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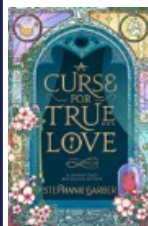
Murtagh (The World of Eragon)

Christopher Paolini ISBN 9780241651346 Paperback \$ 32.99

The world is no longer safe for the Dragon Rider Murtagh and his dragon, Thorn. An evil king has been toppled, and they are left to face the consequences of the reluctant role they played in his reign of terror. Now they are hated and alone, exiled to the outskirts of society. Throughout the land, hushed voices whisper of brittle ground and a faint scent of brimstone in the air - and Murtagh senses that something wicked lurks in the shadows of Alagaesia. So begins an epic journey into lands both familiar and untravelled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch.

A witch who is much more than she seems.

Master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini returns to the World of Eragon in this stunning epic fantasy set a year after the events of the Inheritance Cycle.



Curse For True Love Bk 3 Once Upon a Broken Heart

Stephanie Garber ISBN 9781529399295 Paperback \$ 24.99

Two villains, one girl, and a deadly battle for happily ever after.

Evangeline Fox ventured to the Magnificent North in search of her happy ending, and it seems as if she has it. She's married to a handsome prince and lives in a legendary castle. But Evangeline has no idea of the devastating price she's paid for this fairytale. She doesn't know what she has lost, and her husband is determined to make sure she never finds out... but first he must kill Jacks, the Prince of Hearts.

Blood will be shed, hearts will be stolen, and true love will be put to the test in A Curse for True Love, the breathlessly anticipated conclusion to the Once Upon A Broken Heart trilogy.

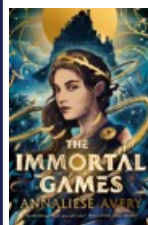


Dark Heir Bk 2 Dark Rise

C S Pacat ISBN 9781760875763 Paperback \$ 24.99

The Dark King has risen. The Hall of the Stewards is in ruins. Only a handful of heroes remain to fight. Pursued by dark forces, Will and his allies must travel to the heart of the ancient world, forging new and dangerous ties, and revealing the shocking secrets of the past. But Will is carrying a dark secret of his own - his true identity. Drawn to the beautiful and deadly James St. Clair, Will is pulled ever deeper into the web of the past, tempted by the darkness within. As the ancient world threatens to return, can Will and his friends fight their fate? Or will the truths they learn tear their world apart?

The explosive and highly anticipated sequel to Dark Rise.



Immortal Games

Annaliese Avery ISBN 9780702306099 Paperback \$ 19.99

Every Lunar Eclipse signifies the beginning of the Immortal Games: an epic set of games played by the Gods of Olympus, with randomly-selected humans as their Tokens. The stakes are high for the Gods who covet entertainment and glory above all else. For the Tokens, it's about survival.

17-year-old Ara seeks revenge. Revenge on the Gods for allowing her older sister to die in the Games. And now she is consumed with one ambition only - to find a weapon powerful enough to kill a God. But when Ara is plucked from the clutches of death by Hades, God of the Underworld, she realises that she has become a Token herself in the brutal games. Coached by the only God who has never won the games, the odds are stacked against her. Hades is the outcast of the Gods, who selects a Token who is already about to die to give them a second chance at life. But he soon realises that Ara does not fear death, just as she does not fear him. And when a wager offers Hades unimaginable power should his Token win, the games take on a new meaning. As the Games progress, Hades teaches Ara the value of life and living. Ara - still grieving the loss of her sister - teaches Hades compassion. And with Tokens slowly succumbing to the quests, Ara must put aside her rage if she is to survive.

An explosive new romantasy YA, perfect for fans of The Hunger Games and Lore.



Kaldoras A Medoran Chronicles Epilogue

Lynette Noni ISBN 9780645869002 Paperback \$ 22.99

Journey back to the world of Medora to follow Alexandra Jennings and her friends and enemies for one last adventure.

Spanning four years after the final book in Lynette Noni's bestselling series The Medoran Chronicles, this is an epilogue like no other, full of laughter, tears, and above all, the unending power of friendship.

Australian author Lynette Noni studied journalism, academic writing, and human behaviour at university before venturing into the world of fiction. She is the #1 bestselling and award-winning author of The Medoran Chronicles, the Whisper duology, and The Prison Healer series.

Her books have been published in 19 different countries across the globe, and is a consistent favourite at Dymocks Melbourne.



