

This Dark Endeavor

By Kenneth Oppel

YA OPPEL

When his twin brother falls ill in the family's chateau in the independent republic of Geneva in the eighteenth century, Victor Frankenstein embarks on a dangerous and uncertain quest to create the forbidden Elixir of Life described in an ancient text in the family's secret Bibliotheka Obscura. [Classical inspiration: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*]

Dorothy Must Die

By Danielle Page

YA PAGE

Amy Gumm, the other girl from Kansas, has been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked to stop Dorothy who has found a way to come back to Oz, seizing a power that has gone to her head -- so now no one is safe! [Classical inspiration: *The Wizard of Oz*]

Across a Star-Swept Sea

By Diana Peterfreund

YA PETERFREUND

Sixteen-year-old Persis Blake struggles to balance her life as a socialite and a secret spy in a future where Regs, or regular people, have power over the Reduced--those genetically engineered or drugged into physical and mental impairments. [Classical inspiration: *The Scarlet Pimpernel*]

Alice in Zombieland

By Gena Showalter

YA SHOWALTER

Alice Bell must learn to fight the undead to avenge her family and learn to trust Cole Holland who has secrets of his own. [Classical inspiration: *Alice in Wonderland*]

Enthusiasm

By Polly Shulman

YA SHULMAN

Julie and Ashleigh, high school sophomores and Jane Austen fans, seem to fall for the same Mr. Darcy-like boy and struggle to hide their true feelings from one another while rehearsing for a school musical. [Classical inspiration: Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*]

As I Descended

By Robin Talley

YA TALLEY

Maria Lyon and Lily Boiten are Acheron Academy's power couple. Only one thing stands between them and their perfect future: campus superstar Delilah Dufrey. And Lily and Maria are willing to do anything to keep Delilah from winning the distinguished Cawdor Kingsley Prize. [Classical inspiration: *Macbeth*]

The Steep and Thorny Way

By Cat Winters

YA WINTERS

A sixteen-year-old biracial girl in rural Oregon in the 1920s searches for the truth about her father's death while avoiding trouble from the Ku Klux Klan. [Classical inspiration: *Hamlet*]

Sometimes We Tell the Truth

By Kim Zarins

YA ZARINS

A group of teens on a bus ride to Washington, DC, each tell a story--some fantastical, some realistic, some downright scandalous--in pursuit of the ultimate prize: an automatic A in civics class. [Classical inspiration: *The Canterbury Tales*]

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Tiger Lily

By Jodi Lynn Anderson

YA ANDERSON

Tiger Lily receives special protections from the spiritual forces of Neverland, but then she meets her tribe's most dangerous enemy--Peter Pan--and falls in love with him. [Classical inspiration: *Peter Pan*]

Going Bovine

By Libba Bray

YA BRAY

In an attempt to find a cure after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen-year-old boy, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital. [Classical inspiration: Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra's *Don Quixote*]

Avalon High

By Meg Cabot

YA CABOT

Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court. [Classical inspiration: Sir Thomas Malory's *King Arthur and His Knights*]

Prince of Shadows

By Rachel Caine

YA CAINE

The star-crossed tale of Romeo and Juliet, told through the eyes of Romeo's cousin, Benvolio, a thief known as the Prince of Shadows. [Classical inspiration: William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*]

Little Brother

By Cory Doctorow

YA DOCTOROW

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. [Classical inspiration: George Orwell's *1984*]

Romiette and Julio

By Sharon Draper

YA DRAPER

Romiette, an African-American girl, and Julio, a Hispanic boy, discover that they attend the same high school after falling in love on the Internet, but are harassed by a gang whose members object to their interracial dating. [Classical inspiration: William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*]

A Little in Love

By Susan Fletcher

YA FLETCHER

Eponine, the street girl from Les Misérables, tells the story of her life and her unrequited love for Marius, which ultimately leads to her death on the barricades during the short-lived rebellion of June 1832. [Classical inspiration: *Les Misérables*]

Beastly

By Alex Flinn

YA FLINN

A modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love before he can return to his human form. [Classical inspiration: *Beauty and the Beast*]

Cloaked

By Alex Flinn

YA FLINN

Seventeen-year-old Johnny is approached at his family's struggling shoe repair shop in a Miami, Florida, hotel by Alorian Princess Victoriana, who asks him to find her brother who was turned into a frog. [Classical inspiration: *The Frog Prince*]

Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow

By Jessica Day George

YA GEORGE

A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell. [Classical inspiration: *Beauty and the Beast*]

Bright Smoke, Cold Fire

By Rosamund Hodge

YA HODGE

In the walled city of Viyara, the heirs of the city's most powerful--and warring--families, Mahyanai Romeo and Juliet Catresou, share a love deeper than duty, honor, even life itself. But the magic laid on the Juliet at birth compels her to punish the enemies of her clan --and Romeo has just killed her cousin Tybalt. Which means he must die. [Classical inspiration: *Romeo and Juliet*]

Splintered

By A.G. Howard

YA HOWARD

A descendant of the inspiration for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, sixteen-year-old Alyssa Gardner fears she is mentally ill like her mother until she finds that Wonderland is real and, if she passes a series of tests to fix Alice's mistakes, she may save her family from their curse. [Classical inspiration: *Alice in Wonderland*]

Paper Covers Rock

By Jenny Hubbard

YA HUBBARD

In 1982 Buncombe County, North Carolina, sixteen-year-old Alex Stromm writes of the aftermath of the accidental drowning of a friend, as his English teacher reaches out to him while he and a fellow boarding school student try to cover things up. [Classical inspiration: John Knowles' *A Separate Peace*]

If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?

By Melissa Kantor

YA KANTOR

When the father of high school sophomore, Lucy Norton, remarries, Lucy finds herself tormented by two bratty stepsisters and a wicked stepmother. [Classical inspiration: *Cinderella*]

The Forbidden Wish

By Jessica Khoury

YA KHOURY

Forced to hid her true identity, Zahra, a teenage genie, finds her chance for freedom challenged by her love for her master, Aladdin. [Classical inspiration: *The Arabian Nights*]

September Girls

By Bennett Madison

YA MADISON

Vacationing in a beach town for the summer, Sam is pursued by hordes of girls before falling in love with the unusual DeeDee, who compels him to uncover secrets about the town's ocean-dwelling inhabitants. [Classical inspiration: *The Little Mermaid*]

Cinder

By Marissa Meyer

YA MEYER

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story. [Classical inspiration: *Cinderella*]

The Magic Circle

By Donna Jo Napoli

YA NAPOLI

After learning sorcery to become a healer, a good-hearted woman is turned into a witch by evil spirits and she fights their power until her encounter with Hansel and Gretel years later. [Classical inspiration: *Hansel and Gretel*]