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**The Undercurrent** - Paula Weston 2017-07-31  
Shortlisted for the 2017 Aurealis Awards 'The Undercurrent is gripping and action-packed...Paula Weston has created an ambitious thrilled that presents us with an alarming look at

Australia's near future and where our technological advances could be taking us.'  
Readings Eighteen-year-old Julianne De Marchi is different. As in: she has an electrical undercurrent beneath her skin that stings and

surges like a live wire. She can use it—to spark a fire, maybe even end a life—but she doesn't understand what it is. And she can barely control it, especially when she's anxious. Ryan Walsh was on track for a stellar football career when his knee blew out. Now he's a soldier—part of an experimental privatised military unit that has identified Jules De Marchi as a threat. Is it because of the weird undercurrent she's tried so hard to hide? Or because of her mother Angie's history as an activist against bio-engineering and big business? It's no coincidence that Ryan and Jules are in the same place at the same time—he's under orders to follow her, after all. But then an explosive attack on a city building by an unknown enemy throws them together in the most violent and unexpected way. Paula Weston, author of the much-admired Rephaim series, returns with a standalone work: a futuristic thriller that is only slightly futuristic—but utterly and undeniably thrilling. Great writing, heart-burning characters, probing

questions about where technology is taking us—and a plot that zips and zings like an electrical current itself. This is a great young-adult writer at the peak of her powers. Paula Weston is a Brisbane-based author. She has more than twenty years' experience as a professional writer—first as a print journalist and then as a government communication and media specialist. She co-owns a writing/design consultancy. 'The Undercurrent has everything you could possibly ask for in a YA novel—illegal human experimentation, military groups for hire, companies with hidden agendas, government mismanagement of environmental threats, romance, X-Men-style abilities, a nuanced mother-daughter relationship and non-stop action and intrigue. The characters are endearing and believable, the romance meaningful without being saccharine and the plot races along with impeccable timing...The Undercurrent is a worthy companion to beloved Australian speculative novels such as The Sky So

Heavy by Claire Zorn and John Marsden's Tomorrow series.' Books+Publishing 'A fast-paced, sensational ride, which screams "read me".' Scott Moore, South Australian Weekend Review 'The Undercurrent is a real rollercoaster of a read, packed full of thrills and tension and non-stop action. The characters are captivating and nuanced. The plot is fast-paced and high-powered. Most importantly, it is a tightly written and eminently satisfying standalone book.' Booktopia 'A readable and believable dystopian tale of nuclear energy, genetically modified crops, and corporate greed, further enlivened by a budding romance.' Age 'The Undercurrent presents a compelling portrait of a young woman finding agency and purpose that will appeal to both an adolescent audience and older readers.' Otago Daily Times 'When it comes to speculative fiction, Paula Weston can deliver, and deliver, moreover, on recognisably Australian soil...The Undercurrent is a well-written suspense thriller, political mystery, family saga, slow-burning

romance and, above all, prescient picture of our own far-too-possible future.' Magpies 'Late for dinner, late for work, late late late. Thanks so much, Paula Weston. I picked up Shimmer and forgot everything else.' Adelaide Advertiser 'Superbly written, action-packed fiction with interesting, brilliantly flawed characters.' Fictional Thoughts 'Some books you crave. You keep returning to the cover art and re-reading the blurb, you stalk the authors' Twitter, Tumblr, Goodreads profiles in the hopes of gleaning morsels of information...you count-down to release day. Paula Weston is something special indeed.' ALPHA Reader 'Weston has written a high-voltage story full of explosive action and a zing of romance. The Undercurrent is a fast-paced, thrilling, futuristic action-packed YA novel that will have you zapped to your seat.' Nadia L King 'The Undercurrent is action-packed and thrilling...There is romance, family drama and mystery that all blend well to keep the pace flowing and the plot moving.' Obsession

with Books 'Paula Weston raises the bar for an intelligent, page-turning speculative young adult thriller full of complex issues and wonderfully varied and sculpted characters worth caring about. A superbly written book with a gorgeous cover that will make you think and learn and hide away until you've read the last page.' Kids Book Review 'Paula Weston has done it again. The Aussie who blessed us with the Rephaim series doesn't miss a beat as she unveils a new cast of well-rounded, flawed and believable characters in a fast-paced tale...Another page-turner!' SA Weekend 'A cleverly constructed tale of mysterious and uncontrollable powers, government cover-ups, love and duty from the author of the classic Rephaim series.' Adelaide Advertiser, Favourite Books of the Year 'Paula Weston has done it again. The Aussie who blessed us with the Rephaim series doesn't miss a beat as she moves away from the world of half-angels in this new thriller. Weston unveils a new cast of well-rounded, flawed and believable

characters in a fast-paced tale...Weston tackles important issues without letting the pace drop in another page-turner.' Daily Telegraph 'This LoveOzYA Sci-Fi is sure to please with its sweet romantic subplot and poignant back drop of a not-so-distant future Australia.' The Adventures of Sacakat

Furia - Yamile Saied Méndez 2020-09-15  
The Reese's YA Book Club pick and 2021 Pura Belpré Award-winning, powerful, #ownvoices contemporary YA for fans of The Poet X and I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter about a rising soccer star who must put everything on the line—even her blooming love story—to follow her dreams.

