



SUMMER TERM
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NEWSLETTER



NEWS

Ready, Set, Read!

As an extension to the Hampshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, we have set a school challenge to read six books in six weeks! Once six books have been read, students can complete the Reading Challenge Google Form in their Year Group Google Classroom, to be entered into a prize draw to win a bundle of books.

For more information on Ready, Set, Read! Visit - www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone

To access hundreds of eBooks and audio books for free (login using school Google credential), visit - <https://gfm.wheelers.co/>

For information on joining Hampshire libraries, visit - www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/membership/jointhelibrary



Creative Writing Club

It's been a successful first year for the Creative Writing Club. Club members were given writing scrapbooks to work through storyboarding, plotting and character profiles. More recently members have been focussing on writing and sharing their own stories.

Book Fair

Thank you to those that have supported the Scholastic Book Fair this term. We look forward to buying some new books for the libraries in the Autumn term.

Manga Club Awards season



It's been a jammed packed year in the Manga & Anime Club, culminating in a noodle challenge and the Manga and Anime 2023 Awards ceremony. Here is a snapshot of what the club has been looking at this year: Japanese Yokai, food and drink, Japanese art, spies and secret agents, Isekai, popular culture and a range of Japanese festivals.



Congratulations to our Student Reading Champions

Thank you to all the students that applied to be Student Reading Champions next year. We were really excited with the number of applications received and want to congratulate all the students that were successfully appointed. We are now excited to start working with the students on new **reading for pleasure** and **reading across the curriculum** opportunities next year – there are already lots of ideas in the pipeline.

Biscuits & Read

We have had a wonderful year of 'Biscuits & Read' events, where parents and carers have signed up to come into school to read with their child for an hour in the library (with refreshments) and to spend some quality time together. We will continue to offer this opportunity next year for Year 7 and 8.



Are you dreaming of the summer holidays; plunging into crystal clear waters; and a sandy beach beneath your toes? Enjoying long hot days, picnics in the park, and ice cream on the beach. Simone and Katniss are here to recommend 25 sizzling YA books to help kick start your summer.



Keep up to date with reading...

Follow the library on social media:

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GFM Virtual Library -

<https://sites.google.com/gfmat.org/gfmlibraries>

The benefits of reading and how this can be supported at home

The Book Trust has published an interactive resource summarising the evidence of how reading benefits children. You can access headline findings and more detailed analysis and evidence via the link below:

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/research/benefits-of-reading---booktrust-2023.pdf>



Children who read

Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities



Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem



Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum



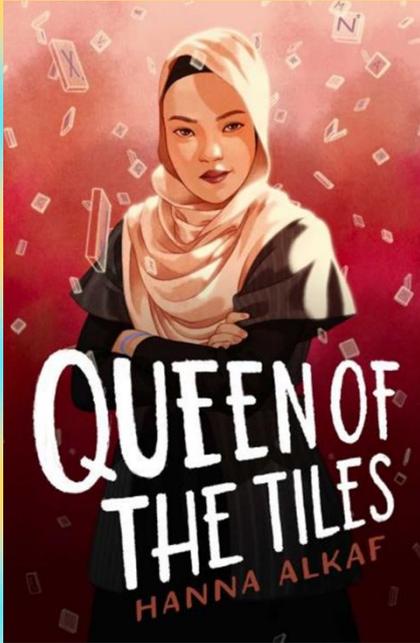
Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity



FICTION

Queen of the Tiles by Hanna Alkaf

When Najwa Bakri walks into her first Scrabble competition since her best friend's death, it's with the intention to heal and move on with her life. Perhaps it wasn't the best idea to choose the very same competition where her best friend, Trina Low, died. With Trina, the Scrabble Queen herself, gone, the throne is empty, and her friends are eager to be the next reigning champion. Trina's formerly inactive Instagram starts posting again, with cryptic messages suggesting that maybe Trina's death wasn't as straightforward as everyone thought.