FANTASY

Nightbane Bk 2 Lightlark Saga

Alex Aster

ISBN 9781419760907 Hardback \$ 29.99

Isla Crown has secured the love of two powerful rulers and broken the curses that plagued the six realms for centuries, but few know the true origins of her powers. Now, in the wake of a crushing betrayal, Isla finds herself hungry for distraction, preferring to frequent Lightlark's seductive haunts instead of embracing her duties as the newly crowned leader of two separate realms.

Worse, her fellow rulers haven't ceded victory quietly, and there are others in Isla's midst who don't believe her ascent to power was earned.

As certain death races toward Lightlark and secrets from the past begin to unravel, Isla must weigh her responsibility to her people against the whims of the most dangerous traitor of all: her heart.

Alex Aster's intricate world expands after the riveting culmination of the Centennial games, delving more deeply into Isla's memories of her past, as her future hurtles toward two possible fates.



Wish of the Wicked

Danielle Paige

ISBN 9781526636461 Paperback \$ 19.99

Everyone knows that a fairy godmother helped Cinderella get to the ball where she met the prince. No one knows that the fairy godmother's motives for helping Cinderella might not have been as charming as they seem. For centuries, the enchanted members of the Entente used their magic to keep the Thirteen Queendoms in harmony. Until the day that Queen Magrit outlawed magic, executed the Entente, and plunged the queendoms into war. Only one Entente survives. Alone and magicless, Farrow dreams of nothing but revenge. And the best way to reach the queen is through her son, Prince Mather, who is nearing the age when he will need a bride. But the closer Farrow gets to the prince, the more she finds herself drawn to him. To reclaim her magic and destroy the queen, Farrow will have to question what, and more importantly, who she's willing to sacrifice.

Set in a lush, dangerous world woven with fairy tale mythology, this is a brand new Fairy Godmother origin story full of intrigue, magic, and romance.

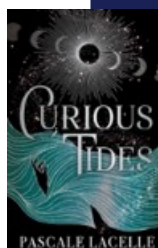


Curious Tides

Pascale Lacelle ISBN 9781398527768 Paperback \$ 27.99

Emory might be a student at the prestigious Aldryn College for Lunar Magics, but her healing abilities have always been mediocre at best - until a treacherous night in the Dovermere sea caves leaves a group of her classmates dead and her as the only survivor. Now Emory is plagued by strange, impossible powers that no healer should possess. Powers that would ruin her life if the wrong person were to discover them.

To gain control of these new abilities, Emory enlists the help of the school's most reclusive student, Baz - a boy already well-versed in the deadly nature of darker magic, whose sister happened to be one of the drowned students and Emory's best friend. Determined to find the truth behind the drownings and the cult-like secret society she's convinced her classmates were involved in, Emory is faced with even more questions when the supposedly drowned students start washing ashore - alive - only for them each immediately to die horrible, magical deaths. And Emory is not the only one seeking answers. When her new magic captures the society's attention, she finds herself drawn into their world of privilege and power, all while wondering if the truth she's searching for might lead her right back to Dovermere... to face the fate she was never meant to escape.



Review:
Teamed with forbidden magic, secret societies and a dual perspective, Curious Tides is a wonderfully mystic debut. We follow Emory, a teen mage who is still grieving the loss of her best friend, Romie, to a tragic drowning accident, and Baz, Romie's solitary brother. This novel features a beautifully written world of magic, perfect for lovers of magic societies and solving mysteries in the heavenly backdrop of a dark academia setting. Recommended for fans of Leigh Bardugo, this was a phenomenal read!

- Ila-Rose, Dymocks Melbourne Staff

What the River Knows

Isabel Ibañez

ISBN 9781399722186 Paperback \$ 24.99

Bolivian-Argentinian Inez Olivera belongs to the glittering upper society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires, and like the rest of the world, the town is steeped in old world magic that's been largely left behind or forgotten. Inez has everything a girl might want, except for the one thing she yearns for the most: her globetrotting parents. When she receives word of their tragic deaths, Inez inherits their massive fortune and a mysterious guardian, an archaeologist in partnership with his Egyptian brother-in-law. Yearning for answers, Inez sails to Cairo, bringing her sketch pads and an ancient golden ring her father sent to her for safekeeping before he died. But upon her arrival, the old world magic tethered to the ring pulls her down a path where she soon discovers there's more to her parent's disappearance than her guardian led her to believe. With her guardian's infuriatingly handsome assistant thwarting her at every turn, Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parent's disappearance - or risk becoming a pawn in a larger game that will kill her. *The Mummy meets Death on the Nile in this lush, immersive historical fantasy set in 19th century Egypt, filled with adventure, a rivals-to-lovers romance, and a dangerous race.*

