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Seth Malacari | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Co-published by Get YA Words Out and edited by Seth Malacari, An Unexpected Party brings together the stories of emerging authors from the LGBTQIA+ community. From fantastical realms to real-world struggles, this young adult anthology champions queer identity by challenging stereotypes and exploring the many facets of identity. Written with wit, heart and honesty, these stories take queer protagonists outside the box of YA romance and centre them at the heart of stories that involve magic, paranormal beings and adventure. Featuring trans and gender-diverse voices – asexual, aromantic, bisexual and more – the stories in An Unexpected Party are as diverse as their writers.

Categories: Short Stories, LGBTQIA



2. ARCHIVES OF DESPAIR

Caleb Finn | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

You have been given access to secret files buried deep within the archives. Disturbing stories never meant for the light of day. Stories of evil grandparents and unsettling homework. A string of deaths, seemingly unrelated. Walls squirm, as if alive. A cursed wish comes true. Ordinary people behave oddly, even family and your closest friends . . . These stories share a common fate. All the children are met with tragedy. Coincidence? Or could these nightmares be connected by something more sinister than you dare to imagine? A dark and chilling mystery awaits. Find the answers, before he finds you.

Categories: Horror, Short Stories



3. BORDERLAND

Graham Akhurst | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. Luckily, he's got his best friend, Jenny, who has been by his side through their hectic days at St Lucia Private. After graduating, Jono and Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking — interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the wild western Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Jono is stoked just to be part of something meaningful. Plus, he gets to be the lead presenter! Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the hustle and bustle of the city. Suddenly, Jono's intuition becomes his best guide. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun — a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming. What's the real story behind the gas mining venture?

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, Horror



4. DARK HEIR DARK RISE

Cs Pacat | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

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?

Categories: Fantasy



5. IF YOU TELL ANYONE, YOU'RE NEXT

Jack Heath | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

An exclusive group chat. A deadly challenge. How far would you go to join? Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong. Zoe's search leads her to The 17—a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe?

Categories: Psychological Thriller, Mystery, Danger, Blackmail, Identity, Trust



6. IN TIMES OF BUSHFIRES AND BILLY BUTTONS

Steven Herrick | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$19.95 | School Price \$17.96

Ethan's parents are in jail; his Aunt works too hard; the new kid, Joshua, has a scar on his arm; a fire storm threatens the suburb, while wildflowers bloom along the school fence. For Ethan, Audrey and their friends, it's time to choose what's important and what to leave behind.

Categories: Climate Change, Bushfires, Team Work



7. KALDORAS: MEDORAN CHRONICLES EPILOGUE MEDORAN CHRONICLES

Lynette Noni | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

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 #1 bestselling series The Medoran Chronicles, this is an epilogue like no other, full of laughter, tears, and above all, the unending power of friendship.

Categories: Fantasy, Friendship, Magic, Romance



8. ROBERT RUNS

Mariah Sweetman | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Robert Runs is a fast-paced thriller based on the author's great-great grandfather, Robert 'Goupong' Anderson, who was once the fastest man in Australia and world-record holder. Goupong, his little sister Dot, and his best friend Jonathan belong to the Ugarapul people, the Green Tree Frog tribe, and live with their families and others within the harsh confines of the Deebing Creek Mission — a place run by the malevolent Boss Man. Goupong and Jonathan are focused on winning the mission's biggest running race that year, but when mysterious noises, unexplained occurrences and biblical events begin to plague the local area they are forced to investigate. Will Goupong and Jonathan be strong enough to defeat the monster in the bush, or are the real monsters closer to home? Robert Runs is a poignant look into the Deebing Creek Massacre and the tough reality of mission life. Weaving fact with fiction, this compelling story details the events leading up to that fateful day.

Categories: Aboriginal Studies, First Nations, Mystery, Culture, Community, Survival, Thriller



9. STUCK UP AND STUPID

Angourie Rice | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

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. Lily's opinion is confirmed by handsome backpacker Alex, who has quite the story about Dorian's past. On a holiday to Los Angeles, Lily stays with family friend Wilson, an ambitious player who introduces her to powerful movie producer Stacy Black. Lily is in turns amused and appalled by the excesses of the movie business, and more than a little surprised when Dorian Khan seeks her out. Could they actually become friends? And what's more, has she been what she hopes never to be ... stupid?

Categories: Coming of Age, Romance, Family Unit, Humour



10. WEAVER, THE

Melanie Kanicky | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

In a remote village, bordered by woods and an endless winter, Saatcha lives in the attic of her ailing father's blacksmithery. As her father's health fades and he is no longer able to work, Saatcha takes it upon herself to keep the forge running. But when a pair of thieves appear in the dead of night, Saatcha's duty to her father is torn from her. Forced to leave her home behind, the bounds of magic that once held Saatcha begin to slip away. Papa is gone. Magic is real. And her kidnappers are much more than simple thieves. As Saatcha's world is irrevocably altered, she must rely on her new friends to find the truth of her past – and what it might mean for the future of the kingdom.