Froi of the Exiles - Melina Marchetta 2011-09-28  
Blood sings to blood, Froi . . . Those born last will make the first . . . For Charyn will be barren no more. Three years after the curse on Lumatere was lifted, Froi has found his home - or so he believes. Fiercely loyal to the Queen and Finnikin, Froi has been trained roughly and

lovingly by the Guard sworn to protect the royal family, and has learned to control his quick temper. But when he is sent on a secretive mission to the kingdom of Charyn, nothing could have prepared him for what he finds. Here he encounters a damaged people who are not who they seem, and must unravel both the dark bonds of kinship and the mysteries of a half-mad Princess. And in this barren and mysterious place, he will discover that there is a song sleeping in his blood, and though Froi would rather not, the time has come to listen. Gripping and intense, complex and richly imagined, Froi of the Exiles is a dazzling sequel to Finnikin of the Rock, from the internationally best-selling and multi-award-winning author of Looking for Alibrandi, Saving Francesca, On the Jellicoe Road and The Piper's Son.

*The Code for Love and Heartbreak* - Jillian Cantor 2020-10-06

In this contemporary romcom retelling of Jane Austen's Emma by USA TODAY bestselling

author Jillian Cantor, there's nothing more complex—or unpredictable—than love. When math genius Emma and her coding club co-president, George, are tasked with brainstorming a new project, The Code for Love is born. George disapproves of Emma's idea of creating a matchmaking app, accusing her of meddling in people's lives. But all the happy new couples at school are proof that the app works. At least at first. Emma's code is flawless. So why is it that perfectly matched couples start breaking up, the wrong people keep falling for each other, and Emma's own feelings defy any algorithm?

[Fire: Tales of Elemental Spirits](#) - Robin McKinley 2009-10-29

Master storytellers Robin McKinley and Peter Dickinson, the team behind *Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits*, collaborate again to create five captivating tales incorporating the element of fire. In McKinley's *First Flight*, a boy and his pet foogit unexpectedly take a dangerous

ride on a dragon, and her 'Hellhound' stars a mysterious dog as a key player in an eerie graveyard showdown. Dickinson introduces a young man who must defeat the creature threatening his clan in 'Fireworm,' a slave who saves his village with a fiery magic spell in 'Salamander Man,' and a girl whose new friend, the guardian of a mystical bird, is much older than he appears in 'Phoenix.' With time periods ranging from prehistoric to present day, and settings as varied as a graveyard, a medieval marketplace and a dragon academy, these stories are sure to intrigue and delight the authors' longtime fans and newcomers alike.

[A Writer's Craft](#) - Kendall Dunkelberg

2017-09-16

This introductory creative writing text uses a unique, multi-genre approach to provide students with a broad-based knowledge of their craft, treating them as professional writers. Beginning by discussing elements common to all genres, this book underscores the importance of

learning good writing habits before committing to a genre, encouraging writers to look beyond their genre expectations and learn from other forms. The book then devotes one chapter to each of the major literary genres: fiction, poetry, drama and creative nonfiction. These style-specific sections provide depth as they compare the different genres, furnishing students with a comprehensive understanding of creative writing as a discipline and fostering creativity. The discussion concludes with a chapter on digital media and an appendix on literary citizenship and publishing. With exercises at the end of each chapter, a glossary of literary terms, and a list of resources for further study, [A Writer's Craft](#) is the ideal companion to an introductory creative writing class. It has been listed as one of the 'Best Books for Writers' by Poets and Writers magazine.

[Quintana of Charyn](#) - Melina Marchetta 2013

A conclusion to the trilogy that includes Froi of the Exiles finds Froi and his companions

traveling through Charyn to find Quintana and build an army to secure her unborn child's right to rule, an effort that culminates in an ultimate showdown with Isaboe of Lumatere.

**Kitty's House of Horrors** - Carrie Vaughn  
2010-01-01

REALITY BITES Talk radio host and werewolf Kitty Norville has agreed to appear on TV's first all-supernatural reality show. She's expecting cheesy competitions and manufactured drama starring shapeshifters, vampires, and psychics. But what begins as a publicity stunt will turn into a fight for her life. The cast members, including Kitty, arrive at the remote mountain lodge where the show is set. As soon as filming starts, violence erupts and Kitty suspects that the show is a cover for a nefarious plot. Then the cameras stop rolling, cast members start dying, and Kitty realizes she and her monster housemates are ironically the ultimate prize in a very different game. Stranded with no power, no phones, and no way to know who can be trusted,

she must find a way to defeat the evil closing in . . . before it kills them all.