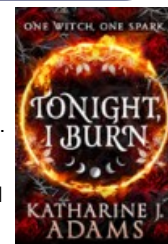


Tonight, I Burn

Katherine J Adams

ISBN 9780734421975 Paperback \$ 22.99

Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett. Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death, keeping it safe and whole. Each night, one thorn witch - and only one - must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch returns with the help of their magical lifeline. Failure to follow the rules of Death risks them all. When Penny's favourite sister doesn't return from Death, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret. Determined to find her sister, Penny makes a deal with the devastating Lord Malin who she meets in Death. Someone who shouldn't be there at all. This bargain leads her to Alice, a mysterious captive prophet, and to a rebellion against the High Warden brewing in the shadows of their city. Penny soon learns all is not as it seems in Life or Death. And as her world splits between her growing love for the ethereal Alice in Life and her attraction to the seductive Malin in Death she'll face a devastating choice. Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic.



THRILLER

Review:

A twisty thriller that will keep you on your toes, They're Watching You is bound to be one of this year's 'dark academia' sensations. Our protagonist Maren enters the world of a secret society after her best friend Polly goes missing.

Maren believes the society is at fault, and competes in their dangerous games after society leader Annabelle promises Maren answers on Polly's whereabouts. Perfect for fans of The Inheritance Games and A Good Girl's Guide to Murder.

- Mackenzie, Dymocks Melbourne Staff



They're Watching You

Chelsea Ichaso ISBN 9781728251066 Paperback \$ 19.99

When a secret society has you in their sights, it can lead to power, privilege... or death.

It's been two weeks since Polly St. James went missing. The police, the headmistress of Torrey-Wells Academy, and even her parents have ruled her a runaway. But not Maren, her best friend and roommate. She knows Polly had a secret that she was about to share with Maren before she disappeared - something to do with the elite, ultra-rich crowd at Torrey-Wells.

Then Maren finds an envelope hidden among Polly's things - an invitation to the Gamemaster's Society. Do not tell anyone, it says. Maren is certain her classmates in the Society know the truth about what happened to Polly, though it's no easy feat to join. Once Maren's made it through the treacherous initiation, she discovers a world she never knew existed within her school, where Society members compete in high-stakes games for unheard-of rewards - Ivy League connections, privileges, favours.

But Maren's been drawn into a different game - for every win, she'll receive a clue about Polly. And as Maren keeps winning, she begins to see just how powerful the Society's game is - bigger and deadlier than she ever imagined. They see, they know, they control. And they kill.

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THRILLER

Gorgeous Gruesome Faces

Linda Cheng

ISBN 9781786542182 Paperback \$ 19.99

After a shocking career-ending scandal, eighteen-year-old Sunny Lee spends her days longing for her former popstar life and cyberstalking ex-groupmate Candie. They were inseparable - before leaving tragedy and heartache in their wake. Now Candie is chasing stardom in a new K-pop competition, and Sunny can't resist joining her. Finally, they can confront their past, like what happened that horrible night their third groupmate jumped to her death. And whether the dark, otherworldly secrets they keep had something to do with it...

But when Sunny is haunted by terrifying visions, gory injuries start happening to competitors - followed by even stranger mutilations. It's a race to survive the deadly carnage in this spellbinding sapphic thriller that will have you screaming and swooning for more.

In this debut supernatural thriller set in the glittering, cut-throat world of K-pop rivalry, a disgraced idol comes face-to-face with the demons of her past when the competition she enters turns out to be a deadly trap.



Rosewood Hunt

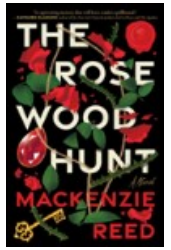
Mackenzie Reed

ISBN 9780063371477 Paperback \$ 19.99

Lily Rosewood has lived with her grandmother since her dad's death a year ago. She and Gram have always been close - Gram's role as chair of their family's luxury coat business has inspired Lily's love of fashion, and Lily hopes to follow in Gram's footsteps one day.