Categories: Fantasy, Adventure, Magic

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11. 12 TO 22: POV YOU WAKE UP IN THE FUTURE!

Jen Calonita | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

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?

Categories: Cautionary Tale, Futuristic, Time Warp



12. 21% MONSTER: SERPENT STRIKE 21% MONSTER Pj Canning | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$12.75

For once, 21% monster teenage-boy Darren Devlin thinks he has the upper hand over Xastris, the secret organisation that transformed him into a genetically-modified superhuman. Since joining forces with 19% alien boy Marek Masters, 17% sabre-tooth polar-bear Aurora Valero, and now 16% alien girl Genie, Darren has never been in a stronger position...but neither have Xastris. For they are planning an attack on the world's greatest superpowers, with the fate of millions at stake. Can Darren and the team intercept Operation Serpent Strike...or will Xastris land their deadliest bite yet?

Categories: Science Fiction, Adventure



13. BAD MAGIC: A SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT GRAPHIC NOVEL Derek Landy | Matt Soffe (Illustrator) | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Experience Skulduggery Pleasant as never before – in this fully original graphic novel brought vibrantly to life in full colour. A small town in the middle of Ireland, a string of unexplained deaths and a monster on the loose. Better call in the experts. 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.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Horror, Mystery, Gruesome



14. BEAUTY TRIALS, THE THE BELLES

Dhonielle Clayton | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

With the dangerous, erratic Princess Sophia imprisoned, Queen Charlotte decides to invoke the ancient tradition of The Beauty Trials-a series of harrowing tests meant to find the one true ruler of Orleans. Edel, who has always aspired to be more than just a Belle, decides to enter and, after promising to bind her arcana to keep from having an unnatural advantage, joins a few dozen other hopefuls intent on becoming the next Queen of Orleans. But the trials are far worse than any of them bargained for. As the women are put through dangerous tasks meant to test their strength, confidence, composure, and bravery, many perish, and Edel is mysteriously attacked by one of the other competitors-forcing her to use her powers just to survive. Will her subterfuge cost her the crown, or is there a larger conspiracy at play?

Categories: Fantasy



15. BLOOD AND MOONLIGHT BLOOD AND MOONLIGHT

Erin Beaty | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Rising above the city of Collis is the Holy Santcum. Catrin, an orphan girl, watches over its many spires with a unique skill that serves the Sanctum's master architect. But when Catrin witnesses a murder she is pulled into a dangerous chain of events where the only certainty is that the killer will strike again. The detective on the case is the brilliant and enigmatic Simon, whose insights into the mind of a predator are frighteningly accurate. As the grisly crimes continue, Catrin finds herself caught between killer and detective. But she's hiding her own secret - and it might be the only thing that saves her and those she loves from becoming the next victims ...

Categories: Fantasy, Romance, Murder



16. BLOOD LIKE FATE

Liselle Sambury | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Voya Thomas may have passed her Calling to become a full-fledged witch, but the cost was higher than she'd ever imagined. Her grandmother is gone. Her cousin hates her. And her family doesn't believe that she has what it takes to lead them. What's more, Voya can't let go of her feelings for Luc, sponsor son of the genius billionaire Justin Tremblay —the man that Luc believes Voya killed. Consequently, Luc wants nothing to do with her. Even her own ancestors seem to have lost faith in her. Every day Voya begs for their guidance, but her calls go unanswered. As Voya struggles to convince everyone—herself included—that she can be a good Matriarch, she has a vision of a terrifying, deadly future. A vision that would spell the end of the Toronto witches. With a newfound sense of purpose, Voya must do whatever it takes to bring her shattered community together and stop what's coming for them before it's too late.

Categories: Fantasy, Witches, Witchcraft



17. BOY YOU ALWAYS WANTED, THE

Michelle Quach | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$15.30

A girl, a boy, a grandfather and a plan. The girl: Francine. Model teenager, dutiful granddaughter, absolutely no chill. The grandfather: Francine's beloved a gung. He has one final wish, a male heir to carry on the family traditions. It's an outdated idea, but Francine loves him, and she has a plan to bring him the boy he always wanted. The boy: Ollie. Family friend, former crush, no idea how Francine has convinced him to get mixed up in her off-the-wall, and totally sexist, honorary grandson plan. The plan: might work. But as Ollie and Francine's worlds collide, their secrets get tangled, and so do their feelings. Sometimes what you really want, isn't at all what you expected.



