hospitalization. She searches for information about a shipwreck that holds clues to her family history.

Emiko, Jean **Tokyo Ever After**
Living in a small town in Northern California, Izumi Tanaka has never met her father. When she realizes that he's actually the Crown Prince of Japan, a whole new world is revealed.

Faizal, Hafsa **We Hunt the Flame**
Zafira, the Hunter, and Nasir, the Prince of Death, cross paths as they seek out a valuable artifact that replaces magic in their world; the object is more powerful than they imagined.

Glasgow, Kathleen **How to Make Friends with the Dark**
After her mother's death, Tiger experiences deep grief and reaches out to her sister and her incarcerated father.

He, Joan **The Ones We're Meant to Find**
Set in a future world severely impacted by climate change, sisters Cee and Kay strive to reunite while each holding secrets of their own.



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Lockhart, E. **We Were Liars**

Young Cadence experiences a serious accident during the summer and attempts to recollect the event during a family reunion.

Oh, Axie **The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea**

A retelling of a classic Korean folktale: Mina goes on a quest to find the mighty Sea God and awaken him to cease fierce storms in her realm.

Reynolds, Jason **The Long Way Down**

Told in free verse, this is the story of 15-year-old Will, getting into his apartment house's elevator armed and ready to seek revenge for the murder of his older brother. But on each of the seven floors he descends, he meets the ghost of someone who has been killed by gun violence, each with a truth he needs.

Ribay, Randy **Patron Saints of Nothing**

Jay's world is shaken when he hears that his cousin has been murdered in the Philippines under the war on drugs. He sets out to learn the truth.

Rogerson, Margaret **Sorcery of Thorns**

Apprentice Librarian Elisabeth stands accused of releasing the library's most dangerous grimoire and only her sworn enemy can help her.

Sánchez, Erika L. **I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter**

Julia doesn't quite meet up to her parents' expectations of being a perfect child. She discovers that her late sister Olga wasn't as perfect as she was assumed to be.

Schwartz, Dana **Anatomy: A Love Story**

The lives of aspiring surgeon Hazel and resurrection man Jack intertwine within the Edinburgh Anatomist's Academy. Sinister disappearances in cemeteries and the return of a dreaded plague reveal the academy's dark secrets.

Sepetys, Ruta **Fountains of Silence**

Daniel and Ana meet under Spain's dictatorship in 1957, and they unravel dark secrets within their country involving violence and uprising among the population.

Silvera, Adam **They Both Die at the End**

Strangers Mateo and Rufus learn that they are going to die on the same day. They become friends over the Last Friend app and their relationship deepens as they live life to the fullest in a short time.

Tokuda-Hall, Maggie **The Mermaid, the Witch, and the Sea**

In a fantasy world beset by colonialism, a young pirate and an aristocratic lady meet on a pirate ship. They fall in love and must beat the odds to escape.

Walton, Julia **Words on Bathroom Walls**

Adam lives with schizophrenia as he navigates high school. While a new drug attempts to control his symptoms, he wonders if he should hide his condition from his new friend Maya.

Yates, Alex **How We Became Wicked**

In a post-apocalyptic world affected by an insect-spread illness, everyone struggles to live in this dystopia.



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