



We recommend these great reads in

NEW YA FICTION

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Royal Blood by Aimee Carter

Royal Blood is The Princess Diaries meets Gossip Girl. Kicked out of her American boarding school, Evan is sent to live with her estranged father, the King of England. Her existence as his illegitimate daughter is top secret - until someone leaks it to the press. Suddenly she's the focus of a thousand lurid headlines, plus the hatred of her stepmother the Queen and half-sister Princess Maisie. Then the royal scandal intensifies... After Evan is seen disappearing with a journalist's son at a party, he is found dead and she becomes the primary suspect in a murder investigation.



The Chaperone by M Hendrix

Like every young woman in New America, Stella knows the rules:
Deflect attention.
Abstain from sin.
Navigate the world with care.
Give obedience.
Embrace purity.
Respect your chaperone.

Hendrix's dystopian society is somewhat of a *Handmaid's Tale* for YA, and offers a dark world with a glimmer of hope.



The Broken Hearts Club by Susan Bishop Crispell

The perpetually-single daughter of a magical match maker finally meets the boy she's had a year-long pretend relationship with. Will the matchmaker's daughter and her pretend boyfriend be the perfect pairing?



The Weaver by Melanie Kanicky

In a remote village, bordered by woods and an endless winter, Saatcha lives in the attic of her ailing father's blacksmithery. As her father's health fades and he is no longer able to work, Saatcha takes it upon herself to keep the forge running. But when a pair of thieves appear in the dead of night, Saatcha's duty to her father is torn from her. Forced to leave her home behind, the bounds of magic that once held Saatcha begin to slip away. Papa is gone. Magic is real. And her kidnappers are much more than simple thieves.



Stuck up & Stupid by Angourie Rice & Kate Rice

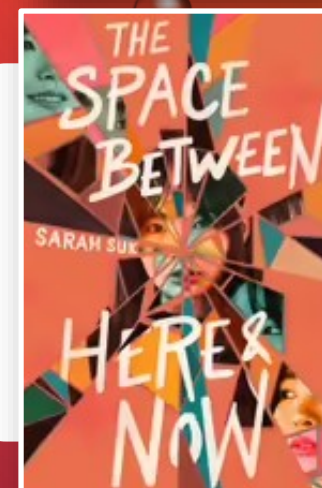
The only thing worse than cleaning up after celebrities was having to watch her own family trying to impress them. The quiet coastal community of Pippi Beach is rocked when a party of young Hollywood movie stars and influencers arrives for the summer. Like most of the locals, mum Lydia is thrilled but her teenage daughter Lily finds the Hollywood types are superficial and arrogant – especially Dorian Khan, the most famous of them all. She is soon to discover that first impressions can be deceiving ...



The Brothers Hawthorne (#4 Inheritance Games) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

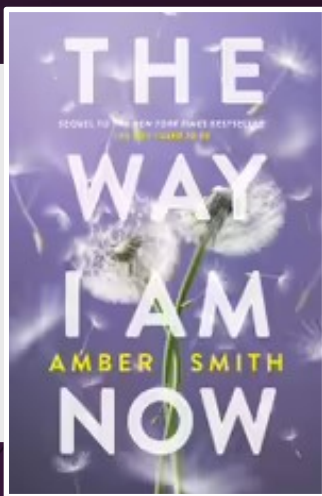
FOUR BROTHERS. TWO MYSTERIES. ONE EXPLOSIVE READ.

Drawn into twisted games on opposite sides of the globe, Grayson and Jameson - with the help of their brothers and the girl who inherited their grandfather's fortune and stole their hearts - must dig deep to decide who they want to be and what each of them will sacrifice to *win*.



The Space Between Here & Now by Sarah Suk

Perfect for fans of *They Both Die at the End* and *You've Reached Sam*, this gripping, atmospheric YA novel follows a teen with a mysterious condition that transports her to the past when she smells certain scents linked to specific memories.