Lore by Alexandra Bracken

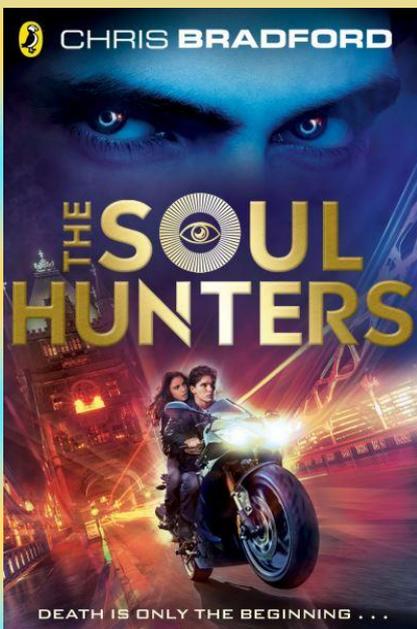
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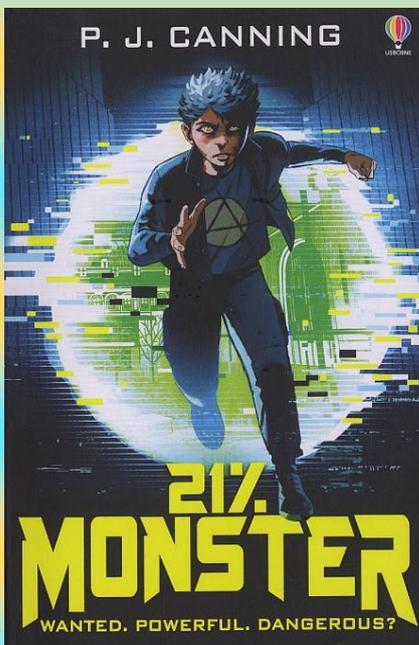
After her family's murder by a rival bloodline, Lore escapes and vows to repay her parents' sacrifice by doing one thing - surviving. For seven years, she has pushed back dark thoughts of revenge against the man responsible for their murder, a man by the name of Wrath who has attained unimaginable power. Except for one week, every seven years. A week that is fast approaching ... When Lore comes home on the first night of the Agon to find Athena gravely wounded on her doorstep, the goddess offers her an alliance; they have a mutual enemy, after all.



The Soul Hunters by Chris Bradford

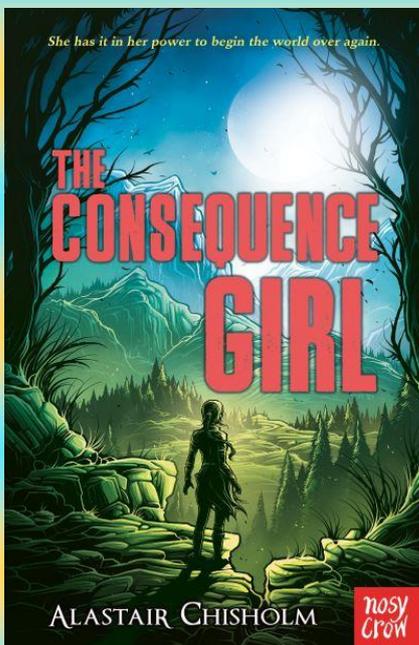
Late one night a schoolgirl is attacked in a city park. When a stranger rushes to her rescue, Genna believes it's luck that their paths crossed. Then a week later, the same boy saves her from being kidnapped and Genna realises this is no coincidence. But the explanation offered by the boy, Phoenix, is even stranger than she could have imagined - a long-forgotten foe has tracked her across lifetimes to lay claim to Genna's very soul. As the hunters close in, Genna has no choice but to trust her mysterious protector.





