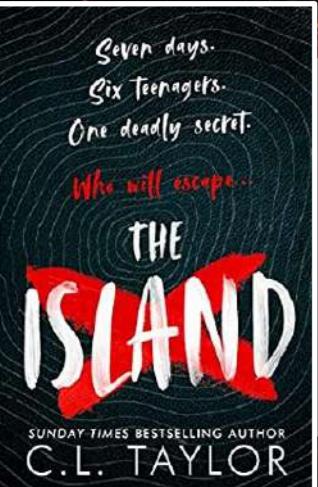




We recommend these great reads in

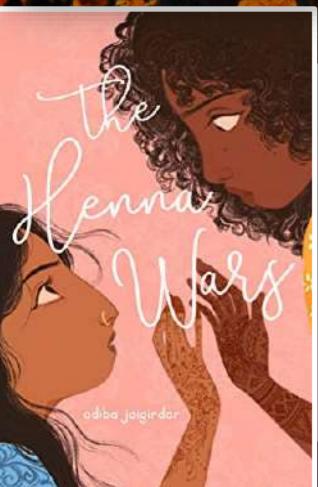
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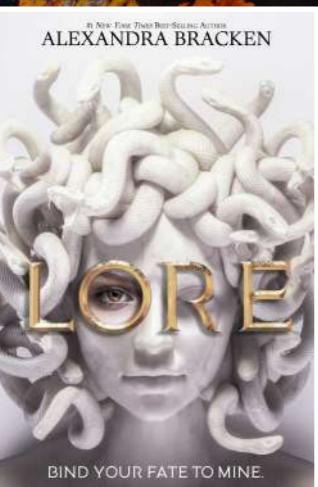
The Island by C.L. Taylor

Welcome to the island, where your worst fears will come true. It was supposed to be the perfect holiday, six teens on a remote tropical island for a week. When their guide dies of a stroke, the trip becomes a nightmare. One week in paradise. A deadly secret. An unknown enemy. Who will survive?



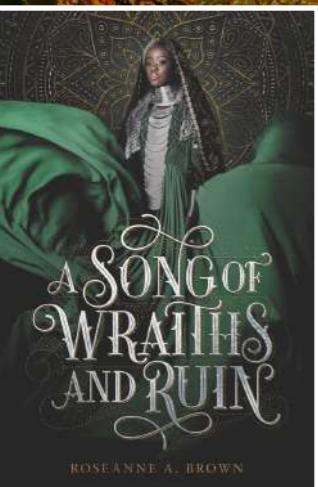
The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar

Muslim girls aren't lesbians. Or so Nishat's parents say. She wants to be herself, but without losing them. This only gets harder when her childhood friend, beautiful Flávia, returns. In rival Henna businesses, amidst sabotage and school stress, their lives become tangled. Nishat's crush isn't going away.



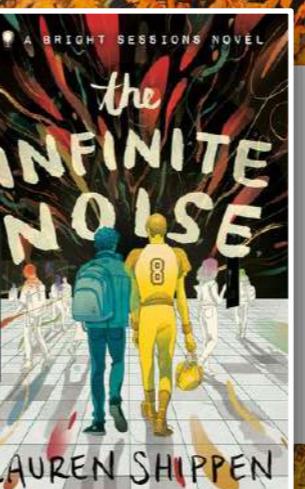
Lore by Alexandra Bracken

Every 7 years, the Agon begins. Nine Greek gods are forced to walk the earth as mortals, hunted by those wishing to seize their power. Lore fled that brutal world long ago, but now two participants seek her help. But re-joining the hunt will come at a deadly cost and might not let her escape like she hopes.



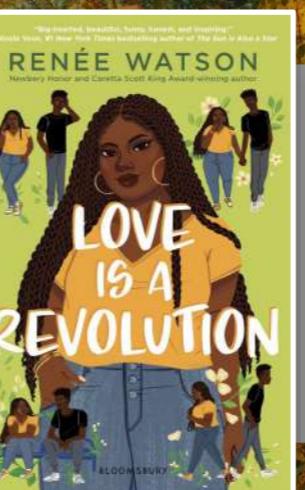
A Song of Wraiths and Ruin by Roseanne A. Brown - Book 1

Inspired by West African folklore, in which a grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee find themselves on a collision course to murder each other despite their growing attraction. As ancient evils stir, will Karina and Malik be able to see their tasks through to the death?



The Infinite Noise by Lauren Shippenn - Book 1

Caleb is a champion running back and totally normal. Until he isn't. He is an Atypical, a person with enhanced abilities. This would be cool, except that his ability is extreme empathy. And then there's Adam, whose feelings are all-consuming. What if instead of becoming superheroes, the X-Men went to therapy?



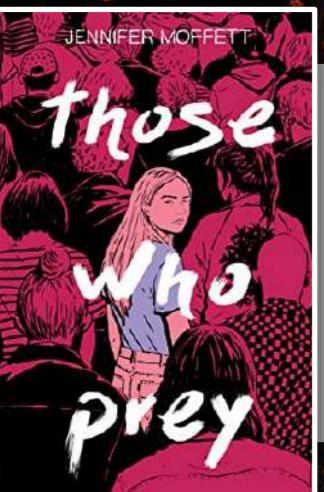
Love is a Revolution by Renée Watson

After falling for the MC at an open mic night, Nala needs to make a change. While she would rather watch movies and eat ice cream, her new crush Tye is an activist. Pretending to be who he wants takes a lot of effort and she's getting in too deep. Learning to love herself is the greatest challenge of all.



