



We recommend these great reads in

# NEW YA FICTION

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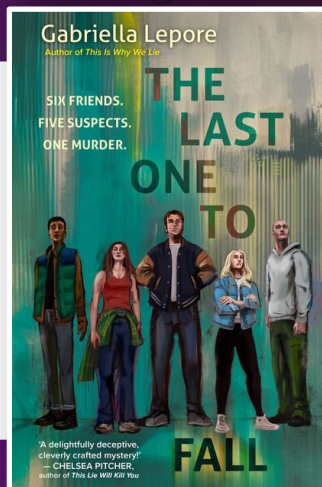
## The Island by Natasha Preston

Jagged Island- a private amusement park for the very rich-or the very influential. Liam, James, Will, Ava, Harper, and Paisley-social media influencers with millions of followers-have been invited for an exclusive weekend before the park opens. They'll make posts and videos for their channels and report every second of their VIP treatment. But soon they'll discover that something's missing from their schedule- getting off the island alive.



## The Night in Question (Agathas #2) by Kathleen Glasgow

How do you solve a murder? Follow the lessons of the master—Agatha Christie! Iris and Alice find themselves in the middle of another Castle Cove mystery in the sequel to New York Times bestseller The Agathas, by powerhouse authors Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson.



## The Last One to Fall by Gabriella Lepore

Savana Caruso and Jesse Melo have known each other since they were kids, so when Jesse asks Savana to meet him at Cray's Warehouse in the middle of the night, she doesn't hesitate. But before Savana can find Jesse, she bears witness to a horrifying murder, standing helpless on the ground as a mysterious figure is pushed out of the fourth floor of the warehouse. Six teens were there that night, and five of them are now potential suspects. With the police circling, Savana knows what will happen if the wrong person is charged.



## Never Trust a Gemini by Freja Nicole Woolf

Life is fraught for fourteen-year-old, zodiac-obsessed Cat. First there's a minor bus-meets-girl accident, then there's a boy-next-door suitor who can't take a hint, but the most desperate disaster of all is Cat's crush on the stunning and poetic Alison Bridgewater. According to their star charts, Cat and Alison are the perfect match. To which Alison remains oblivious. But when the dangerously cool Morgan Delaney wades into the river to save Cat's sketchbook of kissing Disney princesses, she sends Cat's stars spinning. Should she exercise caution? After all, Morgan is a Gemini, and if there's one thing Cat's *Bible to the Stars* has taught her it's that you can never — ever — trust a Gemini...



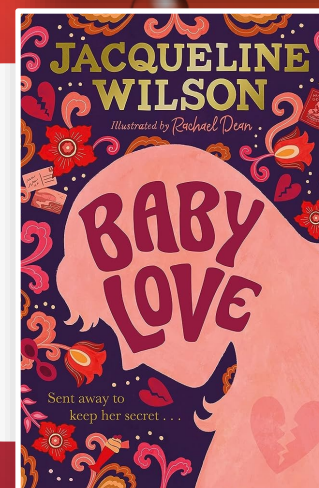
## Flowerheart by Catherine Bakewell

This standalone YA debut is a stunning cottagecore fantasy romance about a girl with powerful and violent magic which she must learn to control—or lose everything she loves.



## A Hunger of Thorns #1 by Lili Wilkinson

Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. Then Maude grew up and lost her magic—and her best friend. These days, magic is toothless, reduced to glamour patches and psychic energy drinks found in supermarkets and shopping malls. Odette has always hungered for forbidden, dangerous magic, and two weeks ago she went searching for it. Now she's missing, and everyone says she's dead. Everyone except Maude.



## Baby Love by Jacqueline Wilson

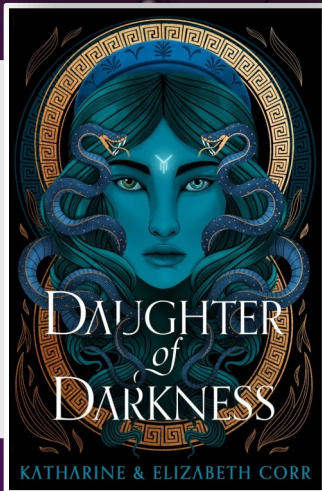
In 1960, fourteen-year-old Laura meets French exchange student, Leon. Her life will never be the same again. Things start to change for Laura - first her moods, and then her body. Laura isn't prepared for what she learns next - and doesn't even know how it could have happened. Sent away to save her family from shame, Laura meets girls just like her, whose families have given up on them - and they become a family for each other at the most difficult time in all their lives.