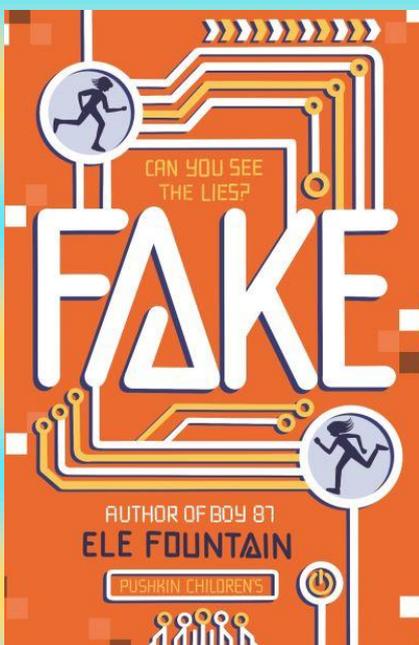
21% Monster by P. J Canning

When Darren Devlin is arrested for destroying his school with his bare hands, it's not just the police who are after him. Enter Marek Masters, 14 years old, 19% alien, and the most intelligent, most wanted "almost human" alive. Marek is here to tell Darren the truth - he is 21% monster, and together they must take down the secret organisation that created them.



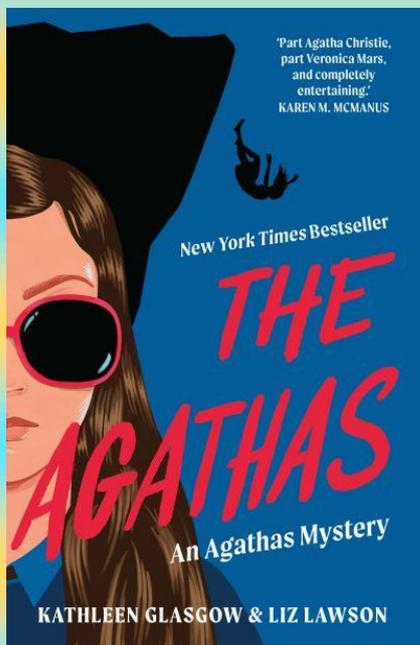
The Consequence Girl by Alastair Chisholm

The world of Colony is in ruins. No one knows what caused society to begin tearing itself apart - but the secret may lie with Cora, a girl living on the mountainside far away from others. Cora possesses an extraordinary gift: the power to see back in time, from an event back to its causes. Even more incredibly, sometimes she can change events. But the present is looking for Cora, and she is forced on the run - and must decide who she is, what she can do...and how to fix the future.



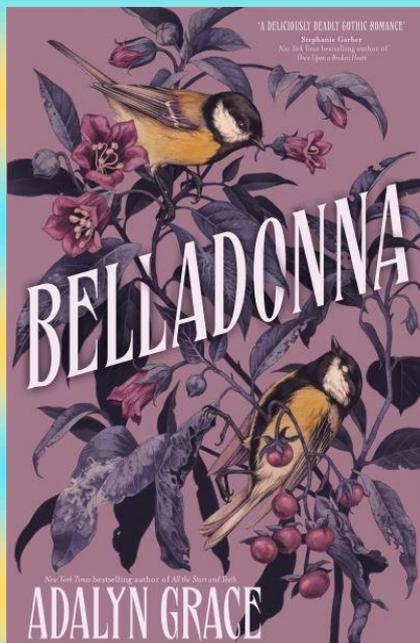
Fake by Ele Fountain

Failing antibiotics have shifted society online. As big tech companies begin to dominate life, the boundaries between real and virtual have blurred. At 14, Jess is attending school for the first time. Meeting other children and making real friends is something she's dreamed of for years. But Jess misses her family, especially her sister Chloe, who is in poor health. When mysterious trouble starts at home, Jess turns to the digital world to fix things. She is a brilliant coder and programmer. But Jess takes her skills into forbidden territory and while trying to help her family, discovers explosive truths.