[A Golden Fury](#) - Samantha Cohoe 2020-10-13  
"A vivid ride through eighteenth century Europe with darkness and dread creeping at its corners. Utterly enchanting." - Emily A. Duncan, New York Times bestselling author of *Wicked Saints*  
"Cohoe transmutes the legend of the Philosopher's Stone into a dark, intoxicating tale of ambition, obsession, and sacrifice. Prepare for a magic that will consume you." - Rosamund Hodge, New York Times bestselling author of *Cruel Beauty* and *Bright Smoke*, *Cold Fire* In her debut novel *A Golden Fury*, Samantha Cohoe weaves a story of magic and danger, where the curse of the Philosopher's Stone will haunt you long after the final page. Thea Hope longs to be an alchemist out of the shadow of her famous mother. The two of them are close to creating the legendary Philosopher's Stone—whose properties include immortality and can turn any metal into gold—but just when the promise of

the Stone's riches is in their grasp, Thea's mother destroys the Stone in a sudden fit of violent madness. While combing through her mother's notes, Thea learns that there's a curse on the Stone that causes anyone who tries to make it to lose their sanity. With the threat of a revolution looming, Thea is sent to live with the father who doesn't know she exists. But there are alchemists after the Stone who don't believe Thea's warning about the curse—instead, they'll stop at nothing to steal Thea's knowledge of how to create the Stone. But Thea can only run for so long, and soon she will have to choose: create the Stone and sacrifice her sanity, or let the people she loves die.

**On These Magic Shores** - Yamile Saied Méndez 2020

A friend and some very real fairy magic help twelve-year-old Minnie who is caring for her younger sisters, hiding that their mother is missing, and preparing for her school's production of Peter Pan.

Truest - Jackie Lea Sommers 2015-09-01

A breathtaking debut brings us the unforgettable story of a small-town love, big dreams, and family drama. Silas Hart has seriously shaken up Westlin Beck's small-town life. Brand-new to town, Silas is different from the guys in Green Lake. He's curious, poetic, philosophical, maddening—and really, really cute. But Silas has a sister—and she has a secret. And West has a boyfriend. And life in Green Lake is about to change forever. Truest is a stunning, addictive debut. Romantic, fun, tender, and satisfying, it asks as many questions as it answers. Perfect for fans of *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Ten Things We Did (and Probably Shouldn't Have)*.

**Finnikin of the Rock** - Melina Marchetta 2011  
Finnikin reluctantly joins forces against the imposter who has ruled Lumatere for years with an enigmatic young novice who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne.

**This Shattered World** - Amie Kaufman

2014-12-23

The second in New York Times bestselling author duo Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner's sweeping science fiction Starbound Trilogy is an unforgettable story of love and forgiveness in a world torn apart by war, a "sci-fi Romeo and Juliet" (Booklist). Jubilee Chase and Flynn Cormac should never have met. Lee is captain of the forces sent to Avon to crush the terraformed planet's rebellious colonists, and she has her own reasons for hating the insurgents. Whereas Flynn is leading the rebellion against the powerful corporate conglomerate that make their fortune by terraforming uninhabitable planets across the universe and recruiting colonists to make the planets livable, and rule with an iron fist and unrealized promises. Desperate for any advantage against the military occupying his home, Flynn does the only thing that makes sense when he and Lee cross paths: he returns to base with her as prisoner. But as his fellow

rebels prepare to execute this tough-talking girl with nerves of steel, Flynn makes another choice that will change him forever. He and Lee escape base together, caught between two sides in a senseless war.

*Tell the Truth, Shame the Devil* - Melina Marchetta 2016-10-11

"More than a crime story; it's jam-packed with family drama and heartbreak. Highly recommended for suspense and mystery fans." -- Library Journal In the wake of a devastating bombing, a father risks everything to find out who was responsible. When Bish Ortley, a recently suspended cop, receives word that a bus carrying his daughter has been bombed, he rushes to be by her side. A suspect has already been named--a 17-year-old girl who has since disappeared from the scene. The press has now revealed that she is the youngest member of one of London's most notorious families. Years earlier, they were implicated in an attack that left dozens dead. Has the girl decided to follow

in their footsteps? To find her, Bish must earn the trust of her friends and family, including her infamous mother, now serving a life sentence in prison. But even as he delves into the deadly bus attack that claimed five lives, the ghosts of older crimes become impossible to ignore. A gripping fusion of literary suspense and family drama, *TELL THE TRUTH, SHAME THE DEVIL* is a fast-paced puzzle of a novel that will keep readers feverishly turning pages.

[I Think You're Wrong \(But I'm Listening\)](#) - Sarah Stewart Holland 2019-02-05

More than ever, politics seem to be driven by discord. People sitting together in pews every Sunday feel like strangers and loved ones at the dinner table feel like enemies. Toxic political dialogue, hate-filled rants on social media, and agenda-driven news stories have become the new norm. But it doesn't have to be this way. In *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)*, two working moms from opposite ends of the political spectrum teach us that politics don't

have to divide us. Instead, we can bring the same care and respect to policy discussions that we bring to the rest of our lives. Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers, co-hosts of *Pantsuit Politics*, recently named an Apple Podcasts Show of the Year, give you all of the tools you need to: Respect the dignity of every person Recognize that issues are nuanced and can't be reduced to political talking points Listen in order to understand Lead with grace and patience Join Sarah from the left and Beth from the right as they teach you that people from opposing political perspectives truly can have calm, grace-filled conversations with one another. Praise for *I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening)*: "Sarah and Beth are an absolute gift to our culture right now. Not only do they offer balanced perspectives from each political ideology, but they teach us how to dialogue well, without sacrificing our humanity." --Jen Hatmaker, New York Times bestselling author and speaker "Sarah from the left and Beth from the right serve as

our guides through conflict and complexity, delivering us into connection. I wish every person living in the United States would read this compelling book, from the youngest voter to those holding the highest office." --Emily P. Freeman, Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *The Next Right Thing*

