

Rainbow Reads: YA Fantasy



[Dreadnaught](#)

April Daniels

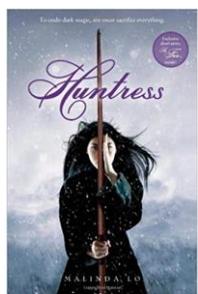
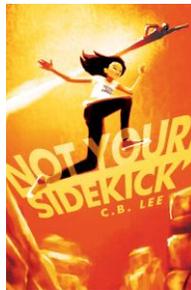
Depending on how you look at it, Danny Tozer was either in the right place at the right time, or the wrong place at the wrong time, but the end result is the same: she inherited superhero Dreadnought's powers when she was killed in front of her, and now she's got a

whole lot of responsibility and some skeptical new coworkers to deal with.

[Not Your Sidekick](#)

CB Lee

Jessica Tran's parents are the resident superheroes of Andover, Nevada. Jess wants nothing more than to be a superhero herself, but unlike her gifted sister, she's never manifested powers. Determined to try and make her own path in life nevertheless, she applies and is accepted for a prestigious internship...which turns out to be for the town super villain. On the bright side, she gets to spend some time with her crush, Abbie. But as her internship progresses, Jess will begin to realize that there are secrets yet to be uncovered.



[Huntress](#)

Malinda Lo

Nature is out of balance in the human world. The sun hasn't shone in years, and crops are failing. Worse yet, strange and hostile creatures have begun to appear. The people's survival hangs in the balance. To solve the crisis, the

oracle stones are cast, and Kaede and Taisin, two seventeen-year-old girls, are picked to go on a dangerous and unheard-of journey to Tanlili, the city of the Fairy Queen. As members of their party succumb to unearthly attacks and fairy tricks, the two come to rely on each other and even begin to fall in love. But the Kingdom needs only one huntress to save it, and what it takes could tear Kaede and Taisin apart forever.



[Of Fire and Stars](#)

Audrey Colthurst

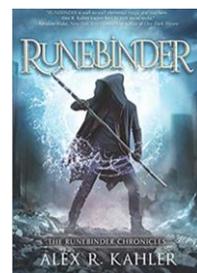
Betrothed since childhood to the prince of Mynaria, Princess Dennaleia has always known what her future holds. Her marriage will seal the alliance between Mynaria and her homeland, protecting her people from other hostile kingdoms.

But Denna has a secret. She possesses an Affinity for fire — a dangerous gift for the future queen of a land where magic is forbidden.

[Mask of Shadows](#)

Lindsey Miller

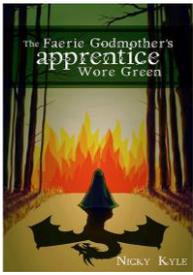
Sal is a thief by necessity; since their family was killed, they have no other way to survive. Then an opening surfaces in the Left Hand, i.e. the Queen's personal group of assassins, and survival becomes secondary to Sal's ultimate goal: Revenge. As they fight their way through a Hunger Games-esque battle against other auditioners for the role, moral boundaries go out the window as Kill or Be Killed is the law of the land. But Sal's still got a little softness to their heart, in the form of feelings for noblewoman Elise.



[Runebinder](#)

A.R. Kahler

Three years have passed since magic destroyed the world. Those who remain struggle to survive the humanoid monsters called Howls roaming the streets. The Hunters fight back with steel and magic, doing their best to protect what remains of humanity. They have used their elemental magic to keep the Howls at bay, but it's never been enough to truly win the war. Humans are losing. When Tenn is singled out by a seductive Kin named Tomás and the Hunter Jarrett, Tenn realizes he's become a pawn in a bigger game. It's one that could cost his life... and the entire world.



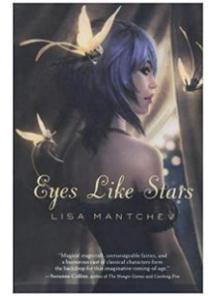
[The Faerie Godmother's Apprentice Wore Green](#)

Nicky Kyle

The village of Styeville believes that they're in need of a knight to solve their dragon problem. But the solution to their problem arrives largely unnoticed: Dea, a faerie godmother's apprentice drawn by the rumors of dragons. She soon realizes that there's something more complex at the heart of Styeville's crisis...

[Eyes Like Stars](#)

Lisa Mantchev



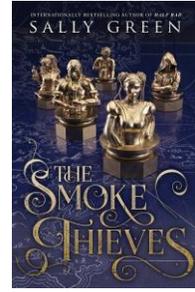
Welcome to the Théâtre Illuminata, where the actors of every play ever written can be found behind the curtain. They were born to play their parts, and are bound to the Théâtre by The Book, an ancient and magical tome of scripts. Bertie is not one of them, but they are her family, and she is about to lose them all and the only home she has ever known.



[Pantomime](#)

Laura Lam

Gene's life resembles a debutante's dream. Yet she hides a secret that would see her shunned by the nobility. Gene is both male and female. Then she displays unwanted magical abilities - last seen in mysterious beings from an almost-forgotten age. Matters escalate further when her parents plan a devastating betrayal, so she flees home, dressed as a boy.



[The Smoke Thieves](#)

Sally Green

A shrewd princess, a loyal servant, a streetwise demon smoke hunter and a charming thief find their lives unexpectedly intersecting when war breaks out, compelling their effort to unify and defend the kingdom against a tyrant in possession of an ominous magic weapon.

[Six of Crows](#)

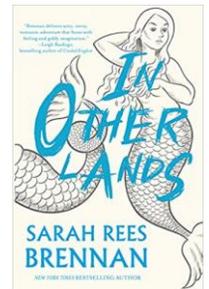
Leigh Bardugo



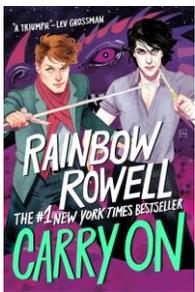
Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...