The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgow

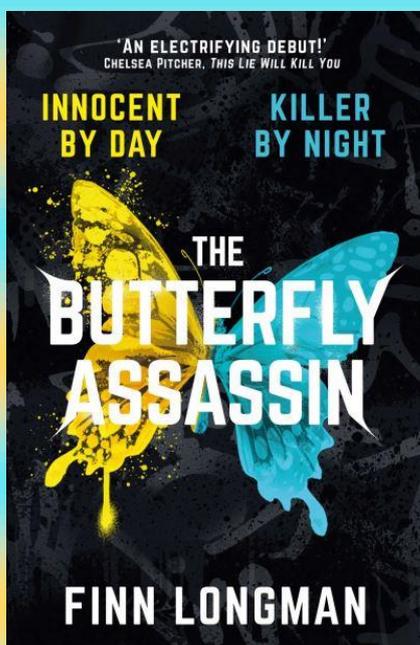
When Alice Ogilvie ran away last summer, her disappearance was Castle Cove's biggest mystery. But then her ex-best friend Brooke Donovan vanishes. Initially dismissed as a copycat case, Alice suspects there is something darker at play. Joined by outsider and unlikely investigative partner Iris Adams, Agatha Christie-obsessed Alice sets out to get to the bottom of what is really happened. There are clues the police are ignoring and a list of suspects a mile long. But Alice and Iris have no idea just how many secrets their little town is hiding...



Belladonna by Adalyn Grace

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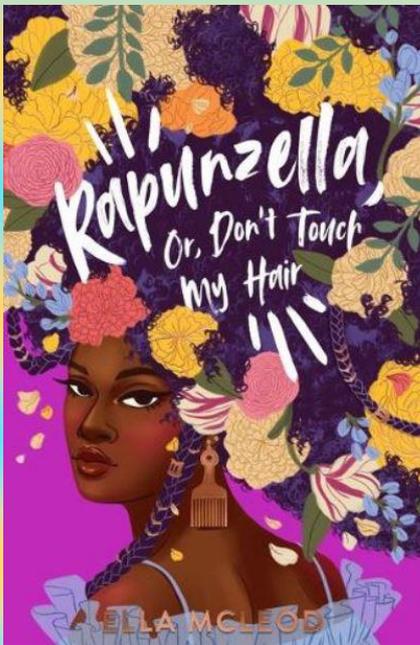
Orphaned as a baby, Signa has been raised by a string of guardians, each more interested in her wealth than her wellbeing - and each has met an untimely end. Her remaining relatives are the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. When their mother's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realizes that the family she depends on could be in grave danger, and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer.



The Butterfly Assassin by Flinn Longman

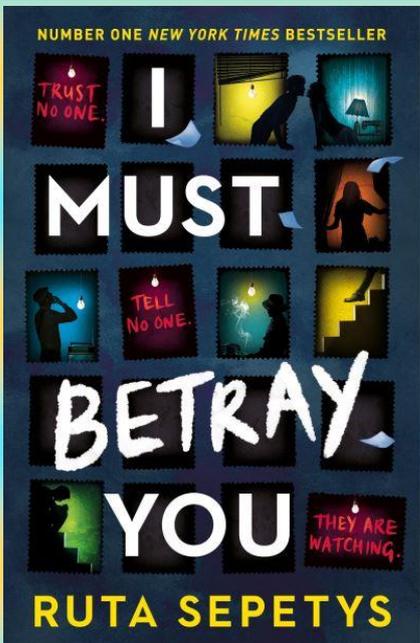
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Trained and traumatised by a secret assassin program for minors, Isabel Ryans wants nothing more than a new life as a normal civilian. And she might just be in with a shot when she befriends Emma Westray, because for the first time in her life things are looking up. But when Isabel blows her cover by impulsively murdering a burglar, she draws the attention of the guilds - the two organisations who control the city of Espera. An unaffiliated killer like Isabel is either a potential asset ... or a threat to be eliminated. Will the blood on her hands cost her everything?