Then Gram dies suddenly, and Lily's world is upended. Gram's quarter of a billion dollar fortune is missing, and Lily has been banned from the manor she and Gram shared. But Gram has always loved games, and even in death, she still has a few tricks up her couture sleeve. When Lily and three other seemingly random teens get letters from Gram sending them on a treasure hunt around Rosetown, they hope the fortune will be the reward. But they're not the only ones hunting for Gram's treasure, and soon the hunt becomes more dangerous than they ever could have imagined.

Irresistible intrigue, captivating suspense, a swoony friends-to-rivals-to-lovers romance, and heartbreaking betrayal drive this thrilling debut novel that is perfect for fans of The Inheritance Games and Knives Out.



HORROR

Wise Creatures

Deirdre Sullivan

ISBN 9781471411205 Paperback \$ 17.99

I always thought that hauntings began with houses. They don't, of course.

It's people, isn't it? It begins with people.

If anyone knows what it is to be haunted, it's Daisy. The ghosts of her troubled past are ever present. Daisy has always done her best to shut the ghosts away. To shut away the wise creatures, who used to whisper to her from the walls of the house. To live a normal life.

But now, something is humming in the house. Something dark, and unknown. And it's targeting Nina, her beloved sister.

Daisy knows that something is up.

And that the wise creatures, locked away for so long, are back. This time, who knows what they want?



Scariest Book Ever

Bk 1 Goosebumps House of Shivers

R L Stine

ISBN 9781760265632 Paperback \$ 14.99

From the delightfully twisted mind of R.L. Stine comes a fresh new vision for the fan-favourite brand. A new series with an all-new line-up of incredible villains, with iconic monsters whose antics are destined to make them every bit as beloved as Slappy.

Twins Betty and Billy are visiting their Uncle Wendell at his secluded house in the Wayward Forest. What they think is going to be a boring stay quickly turns into a real nightmare. Wendell is in possession of the scariest book in the world. And someone is after Wendell. *This exciting new Goosebumps series will have all the same humour, frightening moments and terrifying tone that millions of readers love and have grown up with - but will be bigger, bolder, funnier and scarier!*



FICTION

12 to 22

Jen Calonita

ISBN 9780593433393 Paperback \$ 16.99

Turning 12 1/2 shouldn't be the most exciting birthday in the world. It's a half birthday after all. But Harper is thrilled because she is getting the biggest gift of all - her parent's approval to finally get social media accounts.

Except when she goes to post her first photo, there is a filter she has never heard of before. One that shows you what you will look like when you are older. Curious, Harper clicks on it... but ends up flash forwarding in time to when she is 22. She will quickly find that being in her twenties means the freedom she always wanted, money for the glow up she didn't know she needed and working for her idol! But Harper soon discovers a lot more has changed than she expected-including the person she wants to be. Will Harper be able to use the filter to get the life of her dreams? Or will there be more glitches? *A smart and funny modern day Suddenly 30! A tween girl finds out it is like to be 22 when she jumps in time with the help of a mysterious TikTok filter.*



Friendship Never Ends

Alexandra Sheppard

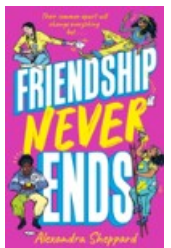
ISBN 9781913311414 Paperback \$ 19.99

Sunita, Dawn, May and Gifty have been best friends since primary school. They've spent every summer together since then, but now, in the summer before Year 10, they are about to be apart for six whole weeks.

After a disastrous and embarrassing end-of-term party, they've realised they need to use their summer to grow up... fast!

As they vow to stay in touch, each of them must learn to reconcile their unique sparks, quirks and passions with the heavy expectations and pressures that come with being a teenage girl. By the time they reunite, they know they'll be changed by this summer. But will growing up force them apart? Or can they come back closer to each other... and their true selves?

Funny, relatable and heart-warming, get ready to laugh, cringe and cry with these four besties!



If You'll Have Me

Eunnie

ISBN 9780241668726 Paperback \$ 22.99

Momo Gardner is the kind of friend who's always ready to lend a helping hand. She's introverted, sensitive, and maybe a little too trusting, but she likes to believe the best in people. PG, on the other hand, is a bit of a lone wolf, despite her reputation for being a flirt and a player.

Underneath all that cool mystery, she's actually quick to smile, and when she falls for someone, she falls hard. An unexpected meet-cute brings the two together, kicking off the beginning of an awkward yet endearing courtship. With their drastically different personalities, and PG's past coming back to haunt her, Momo and PG's romance is put to the test.