*Jellicoe Road* - Melina Marchetta 2010-04-06  
Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award \* ALA Best Book for Young Adults \* Kirkus Best Book  
*Jellicoe Road* is a dazzling tale that is part love story, part family drama, and part coming-of-age novel. Described by Kirkus as "a beautifully rendered mystery" and by VOYA as "a great choice for more sophisticated readers and those teens who like multifaceted stories and characters." Abandoned by her mother on *Jellicoe Road* when she was eleven, Taylor Markham, now seventeen, is finally being confronted with her past. But as the reluctant leader of her boarding school dorm, there isn't a lot of time for introspection. And while Hannah,

the closest adult Taylor has to family, has disappeared, Jonah Griggs, the boy who might be the key to unlocking the secrets for Taylor's past, is back in town, moody stares and all. In this absorbing story by Melina Marchetta, nothing is as it seems and every clue leads to more questions as Taylor tries to work out the connection between her mother dumping her; Hannah finding her; Hannah's sudden departure; a mysterious stranger who once whispered something in her ear; a boy in her dreams; five kids who lived on *Jellicoe Road* eighteen years ago; and the maddening and magnetic Jonah Griggs, who knows her better than she thinks he does. If Taylor can put together the pieces of her past, she just might be able to change her future.

**Quintana of Charyn** - Melina Marchetta  
2013-04-23

The climactic conclusion of Printz Award winner Melina Marchetta's epic fantasy trilogy!  
Separated from the girl he loves and has sworn

to protect, Froi and his companions travel through Charyn searching for Quintana and building an army that will secure her unborn child's right to rule. While in the valley between two kingdoms, Quintana of Charyn and Isaboe of Lumatere come face-to-face in a showdown that will result in heartbreak for one and power for the other. The complex tangle of bloodlines, politics, and love introduced in *Finnikin of the Rock* and Froi of the Exiles coalesce into an engrossing climax in this final volume.

**Quintana of Charyn** - Melina Marchetta 2012 Internationally bestselling and award-winning author Melina Marchetta weaves an accomplished and breathtaking blend of love, suspense and adventure in this unforgettable final volume in her epic fantasy series, *The Lumatere Chronicles*. Separated from the girl he loves and has sworn to protect, Froi and his companions travel through Charyn searching for Quintana and building an army that will secure her unborn child's right to rule. While in the

valley between two kingdoms, Quintana of Charyn and Isaboe of Lumatere come face to face in a showdown that will result in heartbreak for one and power for the other. A dramatic conclusion to Printz Award--winner Melina Marchetta's epic fantasy trilogy. Praise for Quintana of Charyn- 'The book will mesmerize readers with several hair-raising moments that ratchet up tension; memorably detailed descriptions provide vivid images of the setting; and Marchetta's themes of belonging and forgiveness are powerfully wrought. Fans of Megan Whelan Turner and Elizabeth Wein should find this exceptional series especially compelling.' The Horn Book 'Like the other books, this one begs to be read slowly and savored for its carefully crafted plotting, lyrical language, and fully fleshed-out characters.' School Library Journal 'Marchetta triumphantly concludes the trilogy that began with *Finnikin of the Rock*, as the kingdoms of Lumatere and Charyn attempt to bridge past atrocities through

a new generation of leaders...One of the hallmarks of this series has been the complexity and attention Marchetta gives to both primary and secondary characters, creating a richly human cast of damaged but noble individuals...Readers who have fallen in love with Quintana, Froi, Finnikin, Isaboe, and others will eagerly seek out what fate has in store for them.' Publishers Weekly(starred review) 'The plot is more straightforward, while the previous volumes' excellent features - world-building, plotting, and characterization - continue to shine. Marchetta builds on the reader's knowledge of this world, adding rich sensory details to enhance the sense of place...A stand-out fantasy series.' Booklist(starred review) 'Recommend this book for readers of high-brow, realistic fantasy who enjoy stories with just a touch of the magical.' VOYA 'Marchetta, known for her mastery of character, shows herself here to have conquered the intricacies of plot, worldbuilding and theme...Readers will have a

hard time forgetting the complex, deeply human characters that populate this multifaceted narrative.' Kirkus Reviews(starred review) 'All I can say is, I immediately reread it because I didn't want to say good-bye to these people. And it's a Favorite Book Read in 2013.' A Chair, A Fireplace, and a Tea Cozy (SLJ blog) ' Those who have read the first two volumes of the Lumatere Chronicles will find this thrilling conclusion both heartbreaking and utterly satisfying. Yet again, Marchetta seamlessly weaves together the personal and the political, exploring the larger societal implications of her characters' actions while keeping a tight focus on their emotional lives. The obstacles in the relationships among her main characters mirror the tensions built by prejudices and ignorance throughout their lands, and the setbacks they experience as they work toward peace, both as a community and as individuals, are painfully authentic. The romances are sweet but tempered by reality, the triumphs are great but leave many

scars, and even the ... ending here is bittersweet in its resolution. It's a suitably impressive conclusion to an epic series.' Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