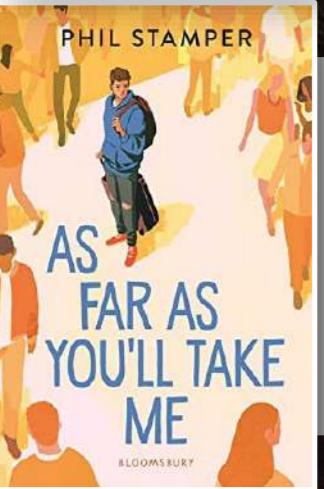
The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe

It's been 5 years since Nora left the conman life she'd been born into. She's good at playing normal, but when fate makes her the hostage in a bank robbery, she knows her skills are the only thing that can get her friends out safely. These robbers have no idea who they're really holding hostage.



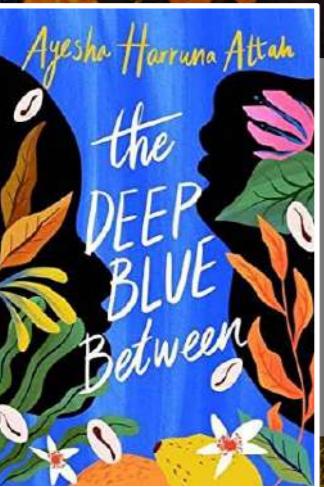
Those Who Prey by Jennifer Moffett

College isn't what Emily expected. It isn't ivy-covered walls, new friends and belonging. Instead she's alone, and lost. Until the Kingdom finds her. This exclusive, on-campus group offers everything she wanted and a summer in Italy. But the trip is not what she thought, and things are getting dangerous.



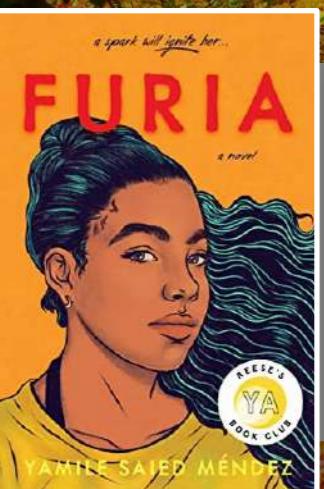
As Far As You'll Take Me by Phil Stamper

Marty's family think he's gone to a summer music program, when really he has landed in London on a one-way ticket with only his hopes and meagre savings. Determined to start a new life where he can be himself, Marty looks like he's living the dream. But as his anxiety rises, can he really find 'home'?



The Deep Blue Between by Ayesha Harruna Attah

Hassana and Husseina's home, in ruins after a brutal raid, is only the beginning of their stories. As the twins pursue separate paths in Brazil and West Africa, they are connected through shared dreams of water. They will forge new families, ward off danger, and truly begin to know themselves.



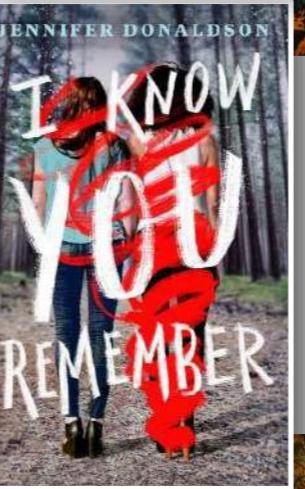
Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez

At home, Camila is a careful daughter, following all of the rules to avoid her mother's judgement and her father's abuse. On the field, she is La Furia, a soccer star. When her team qualifies for the South American tournament, Camila sees a chance to escape—but she's supposed to get permission first.



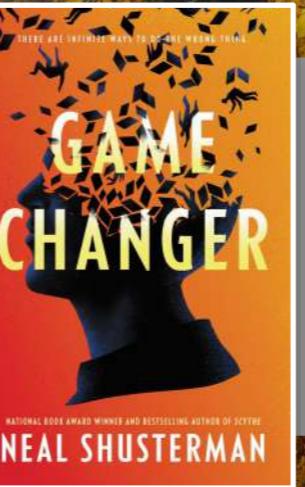
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas

Mav knows one truth—a real man takes care of his family. He does this the only way he can, by dealing drugs. Life's not perfect, but Mav's got everything under control. Until he finds out he's a father. Now he has a baby who depends on him for everything, and he needs to learn how to really be a man.



I Know You Remember by Jennifer Donaldson

Zahra, Ruthie's best friend, is missing. When Ruthie returns after 3 long years away to hear this, she is devastated. As the only person who really understood her, Ruthie vows to find her. As Ruthie tries to uncover the truth she discovers Zahra's been gone a lot longer than it seems and danger awaits.



Game Changer by Neal Shusterman

All it takes is one hit from a football, and suddenly Ash's life doesn't look quite the way he remembers. Impossible though it seems, he's been hit into another dimension—and keeps bouncing through worlds that aren't really his own. If he isn't careful, his and every other world could blink out of existence.



The Ravens by Kass Morgan & Danielle Paige - Book 1

Kappa Rho Nu isn't your average sorority—they're notorious. Beneath the veil of Greek life and prestige, the sisters share a secret: they're a coven of witches. When Vivi and Scarlett are paired as Big and Little for initiation, they find themselves sinking into the sinister world of blood oaths and betrayals.