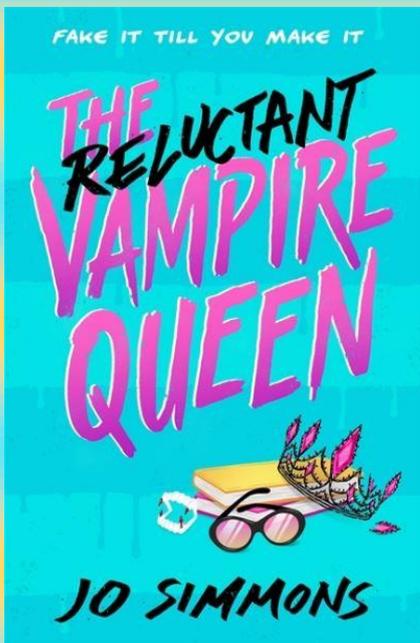
Rapunzella, or, Don't Touch My Hair by Ella McLeod

You're fifteen, you spend your time at school and at Val's hair salon with Baker, Val's son, who has eyes that are like falling off a cliff into space. The salon is a space of safety, but also of possibility and dreams... Dreams of hair so rich and alive that it grows upwards and outwards into a wild landscape, becomes trees and leaves, and houses birds and butterflies and all the secret creatures that belong in such a forest. Is there a future where such possibility and power are more than just a dream?



I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

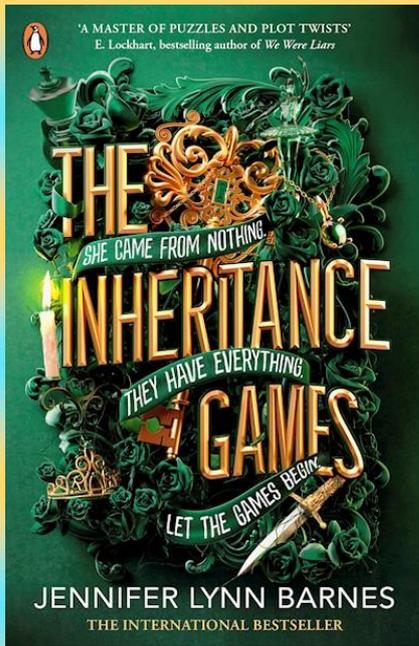
Trapped by an evil dictatorship, will Cristian be forced to betray his family or will he risk everything he loves to resist? Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting? At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family?



The Reluctant Vampire Queen by Jo Simmons

Meet Mo Merrydrew - independent young woman, Mini Battenburg fan and reluctant vampire queen... Mo isn't exactly expecting to be asked to be Vampire Queen when she's cycling home from school one wet Tuesday evening. Apparently, she is 'the Chosen One'. Aside from being uncomfortable with the idea of unelected power, there's the blood drinking to consider, and frankly it's just not really the sort of role Mo's looking for. But when the dreamy Luca, a vampire familiar, turns up, it all suddenly starts to look a bit more appealing...

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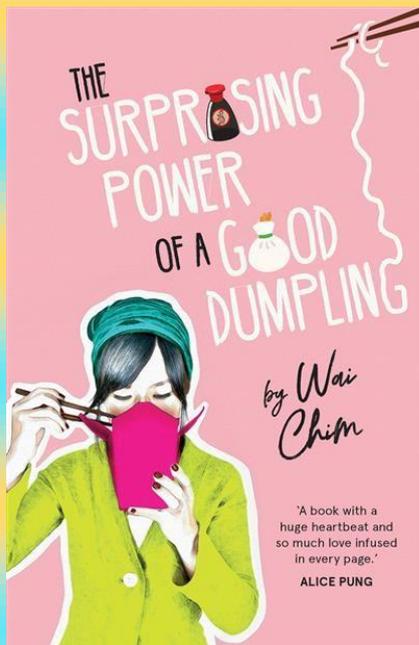
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

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She came from nothing.

Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one, least of all Avery, knows why. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money.