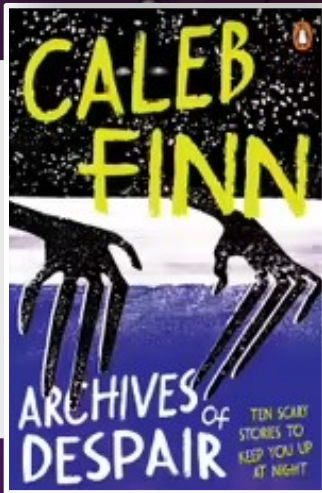
The Way I Am Now (#2 The Way I Used to Be) by *Amber Smith*

There was a time, the darkest of times, when Eden thought the only person who could save her was Josh. He was everything that was good in the world – a trusting heart, a loving touch, a kind smile. But he was never meant to be her saviour. Eden had to do that on her own. Now Eden has started college and faced up to her rapist, it seems like they might finally be in the right place at the right time to make a relationship work. But as the trial that will determine if Eden gets the justice she deserves looms, opening unhealed wounds, can their love withstand the pressure?



What The World Doesn't See by *Mel Darbon*

Run away from what they see. Discover who you are. Maudie and Jake's family is falling to pieces - their mum's been struggling with her grief since they lost Dad and one night she vanishes. When Jake is put into care, Maudie can't take it any more. She comes up with a wild plan to pull their family back together - by kidnapping Jake. On the run in Cornwall, Jake and Maudie each find something they hadn't expected - freedom and love. But can they find Mum and a way to heal together? A powerful and insightful novel about grief, disability and first love; a story about getting lost and finding yourself.



Archives of Despair [Short stories] by *Caleb Finn*

You have been given access to secret files buried deep within the archives. Disturbing stories never meant for the light of day. Stories of evil grandparents and unsettling homework. A string of deaths, seemingly unrelated. Walls squirm, as if alive. A cursed wish comes true. Ordinary people behave oddly, even family and your closest friends . . . These stories share a common fate. All the children are met with tragedy.



How To Die Famous by *Benjamin Dean*

London-born Abel has landed the role of a lifetime for an upcoming blockbuster. On the face of it he's Hollywood's latest teen star, but below the surface he's an undercover journalist on a mission to expose the 'squeaky clean' entertainment industry and the part they played in his brother's 'accidental' death. As Abel steps into the spotlight alongside fellow actors Lucky, Ryan and Ella, he soon discovers that beneath the glittering surface of fame and riches lies a darker world of secrecy, scandal and murder. Nobody is who they seem when the cameras are off, and everybody has something to hide. But who's next in line to die...



Alice: From Dream to Dream [Graphic novel] by *Giulio Macaione*

Alice has the ability to enter other people's dreams...but not always the way she wants or expects! After moving back to Ohio, Alice is stuck sharing a bedroom with her brother, and worse, sharing his dreams! The bright spot in her life is her best friend, Jamie, but there's more history between their families than Alice realized, and there are secrets buried deep in their small town that only she'll be able to explore...but only in her dreams!



Postcards from Summer by *Cynthia Platt*

The Notebook meets *Love & Gelato* in this heart-wrenching novel full of deep romance and searing tragedy about a teen girl who travels to her late mother's majestic summertime home to learn of the romance—and the tragedy—that changed her life forever.



If You Tell Anyone, You're Next by *Jack Heath*

An exclusive group chat. A deadly challenge. How far would you go to join? Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong. Zoe's search leads her to The 17 a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe?



The Night Hunt by *Alexandra Christo*

Atia is an immortal who feeds on fear and nightmare. As the last of her kind, she hides in the shadows of the world to escape the wrath of the vengeful Gods. Silas is a Herald, carrying messages and ferrying the dead, as punishment for a past he can't remember. Atia would never dream of allying with someone like him, but when she breaks a sacred law and the gods send monsters to hunt her, Silas offers an irresistible deal: he'll help her take on the Gods and get vengeance for her family. But in return, she must help him break the curse that binds him and restore his humanity.