**Froi of the Exiles** - Melina Marchetta  
2012-03-13

From master storyteller Melina Marchetta comes an exhilarating new fantasy springing from her celebrated epic, *Finnikin of the Rock*. Three years after the curse on Lumatere was lifted, Froi has found his home . . . or so he believes. Fiercely loyal to the Queen and Finnikin, Froi has been taken roughly and lovingly in hand by the Guard sworn to protect the royal family, and has learned to control his quick temper with a warrior's discipline. But when he is sent on a secretive mission to the kingdom of Charyn, nothing could have prepared him for what he finds in its surreal royal court. Soon he must unravel both the dark bonds of kinship and the mysteries of a half-mad princess in this barren and mysterious place. It is in

Charyn that he will discover there is a song sleeping in his blood . . . and though Froi would rather not, the time has come to listen.

**Saving Francesca** - Melina Marchetta  
2007-12-18

Before there was Eleanor and Park, there was Francesca and Will. A compelling story of romance, family, and friendship, with humor and heart, perfect for fans of *If I Stay*, *The Spectacular Now*, and *Looking for Alaska*. Francesca is stuck at St. Sebastian's, a boys' school that pretends it's coed by giving the girls their own bathroom. Her only female companions are an ultra-feminist, a rumored slut, and an impossibly dorky accordion player. The boys are no better, from Thomas, who specializes in musical burping, to Will, the perpetually frowning, smug moron that Francesca can't seem to stop thinking about. Then there's Francesca's mother, who always thinks she knows what's best for Francesca—until she is suddenly stricken with

acute depression, leaving Francesca lost, alone, and without an inkling of who she really is. Simultaneously humorous, poignant, and impossible to put down, this is the story of a girl who must summon the strength to save her family, her social life, and—hardest of all—herself. Melina Marchetta is the Printz-winning author of *Jellicoe Road*, as well as *Looking for Alibrandi* and *Finnikin of the Rock*. [The Complete Lumatere Chronicles](#) - Melina Marchetta 2015-02-25

An ebook bundle of all three books in *The Lumatere Chronicles* - *Finnikin of the Rock*, *Froi of the Exiles* and *Quintana of Charyn*. From internationally best-selling and award-winning author Melina Marchetta. *Finnikin of the Rock* Finnikin has not been home to his beloved Lumatere for ten years. Not since the dark days when the royal family was brutally murdered and the kingdom put under a terrible curse. But then he is summoned to meet Evanjalín, an enigmatic young woman who claims the heir to

the throne still lives. She is determined to return home and Finnikin is affected by her arrogance . . . and her hope. He begins to believe he will see his childhood friend, Prince Balthazar, again. But the truth will test Finnikin's faith in Evanjalín . . . and in himself. *Froi of the Exiles* Fiercely loyal to the Queen and Finnikin, Froi has finally found his home in Lumatere . . . or so he believes. But when he is sent on a dark and secretive mission to the rival kingdom of Charyn, nothing could have prepared him for what he finds in its surreal royal court. In this dangerous place he must unravel the mysteries of a half-mad princess . . . and discover the truth before it is too late. *Quintana of Charyn* Separated from the girl he loves and has sworn to protect, Froi and his companions travel through Charyn searching for Quintana and building an army that will secure her unborn child's right to rule. While in the valley between two kingdoms, Quintana of Charyn and Isaboe of Lumatere come face-to-face in a showdown that will result

in heartbreak for one and power for the other. A dramatic conclusion to Printz Award--winner Melina Marchetta's epic fantasy trilogy. Praise for *The Lumatere Chronicles* 'A wonderful story full of hauntingly vivid characters and landscapes . . . this is addictive, highly recommended reading.' *Sydney Morning Herald* 'Dark and beautiful and utterly believable.' Kristin Cashore, author of *Graceling*, *Fire and Bitterblue* 'Magic, romance, intrigue, and adventure all play their parts as this dense, intricate epic unfolds, and flawed, memorable heroes fight for their kingdom's redemption.' *Publishers Weekly* (starred review) 'Finnikin is a ripping fantastical adventure. In a word: marvellous.' *Herald Sun*

**Talented** - Sophie Davis 2013-01-24

When Talia Lyons was just a child, her parents were murdered before her eyes. Offered a choice between accepting their fate and exacting revenge, Talia trains to become one of the country's deadliest assassins in order to kill the

man responsible for their deaths: Ian Crane. Luckily, Talia was born with a gift- the ability to read and influence the minds of others. At sixteen, Talia is poised to graduate from the McDonough School for the Talented, where she learned to control her abilities. Now there is only one obstacle standing between her and the retribution she craves... Talia, herself. Her greatest asset may also be her undoing; while a formidable weapon in the field, Talia's talents prevent her from both shutting off the mental connection she shares with her questionable boyfriend and blocking out the thoughts of a beguiling fellow recruit. But Talia can't afford to have the feelings and distractions of a normal teenage girl, when her life is far from normal. She must regain the single-minded determination that has brought her this far, or it may cost Talia her life when she finally faces Crane. And even after being molded in to a weapon of war, she'll still have to find the strength it takes to pull the trigger. If James

Bond and Sookie Stackhouse had a love child with a yearning for vengeance, her story would be **TALENTED**: an adventure about powerful teenagers who aren't afraid to embrace their fears and fight for what they believe in.