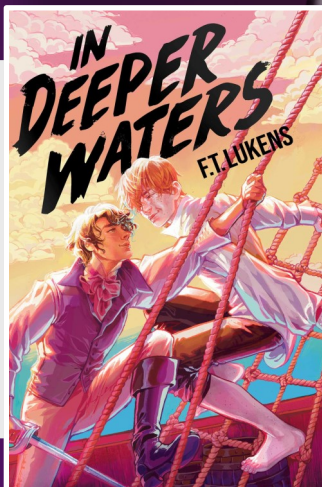
### I Like Me Better by Robby Weber

When the captain's prank means trouble for the whole squad, Zack's left with no choice but to take one for the team and cover for him. Now he's trading parties and beach days for community service at a seaside conservation center — fair enough. But thanks to his new reputation, the cute intern, Chip, won't even give him a shot. Still, Zack finds himself falling for Chip between dolphin encounters and shark-costume disasters, which means he suddenly has way more on the line than he ever expected.



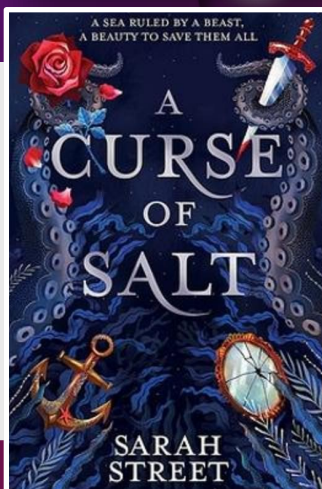
### Daughter of Darkness (House of Shadows #1) by Katharine Corr & Elizabeth Corr

Enter the Underworld in an epic new fantasy, where the Gods of ancient Greece rule everything but fate.



### In Deeper Waters by F.T. Lukens

A young prince must rely on a mysterious stranger to save him when he is kidnapped during his coming-of-age tour in this swoony adventure that is *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* meets *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

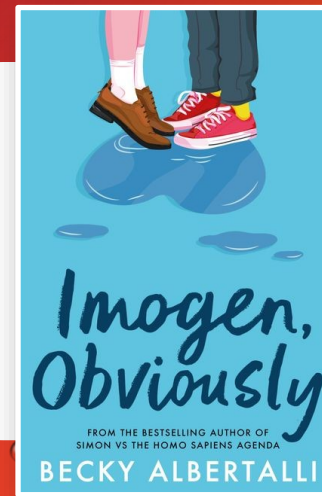


### A Curse of Salt by Sarah Street

*A heartless king trapped by a curse  
A brave sister searching for answers  
And a love so strong it will drown the raging sea ...*

THIS FAIRYTALE IS CURSED

Prepare for stormy seas and swoony romance in this addictive retelling of Beauty and the Beast set on board a cursed ship where love blooms in the darkest of hearts ...



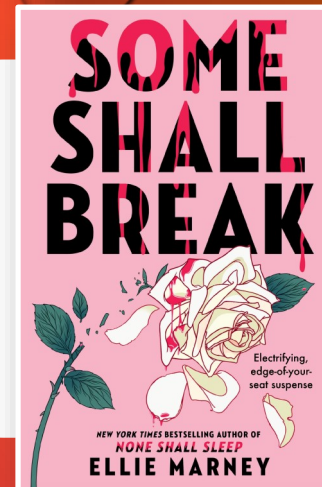
### Imogen, Obviously by Becky Albertalli

Imogen may be hopelessly heterosexual, but she's got the World's Greatest Ally title locked down. And when she visits her best friend, Lili, at college who is newly-out, newly-graduated, and newly thriving, with a cool new squad of queer college friends, no one knows that Imogen's a raging hetero — not even Lili's best friend, Tessa. Of course, the more time Imogen spends with chaotic, freckle-faced Tessa, the more she starts to wonder if her truth was ever all that straight to begin with...



### Lost in Taiwan (Graphic novel) by Mark Crilley

In this exciting graphic novel about stepping out of your comfort zone, a traveller finds himself lost in Taiwan with no way of finding his brother—but he soon learns that this forced disconnect is helping him explore and experience the big wide world around him.



### Some Shall Break (None Shall Sleep #2) by Ellie Marney

September, 1982: Three months after the showdown with Simon Gutmunsson in St Elizabeths Hospital for the Criminally Insane, Emma Lewis has retreated to college life in Ohio, and the support of her family and her therapist. But Emma has a unique gift for hunting killers, and the FBI wants her back...



### The Luis Ortega Survival Club by Sonora Reyes

This impactful book is so much more than a story about revenge. *The Luis Ortega Survival Club* is about seeking justice, the power of friendships, and how little the differences between us mean. Alongside the primary storyline, readers will find lots to relate to, like trying to fit in at school when you're "different," how hard it can be to find good friends, reaching high for a dream, and dealing with challenging family dynamics. This is ultimately a hopeful, inspiring pick for any teen.