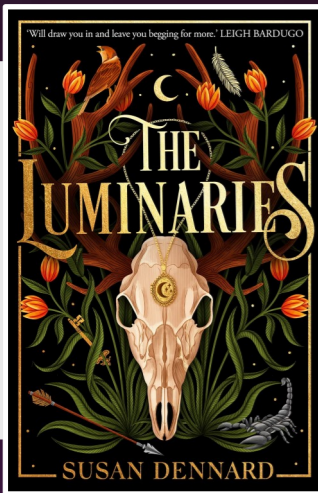


We recommend these great reads in

NEW YA FICTION

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The Luminaries by Susan Dennard

Winnie Wednesday wants nothing more than to join the Luminaries, the ancient order that protects Winnie's town—and the rest of humanity—from the monsters and nightmares that rise in the forest of Hemlock Falls every night. Ever since her father was exposed as a witch and a traitor, Winnie and her family have been shunned. But on her sixteenth birthday, she can take the deadly Luminary hunter trials and prove herself true and loyal—and restore her family's good name. Or die trying.



This Time It's Real by Ann Liang

When Eliza Lin's essay about the love of her life goes viral, her life changes overnight. The trouble is, Eliza made it up. She's never even been in a relationship. To hide the truth, Eliza strikes a deal with the famous actor in her class, Caz Song. She'll help him write his college applications if he poses as her boyfriend. But when her fake relationship with Caz starts feeling too convincing, Eliza needs to decide - can she follow her dreams if it means breaking her own heart?



The Poison Season by Mara Rutherford

Outsiders are always given a choice: the Forest or the lake. Either way, they're never heard from again. Leelo has spent her entire life on Endla, coexisting with the bloodthirsty Forest and respecting the poisonous lake that protects her island from outsiders who seek to destroy it. But as much as Leelo cares for her community, she struggles to accept that her younger brother will be exiled by his next birthday, unless he gains the magic of enchanted song so vital to Endla.



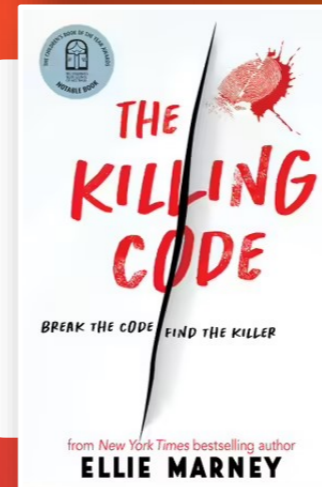
Two Can Play That Game by Leanne Young

Sam Khoo has one goal in life: create cool indie games. She's willing to do anything to make her dream come true, even throw away a scholarship to university. All she needs is that super-rare ticket to a game design workshop and she can kickstart her career. So when Jaysen Chua, otherwise known as Jerky McJerkface, sneakily grabs the last ticket for himself, Sam is left with no choice. It's war.



Unnecessary Drama by Nina Kenwood

When Brooke arrives in her share house to begin her new life as a university student, she's ready and organised, anxiously armed with lists and apps for every situation. What she hasn't prepared for is the distinct lack of rules - or for one of her housemates to be her friend-turned-enemy from high school, Jesse. Determined to avoid unnecessary drama, Brooke vows to simply stay out of his way. But ignoring Jesse turns out to be a lot harder than she thought.



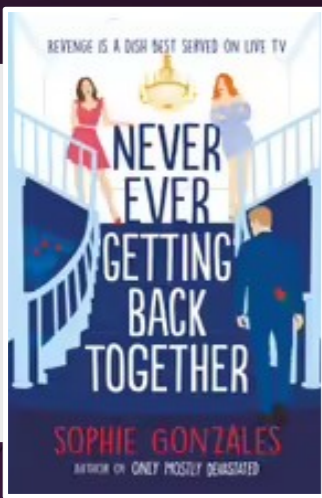
The Killing Code by Ellie Marney

A young codebreaker at Arlington Hall - the secret WWII Signals Intelligence unit in Washington DC - joins forces with other female codebreakers to hunt a murderer who is killing US government girls. Another page-turning YA thriller from the author of *None Shall Sleep*, perfect for fans of *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*.



Completely Normal (and other lies) by Biffy James

Love has rules. So does grief. And Stella Wilde's about to break them all. Shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, *Completely Normal (and other lies)* is a gripping contemporary YA novel that's as witty and sarcastic as it is tender and moving. With its insightful explorations of love, grief, mental health and friendship, it's perfect for fans of John Green, Krystal Sutherland and Sally Rooney.



Never Ever Getting Back Together by Sophie Gonzales

Romance, revenge, and reality TV. The new queer YA rom-com from Sophie Gonzales



Six Times We Almost Kissed by Tess Sharpe

Six fun facts about PENNY and TATE:

1. They've known each other their whole lives
2. Their mums are best friends
3. They are DEFINITELY NOT friends
4. They keep almost kissing
5. They don't talk about it
6. Thanks to their mums, they're moving in together ...



Triple Threat by Katy Warner

A contemporary young adult novel about musical theatre, first romance and standing up for yourself from the brilliant Australian YA author Katy Warner.



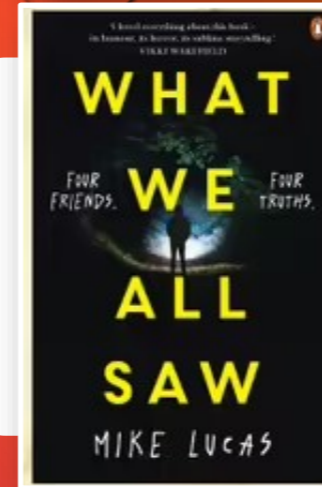
Neverlanders by Tom Taylor

Neverland has become a war zone and it's up to a new group of lost teens to set things right in this gritty YA graphic novel series



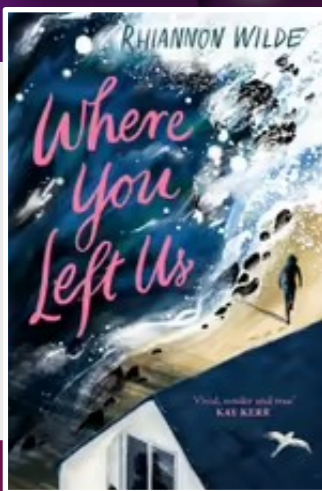
The Other Side of Tomorrow by Hayley Lawrence

What if you thought you had forever ... To live your life. To tell your story. But what if forever was taken from you? When your tomorrows are counted, all you have is this moment. And this story you wish was never yours to tell. When Abby traded her life in the city for a wholesome new life on the coast, it was meant to be a fresh start for her family. Behind them was the sickness and sadness of the past. But sickness doesn't always play by the rules. And as Abby's past threatens to swallow her future, she is forced to decide what is most important. What she will fight for. And she will fight. For however many days she has left.



What We All Saw by Mike Lucas

Witches only exist in stories. Everyone knows that. But what if the stories are real?



Where You Left Us by Rhiannon Wilde

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.



Tumbleglass by Kate Constable

Thirteen-year-old Rowan is helping her older sister Ash paint her bedroom when she discovers a mysterious ring that transports them both back in time to 1999. To a party being held in the very same house! While Ash dances, Rowan unwittingly disrupts the laws of time, and when she wakes up back in the present day, her sister is missing, and - even worse - everyone in their family seems to be forgetting she ever existed.