**Loathing Lola** - Will Kostakis 2013-01-09

Fifteen-year-old Courtney Marlow didn't exactly think it through. She thought the offer to have her life broadcast on national television was the perfect solution to her family's financial troubles. She was wrong. Mackenzie Dahl, the show's producer, promised to show Australia a real teenager. Courtney was going to be a positive role model, someone on television without a boob job and an eating disorder. Soon, everyone wants their 15 minutes of fame via a little bit of Courtney - especially her conniving friend Katie, and her stepmother, Lola. And Courtney is just beginning to realise that 'ordinary' does not translate to 'entertaining'...

**Raw Blue** - Kirsty Eagar 2009-06-29

Award-winning novel by Kirsty Eagar, author of

Saltwater Vampires and Night Beach. Raw Blue was awarded the 2010 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards Young Adult Fiction prize. Readers of Tim Winton's *Breathless* will be drawn to Raw Blue, an achingly beautiful young adult novel set in Sydney's northern beaches. Winner of the 2010 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, it is a haunting story about finding your passion in life. Carly has dropped out of uni to spend her days surfing and her nights working as a cook in a Manly cafe. Surfing is the one thing she loves doing ... and the only thing that helps her stop thinking about what happened two years ago. Then she meets Ryan and Carly has to decide. Will she let the past bury her? Or can she let go of her anger and shame, and find the courage to be happy? Check out Kirsty Eagar's website at [www.kirstyeagar.com](http://www.kirstyeagar.com), and read her blog to find out about her thoughts on books, writing, music, surfing, and finding inspiration, or visit [betweenthehines.com.au](http://betweenthehines.com.au) - the destination for Young Adult books. Praise for

Raw Blue: 'Kirsty Eagar's fearless Raw Blue, a story of regeneration set on Sydney's northern beaches, is much more than just a promising debut: this one delivers.' Australian Book Review Best Books of 2009: Critics' Choices 'Kirsty Eagar's first novel explores dark territory with skill and sensitivity.' The Age 'An emotionally rich and powerful first novel.' Canberra Times 'If you only read one book this year ... it should be Kirsty Eagar's Raw Blue one of those kept-me-up-all-night novels that stays in your bones and sings in your ears long after you've finished it. It wouldn't be out of place next to Tim Winton's Breath, except this is the ocean as healer, not as an object to be conquered, or the site of self-destruction, of risk. The images crackle, the lines are full of the poetry of observation, the story is searing, gutting, beautiful. This should be compulsory reading for all teenagers especially boys.' julialawrinson.livejournal.com 'This is a psychologically intense novel that involves even non-surfing readers in the release

Carly feels when conquering the waves we empathise with her in the long battle between desire and fear on the path to self-acceptance.' Magpies 'I read this book feverishly, desperate for a happy ending, and afterwards found it difficult to get Carly and the men who ride into her life out of my mind.' Newcastle Herald '[a] very moving book It's dark subject matter, but Eagar makes it uplifting.' Sunday Territorian 'A memorable first book by a writer who gives an honest approach to what young adults face growing up and growing wiser.' Woman's Day Read of the Week

Starflight - Melissa Landers 2016-02-04

Solara Brooks needs a fresh start, someplace where nobody cares about the engine grease beneath her fingernails or the felony tattoos across her knuckles. The outer realm may be lawless, but it's not like the law has ever been on her side. Still, off-world travel doesn't come cheap; Solara is left with no choice but to indenture herself in exchange for passage to the

outer realm. She just wishes it could have been to anyone besides Doran Spaulding, the rich, pretty-boy quarterback who made her life miserable in school. The tables suddenly turn when Doran is framed for conspiracy on Earth, and Solara cons him into playing the role of her servant on board the *Banshee*, a ship manned by an eccentric crew with their own secrets. Given the price on both Doran and Solara's heads, it may just be the safest place in the universe. It's been a long time since Solara has believed in anyone, and Doran is the last person she expected to trust. But when the *Banshee's* dangerous enemies catch up with them, Solara and Doran must come together to protect the ship that has become their home???and the eccentric crew that feels like family.

*The Weight of Zero* - Karen Fortunati 2018-02-20  
For fans of *13 Reasons Why* and *Girl in Pieces*, this is a novel that shows the path to hope and life for a girl with mental illness. Seventeen-year-old Catherine Pulaski knows Zero is coming

for her. Zero, the devastating depression born of Catherine's bipolar disorder, almost triumphed once; that was her first suicide attempt. And so, in an old ballet-shoe box, Catherine stockpiles medications, preparing to take her own life before Zero can inflict his living death on her again. Before she goes, though, she starts a short bucket list. This bucket list, combined with the support of her family, new friends, and a new course of treatment, begins to ease Catherine's sense of isolation. The problem is, her plan is already in place, and has been for so long that she might not be able to see a future beyond it. This is a story of loss and grief and hope, and how some of the many shapes of love—maternal, romantic, and platonic—affect a young woman's struggle with mental illness and the stigma of treatment.

