



Ballad & Dagger by Daniel José Older (Young Adult Fiction—Y Older)

When Mateo and Chela discover each other and their powers during a political battle between neighborhood factions, they set aside their differences to unravel the mystery behind their sunken homeland and to stop a dangerous political operative who is trying to harness their gifts to unleash terror on the world.



In Deeper Waters by F.T. Lukens (Young Adult Fiction—Y Lukens)

After spending most of his life cloistered behind palace walls, learning to keep his forbidden magic secret, Prince Tal can finally see his family's kingdom for the first time in a coming-of-age tour where his crew discovers a mysterious prisoner on a burning derelict vessel.



The Buried and the Bound by Rochelle Hassan (Young Adult Fiction—Y Hassan)

Aziza El-Amin, the only hedgewitch in Blackthorn, Massachusetts, teams up with a cursed boy looking for answers and a young necromancer in order to eradicate a new threat in the woods and take back her hometown.



Legends & Lattes by Travis Baldree (Sci-Fi & Fantasy—SF Baldree)

Come take a load off at Viv's cafe, the first & only coffee shop in Thune. Worn out after decades of packing steel and raising hell, Viv, the orc barbarian, cashes out of the warrior's life with one final score. However, her dreams of a fresh start filling mugs instead of swinging swords are hardly a sure bet.



The Candle and the Flame by Nafiza Azad (Young Adult Fiction—Y Azad)

Fatima lives in the city of Noor, on the Silk Road, which is currently protected by the Ifrit, djinn of order and reason, from attacks by the violent and ruthless Shayateen djinn—but when one of the most important Ifrit dies she finds herself drawn into the intrigues of the court, the affairs of the djinn, and the very real dangers of a magical battlefield.



Lion's Legacy by Lev AC Rosen (Young Adult Fiction—Y Rosen)

Tennessee Russo joins his estranged father in his search for ancient rings belonging to the Sacred Band of Thebes. But will his dad let Tennessee do the right thing with the rings if they find them? And what is the right thing? Who does gueer history belong to?



The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna (Young Adult Fiction—Y Forna)

Deka, intuitive girl who is invited to leave her discriminatory West African village to join the emperor's army of near-immortal women warriors.



The Lost Dreamer by Lizz Huerta (Young Adult Fiction—Y Huerta)

Indir is a Dreamer, descended from a long line of seers; able to see beyond reality, she carries the rare gift of Dreaming truth. But when the beloved king dies, his son has no respect for this time-honored tradition. As violent change shakes Indir's world to its core, she is forced to make an impossible choice: fight for her home or fight to survive.



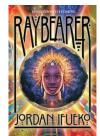
A Magic Steeped in Poison by Judy I. Lin (Young Adult Fiction—Y Lin)

Ning enters a cutthroat magical competition to find the kingdom's greatest master of the art of brewing tea, but political schemes and secrets make her goal of gaining access to royal physicians to cure her dying sister far more dangerous than she imagined.



This Woven Kingdom by Tahereh Mafi (Young Adult Fiction—Y Mafi)

To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, would one day soon uproot his kingdom--and the world.



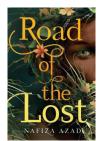
Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko (Young Adult Fiction—Y Ifueko)

Tarisai has always longed for the warmth of a family. She was raised in isolation by a mysterious, often absent mother known only as The Lady. But The Lady has other ideas, including a magical wish that Tarisai is compelled to obey: Kill the Crown Prince once she gains his trust.



A Thousand Steps into Night by Traci Chee (Young Adult Fiction—Y Chee)

When Miuko, a girl who's never longed for adventure is hit with a curse that begins to transform her into a demon, she embarks on a quest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life, but along the way is forced to confront her true power within.



Road of the Lost by Nafiza Azad (Young Adult Fiction—Y Azad)

Croi is compelled by a summoning spell leave her home in the Wilde Forest and travel into the Otherworld, where the enchantment that made her into a brownie begins to break, revealing her true identity, her hidden magick, and her forgotten heritage.



We Rule the Night by Claire Eliza Bartlett (Young Adult Fiction—Y Bartlet)

Revna is a skilled factory worker, manufacturing magical war machines for the Union of the North. Linne disguised herself as a man to join the army, in defiance of her powerful father and the law. Both girls are offered a reprieve from punishment: Use your magic in a special women's military flight unit, and undertake terrifying, deadly missions under cover of darkness.



Spice Road History by Maiya Ibrahim (Young Adult Fiction—Y Ibrahim)

When she learns that her brother is spreading the nation's secret spice magic to outsiders, Shield warrior Imani sets out on a dangerous mission to find him, discovering secrets that lie beyond the Forbidden Wastes--and in her own heart.



Wings of Ebony by J. Elle (Young Adult Fiction—Y Elle)

Half-god, half-human Rue is snatched from her Houston home to Ghazan, a secret land of gods, by her estranged father, then must face an evil determined to steal everything from her.



The Sunbearer Trials by Aiden Thomas (Young Adult Fiction—Y Thomas)

Transgender demigod Teo is unexpectedly selected for the Sunbearer Trials, a fierce competition among demigod heroes where the winner sacrifices the loser to Sol, their blood fueling the Sun Stones that protect Reino del Sol.



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