

## Caraval by Stephanie Garber



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Scarlett has been writing to Legend every year for the past 7 years, but this year, she finally got the letter right. Legend is the master of Caraval, a magical, mysterious game where the winner's get fame, glory, and, this time, a wish. Scarlett and her sister Tella have been invited to Caraval, but Scarlett is about to marry a Count and finally take her sister away from their tiny island and their abusive father. If she leaves to play the game, she could ruin everything. [Read more](#)

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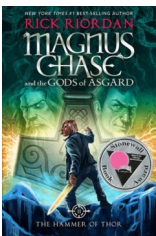
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## Magnus Chase and the Hammer of Thor by Rick Riordan



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Winner of the 2017 Stonewall Book Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature, *Magnus Chase and the Hammer of Thor* marks Rick Riordan's return to the world of Asgard. Picking up right after their triumph at the end of the previous story, Magnus Chase and company must now retrieve Thor's hammer, Mjolnir, before the giants invade and destroy Earth. So overall, just your average day really. Filled with Riordan's trademark research, interpretative genius, and wit, *The Hammer of Thor* will satisfy die-hard fans and likely make some new ones, as he tackles issues of race, religion, representation, and gender.

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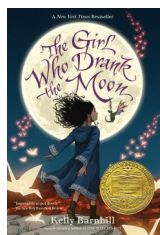
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## The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill



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Winner of the 2017 Newberry Medal, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill is a must read for any fans of fairy tales and fantasy. Barnhill weaves together pieces of many genres, creating a story reminiscent of classic fairy tales, yet at the same time all its own. The many elements this story explores are difficult to adequately explain, but let it suffice to say that at its heart, *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* is a story about the power of love and family (both born and chosen) and illustrates the very best that fairy tale and fantasy storytelling has to offer. [Read more](#)

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## Scythe by Neal Shusterman



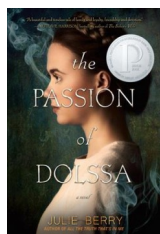
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Death has been defeated and world peace achieved. With the guidance of Artificial Intelligence, humanity has ushered in a utopia?. mostly. In *Scythe*, Neal Shusterman posits that AI has evolved into an omniscient (and omnibenevolent) force called the Thunderhead, through which the world has achieved a true and lasting peace. The Thunderhead controls everything, but unlike many dystopian works, this is a miraculous and profoundly beneficial event. The only power that the Thunderhead does not possess is the ability to take life. That responsibility is assigned to Scythes, who roam the world utilizing quotas to randomly glean (aka kill) in order to keep earth's population in check. [Read more](#)

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## The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry



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This morning (1.23.17) the American Library Association announced the winners of the Youth Media Awards for 2017! Check out the full list [here](#). One of the honor books chosen for the Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults was *The Passion of Dolssa* by Julie Berry. *The Passion of Dolssa* is historical fiction set in 13th century Provence, following the Albigensian Crusade. There is an uneasy peace and the church has now turned it's eye to rooting out the last remaining vestiges of heresy in the region. Dolssa de Stigata is a young woman with deep religious convictions and a very close, personal relationship with Jesus. For this she is considered a heretic and sentenced to death by burning. [Read more](#)

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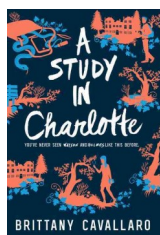
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## A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro



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*Sherlock* has finally returned to television, so what better time to read a new interpretation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic sleuth? *A Study in Charlotte* by Brittany Cavallaro, posits that Holmes and Watson each had families and children who followed in their famous ancestors footsteps all the way to modern times. Cavallaro creates a history for the families of Holmes and Watson, transforming them into semi-dynastic clans that often pursue the ideals set forth by the family founder. Against this backdrop, the reader is introduced to James Watson, the great-great-great grandson of the famous chronicler John Watson, as he moves, unhappily, from England to Connecticut to start his semester on a rugby scholarship at an expensive and elite private school near his estranged father. There he meets the great-great-great granddaughter of Sherlock Holmes, Charlotte, who takes after her famous ancestor to a troubling degree, including his substance abuse issues. [Read more](#)

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