*Race the Sands* - Sarah Beth Durst 2020-04-21  
“National Velvet with monsters and a big helping of palace intrigue, *Race the Sands* is monstrous (literally), heartwarming, and

empowering in equal measure. An incredibly fun and inspiring read.” - Katherine Arden, New York Times bestselling author of *The Bear and the Nightingale* In this epic standalone fantasy, the acclaimed author of the *Queens of Renithia* series introduces an imaginative new world in which a pair of strong and determined women risk their lives battling injustice, corruption, and deadly enemies in their quest to become monster racing champions. Life, death, and rebirth—in Becar, who you are in this life will determine your next life. Yet there is hope—you can change your destiny with the choices you make. But for the darkest individuals, there is no redemption: you come back as a kekok, a monster, and are doomed to be a kekok for the rest of time. Unless you can win the Races. After a celebrated career as an elite kekok rider, Tamra became a professional trainer. Then a tragic accident shattered her confidence, damaged her reputation, and left her nearly broke. Now, she needs the prize money to

prevent the local temple from taking her daughter away from her, and that means she must once again find a winning kekok . . . and a rider willing to trust her. Raia is desperate to get away from her domineering family and cruel fiancé. As a kekok rider, she could earn enough to buy her freedom. But she needs a first-rate trainer. Impressed by the inexperienced young woman’s determination, Tamra hires Raia and pairs her with a strange new kekok with the potential to win—if he can be tamed. But in this sport, if you forget you’re riding on the back of a monster, you die. Tamra and Raia will work harder than they ever thought possible to win the deadly Becaran Races—and in the process, discover what makes this particular kekok so special.

*What Zola Did on Monday* - Melina Marchetta  
2020-06-02

Zola loves living on Boomerang Street with her mum and her nonna. Every day of the week is an adventure. But Zola has a problem. No matter

how much she tries, she can't keep out of trouble! Collect all seven stories in the series - one for every day of the week.

**The Piper's Son** - Melina Marchetta 2011-04-26

The award-winning author of *Finnikin of the Rock* and *Jellicoe Road* pens a raw, compelling novel about a family's hard-won healing on the other side of trauma. (Age 14 and up) Award-winning author Melina Marchetta reopens the story of the group of friends from her acclaimed novel *Saving Francesca* - but five years have passed, and now it's Thomas Mackee who needs saving. After his favorite uncle was blown to bits on his way to work in a foreign city, Tom watched his family implode. He quit school and turned his back on his music and everyone that mattered, including the girl he can't forget. Shooting for oblivion, he's hit rock bottom, forced to live with his single, pregnant aunt, work at the Union pub with his former friends, and reckon with his grieving, alcoholic father. Tom's in no shape to mend what's broken. But

what if no one else is either? An unflinching look at family, forgiveness, and the fierce inner workings of love and friendship, *The Piper's Son* redefines what it means to go home again.

*The How & the Why* - Cynthia Hand 2019-11-05

"Cynthia Hand is the master of pulling at your heartstrings. *The How & the Why* tells both sides of an adoption story with love, compassion, and care." —Brigid Kemmerer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Letters to the Lost* A poignant exploration of family and the ties that bind, from *New York Times* bestselling author Cynthia Hand. Cassandra McMurtrey has the best parents a girl could ask for; they've given Cass a life she wouldn't trade for the world. She has everything she needs—but she has questions, too. Like, to know who she is. Where she came from. Questions her adoptive parents can't answer, no matter how much they love her. But eighteen years ago, someone wrote Cass a series of letters. And they may just hold the answers Cass has been searching for.

Alternating between Cass's search for answers and letters from the pregnant teen who placed her for adoption, this emotionally resonant narrative is the perfect read for fans of Nina LaCour and Jandy Nelson.

**Gorgon in the Gully: Pocket Money Puffin** - Melina Marchetta 2010-09-22

Beyond the basketball courts and classrooms of St Raph's is a gully where everything disappears forever. Danny Griggs has heard stories about a creature that lives down there. So why does he volunteer to face the Gorgon when he's been petrified of everything all his life? A gentle story about overcoming fear and looking at things from all angles, from much-loved and best-selling author Melina Marchetta.

**Looking for Alibrandi** - Melina Marchetta 2013  
Josephine Alibrandi is seventeen, and in her final year of school. Dealing with her mum and the ways of her Nonna are daunting enough as she prepares for her exams. But Josie is about to discover real life gets in the way of her carefully-

made plans. Winner of Children's Book Council Queensland BILBY Awards: Older Reader 2000....

**The First Third** - Will Kostakis 2013-07-24  
Life is made up of three parts: in The First Third, you're embarrassed by your family; in the second, you make a family of your own; and in the end, you just embarrass the family you've made. That's how Billy's grandmother explains it, anyway. She's given him her bucket list (cue embarrassment), and now, it's his job to glue their family back together. No pressure or anything. Fixing his family's not going to be easy and Billy's not ready for change. But as he soon discovers, the first third has to end some time. And then what? It's a Greek tragedy waiting to happen.