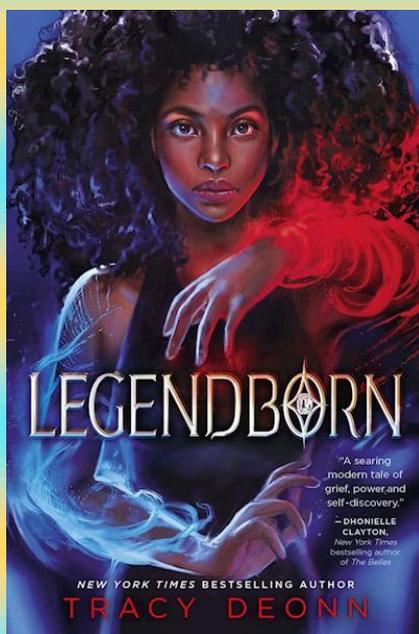
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The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling by Wai Chim 13+

Anna Chiu has her hands pretty full looking after her brother and sister and helping out at her dad's restaurant, all while her mum stays in bed. Dad's new delivery boy, Rory, is a welcome distraction and even though she knows that things aren't right at home, she's starting to feel like she could just be a normal teen. But when Mum finally gets out of bed, things go from bad to worse.

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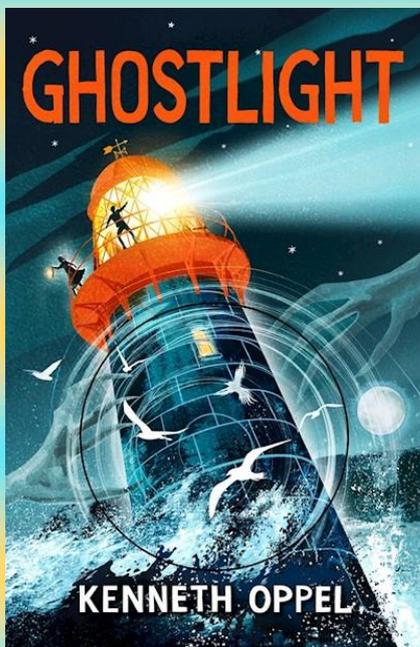


Legendborn by Tracy Deonn

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After her mother dies in an accident, Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family. A residential programme for bright high-schoolers at Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape - until Bree witnesses a magical attack on her very first night on campus. A flying demon feeding on human energies. A secret society of so called "Legendborn" students that hunt the creatures down. And a mysterious teenage mage who calls himself Merlin.

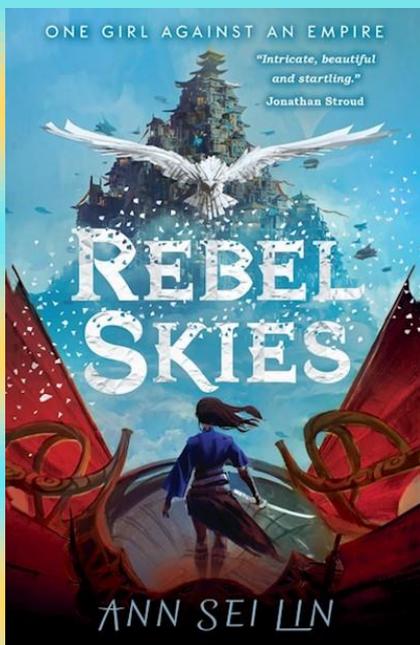
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Ghostlight by Kenneth Oppel

Rebecca Strand was just sixteen when she and her father fell to their deaths from the top of the Gibraltar Point Lighthouse in 1839. Just how they fell-or were they pushed? -remains a mystery. And their ghosts haunt the lighthouse to this day ...Gabe tells this story every day when he gives the ghost tour on Toronto Island. He tries to make it scary enough to satisfy the tourists, but he doesn't actually believe in ghosts - until he finds himself face to face with Rebecca Strand.

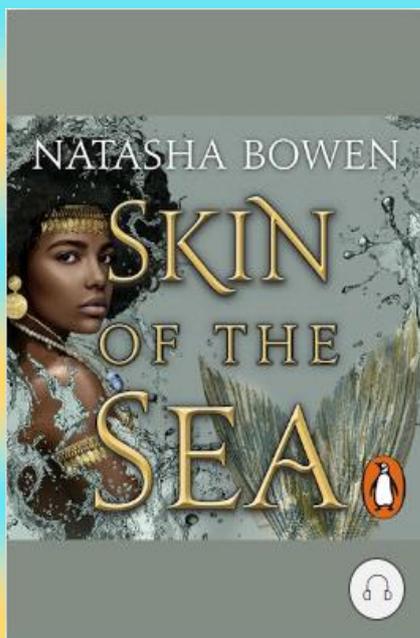
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Rebel Skies by Ann Sei Lin

Kurara has never known any other life than being a servant on board the Midori, but when her party trick of making paper come to life turns out to be a power treasured across the empire, she joins a sky ship and its motley crew to become a Crafter. Taught by the gruff but wise Himura, Kurara learns to hunt shikigami - wild paper spirits who are sought after by the Princess. But are these creatures just powerful slaves, or are they beings with their own souls?

