The False Prince By Jennifer Nielsen YA NIELSEN

A devious nobleman engages 4 orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Prophecy By Ellen Oh YA OH

A demon slayer, the only female warrior in the King's army, must battle demon soldiers, an evil shaman, and the Demon Lord to find the lost ruby of the Dragon King's prophecy and save her kingdom.

Eragon By Christopher Paolini YA PAOLINI

In Aagaesia, a boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

The Kiss of Deception By Mary E. Pearson YA PEARSON

On the morning of her wedding, Princess Lia flees to a distant village. She settles into a new life, intrigued when two mysterious and handsome strangers arrive --and unaware that one is the jilted prince and the other an assassin sent to kill her.

Rampant By Diana Peterfreund YA PETERFREUND

After Astrid survives a vicious unicorn attack, she learns that she is a descendant of the most famous unicorn hunter of all time and she must travel to Rome, to learn to carry on her family legacy.

Snow like Ashes By Sara Raasch YA RAASCH

Meira, a fierce chakram-wielding warrior from the Kingdom of Winter, must struggle to free her people from the tyranny of an opposing kingdom.

The Winner's Curse By Marie Rutkoski YA RUTKOSKI

An aristocratic girl who is a member of a warmongering and enslaving empire purchases a slave, an act that sets in motion a rebellion that might overthrow her world as well as her heart.

An Ember in the Ashes By Sabaa Tahir YA TAHIR

Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.

The Burning Sky By Sherry Thomas YA THOMAS

A young elemental mage named laolanthe Seabourne discovers her shocking power and destiny when she is thrown together with a deposed prince to lead a rebellion against a tyrant.

Thirteenth Child By Patricia Wrede YA WREDE

Eighteen-year-old Eff must finally get over believing she is bad luck and accept that her special training in Aphrikan magic, and being the twin of the seventh son of a seventh son, give her extraordinary power to combat magical creatures that threaten settlements on the western frontier.

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Red Queen By Victoria Aveyard YA AVEYARD

In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own.

Shadow and Bone By Leigh Bardugo

YA BARDUGO

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protegé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner.

An Inheritance of Ashes By Leah Bobet YA BOBET

Now that the strange war is over, Hallie and her sister struggle to maintain their family farm, but as ugly truths about their family emerge, Hallie takes dangerous risks and keeps desperate secrets while monsters and armies converge on the small farm.

Walk on Earth a Stranger By Rae Carson YA CARSON

Lee Westfall, a young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers, so when her best friend Jefferson heads out across Gold Rushera America to stake his claim, she disguises herself as a boy and sets out on her own dangerous journey.

Graceling By Kristin Cashore YA CASHORE

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

The Demon King By Cinda Williams Chima YA CHIMA

Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa, as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court.

Illusionarium

By Heather Dixon YA CHIMA

As apprentice to his father, the second-best medical scientist in the empire, Jonathan leads a quiet life in a remote aerial city until the king arrives, calling on them to find the cure to a plague that has struck the capital city and put the queen's life at risk, but the newly discovered chemical, fantillium, that may help will also put at risk all that Jonathan holds dear.

Vessel

By Sarah Beth Durst YA DURST

When the goddess Bayla fails to take over Liyana's body, Liyana's people abandon her in the desert to find a more worthy vessel, but she soon meets Korbyn, who says the souls of seven deities have been stolen and he needs Liyana's help to find them.

The Last Dragonslayer By Jasper Fforde YA FFORDE

Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange runs an agency for underemployed magicians in a world where magic is fading away, but when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin, all signs point to Jennifer--and Big Magic.

A Creature of Moonlight By Rebecca Hahn

YA HAHN

Marni, a young flower seller who has been living in exile, must choose between claiming her birthright as princess of a realm whose king wants her dead, and a life with the father she has never known--a wild dragon.

Seraphina By Rachel Hartman YA HARTMAN

In a world where dragons and humans coexist and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals.

Hunter

By Mercedes Lackey

YA LACKEY

A teenage girl leaves home to join the legendary Hunters, who protect the people from the terrifying monsters that have overrun their world.

Grave Mercy By Robin LaFevers YA LAFEVERS

In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts--and a violent destiny.

Pantomime

By Laura Lam

YA LAM

Gene, the daughter of a noble family, runs away from the decadence of court to R.H. Ragona's circus of magic, where she meets a runaway whose blood could unlock the mysteries of the world of Ellada.

Legend

By Marie Lu

YA LU

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Pegasus

By Robin McKinley YA MCKINLEY

Because of an alliance between humans and pegasi, Princess Sylvi is ceremonially bound to Ebon, her own pegasus, on her twelfth birthday.