[In Other Lands](#)

Sarah Rees Brennan



Despite his aversion to war, work, and most people (human or otherwise), teenaged Elliott, a human transported to a fantasy world where he attends a school for warriors and diplomatic advisers, finds that two unlikely ideas, friendship and world peace, may actually be possible.



[Carry On](#)

Rainbow Rowell

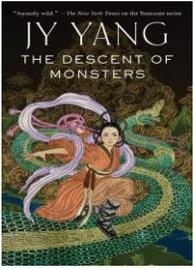
Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who's ever been chosen. That's what his roommate, Baz, says. And Baz might be evil and a vampire and a complete git, but he's probably right. Half the time, Simon can't even make his wand work, and the other half, he starts something on fire. His mentor's avoiding him, his girlfriend broke up with him, and there's a magic-eating monster running around, wearing Simon's face. Baz would be having a field day with all this, if he were here — it's their last year at the Watford School of Magicks, and Simon's infuriating nemesis didn't even bother to show up.



[The Raven Cycle](#)

Maggie Stiefvater

Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix..



[The Tensorate Series](#)

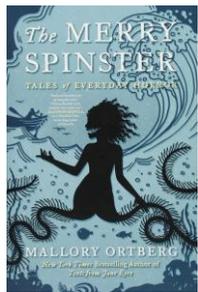
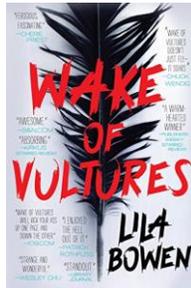
Jy Yang

Mokoya and Akeha, the twin children of the Protector, were sold to the Grand Monastery as infants. While Mokoya developed her strange prophetic gift, Akeha was always the one who could see the strings that moved adults to action. While Mokoya received visions of what would be, Akeha realized what could be. What's more, they saw the sickness at the heart of their mother's Protectorate

[Wake of Vultures](#)

Lily Bowen

Nettie Lonesome is a mixed race sixteen year old working for people who treat her like a slave, even if they don't call her one. She dreams of getting out, but nothing in her life looks like it'll change until she gets attacked by a stranger. When she stabs him with a piece of wood in self defense, he... crumbles into sand? Soon Nettie learns that she's gained the sight, and she starts encountering weird creatures out of myths and folklore everywhere. To add to everything, an dying woman binds her to go seek out and kill the monster that's been killing local children.



[The Merry Spinster](#)

Mallory Ortberg

These unsettling and mischievous tales are based on familiar fairy tales, drawing out the dark threads to feminist and queer delight. Soothing childhood bedtime stories become chilling fables about gender, grown-up humor, and psychological horror.



[Black Wings Beating](#)

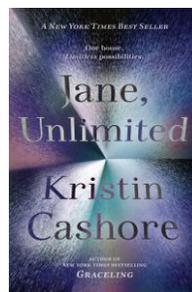
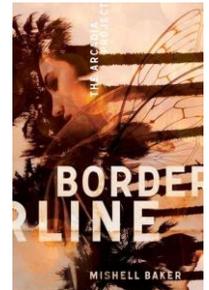
Alex London

The people of Uztar have long looked to the sky with hope and wonder. Nothing in their world is more revered than the birds of prey and no one more honored than the falconers who call them to their fists. Brysen strives to be a great falconer, while his twin sister, Kylee, rejects her ancient gifts for the sport and wishes to be free of falconry. She's nearly made it out, too, but a war is rolling toward their home in the Six Villages, and no bird or falconer will be safe. Together the twins must journey into the treacherous mountains to trap the Ghost Eagle, the greatest of the Uztari birds and a solitary killer. Brysen goes for the boy he loves and the glory he's long craved, and Kylee to atone for her past and to protect her brother's future. But both are hunted by those who seek one thing: power.

[Borderline](#)

Mishell Baker

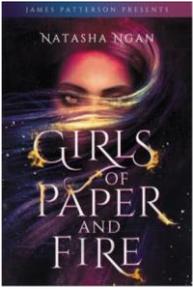
One year before Borderline begins, Millie, a young filmmaker in LA with Borderline Personality Disorder, tries to kill herself by jumping off a seven story building. She survives but loses both her legs. She's residing in a mental hospital when she receives a mysterious job offer from a group called the Arcadia project that polices the traffic between our realm and the fey.



[Jane Unlimited](#)

Kristin Cashore

A chance encounter with former tutor Kiran Thrash enables Jane, an umbrella-crafter and college dropout, to fulfill a promise to her beloved late Aunt Magnolia—to accept an invitation to visit the mysterious Thrash family home, Tu Reviens. During her visit, Jane reaches a seemingly insignificant moment in time where one action will branch her off into different futures. Each choice results in a different path for Jane that takes her far beyond her previously ordinary life.



[Girls of Paper and Fire](#)

Natasha Ngan

Lei is a member of the Paper caste, the lowest and most persecuted class of people in Ikhara. She lives in a remote village with her father, where the decade-old trauma of watching her mother snatched by royal guards for an unknown fate still haunts her. Now, the guards are back and this time it's Lei they're after -- the girl with the golden eyes whose rumored beauty has piqued the king's interest. Over weeks of training in the opulent but oppressive palace, Lei and eight other girls learn the skills and charm that befit a king's consort. There, she does the unthinkable -- she falls in love. Her forbidden romance becomes enmeshed with an explosive plot that threatens her world's entire way of life. Lei, still the wide-eyed country girl at heart, must decide how far she's willing to go for justice and revenge.

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