Bad Magic A Skulduggery Pleasant Graphic Novel

Derek Landy

ISBN 9780008585785 Paperback \$ 22.99

When Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain drive into Termoncara, they discover a town with a dark past and a people haunted by their own secrets. There is a creature stalking the streets - a creature who delights in cruelty, who feeds off the little hatreds, who grows stronger with every drop of blood spilled.

A small town in the middle of Ireland, a string of unexplained deaths and a monster on the loose. Better call in the experts.

Horror and mystery collide in an original graphic novel by Derek Landy, P. J. Holden, Matt Soffe, Rob Jones and Pye Parr.



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FICTION

Space Between Here and Now

Sarah Suk

ISBN 9780063373129 Paperback \$ 19.99

Seventeen-year-old Aimee Roh has Sensory Time Warp Syndrome, a rare condition that causes her to time travel to a moment in her life when she smells something linked to that memory.

Her dad is convinced she'll simply grow out of it if she tries hard enough, but Aimee's fear of vanishing at random has kept her from living a normal life.

When Aimee disappears for nine hours into a memory of her estranged mom - a moment Aimee has never remembered before - she becomes distraught. Not only was this her longest disappearance yet, but the memory doesn't match up with the story of how her mom left - at least, not the version she's always heard from her dad.

Desperate for answers, Aimee travels to Korea, where she unravels the mystery of her memories, the truth about her mother, and the reason she keeps returning to certain moments in her life.

Along the way, she realizes she'll need to reconcile her past in order to save her present.

Perfect for fans of They Both Die at the End and You've Reached Sam, this gripping, atmospheric YA novel follows a teen with a mysterious condition that transports her to the past when she smells certain scents linked to specific memories.



In the Ring

Sierra Isley

ISBN 9781956378146 Paperback \$ 24.99

Rose Berman is losing her mind. At least, that's what everyone at school seems to think. Plagued by panic attacks that started after her mother's death, Rose is the target of frequent teasing and rumours. But when the star quarterback takes a joke too far, the school's tattooed, cigarette-smoking time bomb - Elliott King - steps in and punches him in the face. Rose's therapist recommends she try out a sport to manage her anxiety. She can't help but think of Elliott - maybe if she could punch like him, she'd feel safer and stronger. She sticks out like a sore thumb at the boxing gym, but she soon finds power in the sport and a reprieve from her panic attacks. As their worlds intertwine, Rose and Elliott are forced to face their most daunting opponent outside the Ring: their growing feelings for each other. But Midtown Ring isn't just a gym. As Rose falls deeper into the world of boxing, she learns Midtown is a front for a late-night, underground fight club where Elliott King is the headliner. Surrounded by violence and destruction, Rose's anxiety begins to spiral. She starts hallucinating, just like her mother did before her death, leaving her to wonder if everyone at school might be right. If her newfound physical strength can't keep her grounded in reality, she may be doomed to walk the same path as her mum. *This YA sports romance is perfect for fans of Kathleen Glasgow's Girl in Pieces.*

Mental Health



LGBTQ+

Stuck Up & Stupid

Angourie Rice and Kate Rice ISBN 9781760658281 Paperback \$ 22.99

The only thing worse than cleaning up after celebrities was having to watch her own family trying to impress them.

The quiet coastal community of Pippi Beach is rocked when a party of young Hollywood movie stars and influencers arrives for the summer. Like most of the locals, mum Lydia is thrilled but her teenage daughter Lily finds the Hollywood types are superficial and arrogant - especially Dorian Khan, the most famous of them all. She is soon to discover that first impressions can be deceiving...

This hilarious debut turns a much loved classic into a contemporary hit - written by Angourie Rice, internationally acclaimed actor and host of the literary podcast The Community Library, and her award winning playwright mother, Kate Rice.



Review:

Co-written by this mother/daughter duo during lockdown, this is Pride and Prejudice reimaged for the modern day, showing that a story about societal expectations of class and manners with unseemly spotlight grabbing and vacuous fame chasing, is just as relevant today as in Jane Austen's time. This is a fun and frivolous read with plenty of parallels to the classic text.

- Emma, Dymocks Kids Specialist

Way I Am Now Bk 2 The Way I Used to Be

Amber Smith

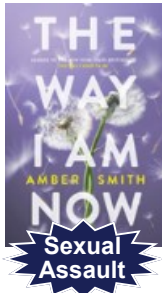
ISBN 9780861546824 Paperback \$ 19.99

There was a time, the darkest of times, when Eden thought the only person who could save her was Josh.