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Skin of the Sea by Natasha Bowen

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Simidele is one of the Mami Wata, mermaids duty-bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea and bless their journeys back home to the Supreme Creator. But when a living boy is thrown overboard a slave ship, Simi saves his life, going against an ancient decree and bringing terrible danger to the Mami Wata. Now Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends - a journey of vengeful gods, treacherous lands and legendary creatures. If she fails, she risks not just the fate of all Mami Wata, but also the world as she knows it.

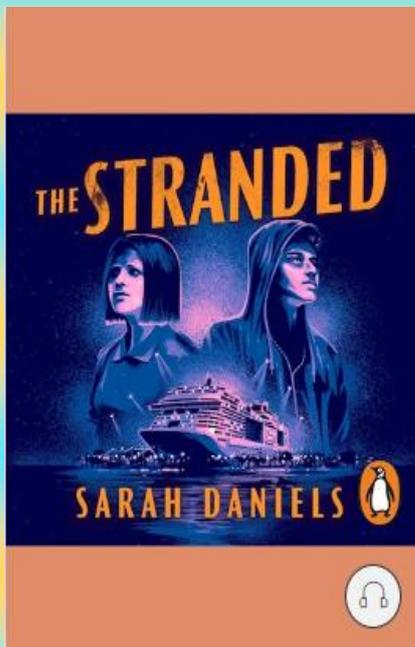
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Welcome to the Arcadia.

Once a luxurious cruise ship, now it is home to the stranded. For forty years, they have lived, and died, on the water. A place of extreme haves and have-nots, gangs and make-shift shelters, its people are tyrannized by a country they can see but can't get to. A country that says it doesn't want them. Esther is a loyal citizen, working flat-out for a rare chance to live a life on land. Nik is a rebel, intent on liberating the Arcadia once and for all.

Together, they will change the future...

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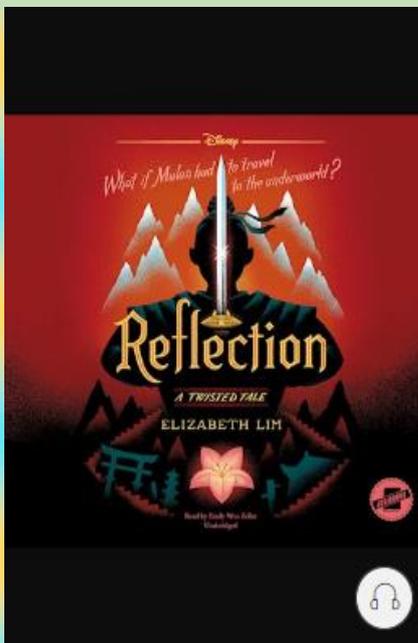


Reflection by Elizabeth Lim

What if Mulan had to travel to the Underworld?

When Captain Shang is mortally wounded in battle, Mulan must travel to the Underworld, Diyu, in order to save him from certain death. But King Yama, the ruler of Diyu, is not willing to give Shang up easily. With the help of Shang's great lion guardian ShiShi, Mulan must find Shang's spirit and leave by sunrise, or become King Yama's prisoner forever.

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Lockwood & Co. The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

Ghosts crowd the streets and houses of London. Anthony Lockwood, with his slightly grumpy deputy George, and his junior field operative Lucy, make up Lockwood & Co, the small, shabby yet talented ghost-hunting agency. After a series of calamitous investigations into the supernatural go awry, the team are desperate to prove themselves.

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