The Lumatere Chronicles - Melina Marchetta 2013-11-12

Critically acclaimed and universally beloved, the Lumatere Chronicles - consisting of Finnikin of the Rock, Froi of the Exiles, and Quintana of

Charyn - is now available in its entirety in this e-book collection! Discover the fantasy trilogy that reviewers have called "thrilling, romantic, and utterly unforgettable" and that School Library Journal recommended for "fans of the intricate fantasies of Megan Whalen Turner or George R. R. Martin."

**Pride and Premeditation** - Tirzah Price  
2021-04-06

One of BuzzFeed's best YA books of 2021!  
Perfect for fans of the Lady Janies and Stalking Jack the Ripper, the first book in the Jane Austen Murder Mysteries trilogy is a clever retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* that reimagine the iconic settings, characters, and romances in a thrilling and high-stakes whodunit. When a scandalous murder shocks London high society, seventeen-year-old aspiring lawyer Lizzie Bennet seizes the opportunity to prove herself, despite the interference of Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, the stern young heir to the prestigious firm Pemberley Associates. Convinced the authorities have

imprisoned the wrong person, Lizzie vows to solve the murder on her own. But as the case—and her feelings for Darcy—become more complicated, Lizzie discovers that her dream job could make her happy, but it might also get her killed. Three of Jane Austen's classic novels receive a murder mystery makeover in this romantic and thrilling three-book series that's perfect for fans of *The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy*. *Pride and Premeditation* is followed by *Sense and Second-Degree Murder*, in which aspiring scientist Elinor Dashwood and her sister Marianne, a budding detective, work together to solve the mystery of their father's murder.

*Hunted* - Meagan Spooner 2017-03-14  
New York Times bestselling author Meagan Spooner spins a thoroughly thrilling *Beauty and the Beast* story for the modern age, expertly woven with spellbinding romance, intrigue, and suspense that readers won't soon be able to forget. *Beauty* knows the *Beast's* forest in her

bones—and in her blood. After all, her father is the only hunter who's ever come close to discovering its secrets. So when her father loses his fortune and moves Yeva and her sisters out of their comfortable home among the aristocracy and back to the outskirts of town, Yeva is secretly relieved. Out in the wilderness, there's no pressure to make idle chatter with vapid baronesses...or to submit to marrying a wealthy gentleman. But Yeva's father's misfortune may have cost him his mind, and when he goes missing in the woods, Yeva sets her sights on one prey: the creature he'd been obsessively tracking just before his disappearance. The Beast. Deaf to her sisters' protests, Yeva hunts this strange creature back into his own territory—a cursed valley, a ruined castle, and a world of magical creatures that Yeva's only heard about in fairy tales. A world that can bring her ruin, or salvation. Who will survive: the Beauty, or the Beast?

**A Treason of Thorns** - Laura Weymouth

2020-03-05

An enchanting, lyrical novel from the acclaimed author of *The Light Between Worlds*. When her father is convicted of treason, Violet is exiled from her beloved ancestral home, Burleigh House. One of the six great estates of England, its magic once kept her well - enchantment in its bricks and mortar providing secret hiding places, even lighting fires on the coldest nights. However, on her return Violet discovers that the place has gone wild with grief. Vines and briars are crumbling the walls. Magic that once fed the land has turned dark and deadly, twisting blooms into thorns, poisoning livestock and destroying crops. Now Violet must decide if her destiny is set in stone, and how far she will go to save Burleigh - before it destroys everything ... including the boy she loves.

**Lady Thief** - A. C. Gaughen 2017-11-14

Scarlet's story continues in this romance-filled, action-packed twist on Robin Hood, now with a new series look!

Timeless - Alexandra Monir 2012-03-13

When tragedy strikes Michele Windsor's world, she is forced to uproot her life and move across the country to New York City, to live with the wealthy, aristocratic grandparents she's never met. In their old Fifth Avenue mansion filled with a century's worth of family secrets, Michele discovers a diary that hurtles her back in time to the year 1910. There, in the midst of the glamorous Gilded Age, Michele meets the young man with striking blue eyes who has haunted her dreams all her life - a man she always wished was real, but never imagined could actually exist. And she finds herself falling for him, into an otherworldly, time-crossed romance. Michele is soon leading a double life, struggling to balance her contemporary high school world with her escapes into the past. But when she stumbles upon a terrible discovery, she is propelled on a race through history to save the boy she loves - a quest that will determine the fate of both of their lives.

**The Light Between Worlds** - Laura E.

Weymouth 2018-10-23

What happens when you return to the real world after being in a fantastical one like Narnia? This YA debut by Laura E. Weymouth is perfect for fans of Melissa Albert's *The Hazel Wood* and Lev Grossman's *The Magicians*. Six years ago, sisters Evelyn and Philippa Hapwell were swept away to a strange and beautiful kingdom called the Woodlands, where they lived for years. But ever since they returned to their lives in post-WWII England, they have struggled to adjust. Ev desperately wants to return to the Woodlands, and Philippa just wants to move on. When Ev goes missing, Philippa must confront the depth of her sister's despair and the painful truths they've been running from. As the weeks unfold, Philippa wonders if Ev truly did find a way home, or if the weight of their worlds pulled her under. Walking the line between where fantasy and reality meet, this lyrical and magical novel is, above all else, an exploration of loss and healing,

and what it means to find where you belong.