He was everything that was good in the world a trusting heart, a loving touch, a kind smile. But he was never meant to be her saviour. Eden had to do that on her own.

Now Eden has started college and faced up to her rapist, it seems like they might finally be in the right place at the right time to make a relationship work.

But as the trial that will determine if Eden gets the justice she deserves looms, opening unhealed wounds, can their love withstand the pressure? *Sequel to top selling The Way I Used to Be.*



Sexual Assault

An Echo in the City

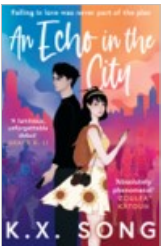
K X Song

ISBN 9780861547388 Paperback \$ 19.99

It's 2019 in Hong Kong and sixteen-year-old Phoenix fears the city she calls home could be lost forever. She defies her parents and joins a secret protest network.

Meanwhile, seventeen-year-old Kai reluctantly joins the police academy to please his father. When Phoenix and Kai first meet, they accidentally swap phones. Kai realises he finally has a way to earn his father's approval - by going undercover and infiltrating the protest group. The clash of their opposing views ignites an undeniable spark.

But when a relationship is built on deception, can they still love the person left behind when the lies fall away?



Four for the Road

K J Reilly ISBN 9781665902304 Paperback \$ 22.99

Asher Hunting wants revenge. Specifically, he wants revenge on the drunk driver who killed his mom and got off on a technicality. No one seems to think this is healthy, though, which is how he ends up in a bereavement group. It's there he makes some unexpected friends:

There's Sloane, who lost her dad to cancer; Will, who lost his little brother to a different kind of cancer; and eighty-year-old Henry, who was married to his wife for fifty years until she decided to die on her own terms. And it's these three who Asher invites on a road trip from New Jersey to Graceland. Asher doesn't tell them that he's planning to steal his dad's car, or the real reason that he wants to go to Tennessee (spoiler alert: it's revenge) - but then again, the others don't share their reasons for going, either. Complete with unexpected revelations, lots of chicken Caesar salads at roadside restaurants, a stolen motorcycle, and an epic kiss at a rest stop minimart, what begins as the road trip to revenge might just turn into a path towards forgiveness. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower meets The End of the F***ing World in this dark young adult comedy about four unlikely friends dealing with the messy side of grief.*



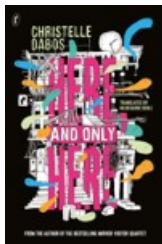
Here and Only Here

Christelle Dabos

ISBN 9781922790545 Paperback \$ 22.99

Welcome to the School of Here, an unsettling and peculiar place that is nonetheless familiar to us all. A place full of codes and weird, unspoken rules that are passed down from year to year. This new term begins as any other would at Here - footprints on the ceiling, mysterious charts that rank the students into 'High' or 'Low', the Ultra Secret Club, and trouble in store for the students who end up an 'odd number'. Even if the players change, the parts stay the same, all ruled over by a bully called the prince. For Iris, Madeleine, Pierre and Guy, it's an endless and cruel cycle that will reach breaking point this year.

From the author of the Mirror Visitor series comes an enthralling and thought-provoking novel that shines a light on the complications of being a teenager and just how difficult school can be.



Exactly Where You Need to Be

Amelia Diane Coombs

ISBN 9781534493551 Paperback \$ 22.99

Florie's OCD and her mother's worrying have kept her from a lot of things, like having an after-school job and getting her driver's license. And now that she's graduated high school, Florie's taking a parent-sanctioned gap year before starting college. When the decision was made, Florie was on board, but now she can't ignore the growing itch to become the person she wants to be and venture outside the quaint, boring Washington town she grew up in.

Winning tickets to see her favourite true crime podcast's live show in California gives her the opportunity to do just that, if only for a few days. So - unbeknownst to their parents - Kacey and Florie set off on a road trip to San Francisco. The only downside in Florie's opinion? Sam, Kacey's older brother and Florie's forever crush, is their ride. But Florie is willing to put up with Sam if it means one last adventure with her best friend.



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Gege Akutami

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A badminton guy falls for a basketball girl. Do these sports-crossed lovers have a chance? Genre: Shonen manga (Teen)

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A Guide to Feelings and Relationships for Everyone

Alex Norris

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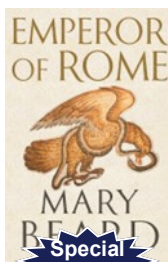
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Mary Beard

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