18. BRITISH GIRL'S GUIDE TO HURRICANES AND HEARTBREAK

Laura taylor Namey | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Winchester has always been home for Flora, but when her mother dies, Flora feels untethered. Her family expects her to apply to university and take a larger role in their tea-shop business, but Flora isn't so sure. More than ever, she's the chaotic 'hurricane' in her household, and she doesn't always know how to manage her stormy emotions. So she decides to escape to Miami without telling anyone – especially her longtime friend Gordon Wallace. But Flora's tropical change of scenery doesn't cast away her self-doubt. When it comes to university, she has no idea which passions she should follow. That's also true in romance. Flora's summer abroad lands her in the flashbulb world of teen influencer Baz Marín, a Miami Cuban who shares her love for photography. But Flora's more conflicted than ever when she begins to see future architect Gordon in a new light.



19. CHAMPION OF FATE

Kendare Blake | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

The Aristene are an elusive order of immortal female warriors. To be championed by them is to become a legend-They are the Heromakers. As an orphan raised by the order, Reed has always envisioned taking her place beside her sisters-in-arms. To do that, she'll have to help her first hero accomplish a great victory. But what happens when her charmingly infuriating hero makes her question everything she's been taught about being an Aristene and the order itself.

Categories: Fantasy, Quest, Romance, Orphan



20. CURIOUS TIDES

Pascale Lacelle | Paperback | Age 16+ | RRP \$27.99 | School Price \$23.80

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.

Categories: Fantasy



21. EMMETT

LC Rosen | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Emmett Woodhouse, handsome, clever and rich, with a comfortable home and happy disposition seemed to unite some of the best blessings of existence and had lived nearly eighteen years in the world with very little to distress or vex him. Emmett knows he's blessed. And because of that, he tries to give back: from charity work to letting the often irritating Georgia sit at his table at lunch, he knows it's important to be nice. And recently, he's found a new way of giving back: matchmaking. He set up his best friend Taylor with her new boyfriend and it's gone perfectly. So when his occasional friend-with-benefits Harrison starts saying he wants a boyfriend (something Emmett definitely does NOT want to be), he decides to try and find Harrison the perfect man at Highbury Academy, the candy-coloured private school they attend just outside Los Angeles. Emmett's childhood friend, Miles, thinks finding a boyfriend for a guy you sleep with is a bad idea. But Miles is straight, and Emmett says this is gay life - your friends, your lovers, your boyfriends - they all come from the same very small pool. That's why Emmett doesn't date - to keep things clean. He knows the human brain isn't done developing until twenty-five, so any relationship he enters into before then would inevitably end in a breakup, in loss. And he's seen what loss can do. His mother died four years ago and his dad hasn't been the same since. But the lines Emmett tries to draw are more porous than he thinks, and as he tries to find Harrison the perfect match, he learns that gifted as he may be, maybe he has no idea what he's doing when it comes to love.

Categories: LGBTQIA



22. EVERY WORD A LIE

Sue Wallman | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Someone is catfishing ... to kill. Award-winning author Sue Wallman tells a nail-biting story of a catfishing prank that gets out of control ... and gets deadly. Two friends, Amy and Stan, plan revenge on their prankster friend Hollie by catfishing her as her crush. They only mean to do it for a day or two - but then Hollie ends up dead. As the catfish continues to strike others, Amy needs to find out: who is really in control of the catfish? Can she trust anyone? And is she the killer's next target?



23. EXILED, THE

Sarah Daniels | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Trust no one. It is six months since the Arcadia set sail for the first time in forty years. But this wasn't the freedom the inhabitants were hoping for. Esther Crossland did what she had to do, but now the wrecked ship is abandoned. Its inhabitants are in exile, trapped in sprawling make-shift shelters made up of warehouse, tents, shipping containers. Esther and Nik, architects of the rebellion, are on the run. Esther is in hiding, and Nik seems to have abandoned all hope, on a journey taking him further and further from home. And neither of them want to face up to their true feelings about one another . . . Not only that, there is a new villain in town. With the fall of Commander Hadley, it's left to the ruthless Admiral Janek to deal with the traitors, and her own past is beginning to catch-up with her. Then the shaky ceasefire negotiated by General Lall, Nik's mum, falls apart. Nik and Esther find themselves in a world of betrayals and double crossings - a game of power, with no one to trust but themselves. It's time for the final showdown.

Categories: Thriller, Rebellion, Romance



24. FAINT OF HEART GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE

Kerilynn Wilson | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Not that long ago, the Scientist discovered that all sadness, anxiety, and anger disappeared when you removed your heart. And that's all it took. Soon enough, the hospital had lines out the door—even though the procedure numbed the good feelings, too. Everyone did it. Everyone except high school student June. But now the pressure, loneliness, and heartache are mounting, and it's becoming harder and harder to be the only one with a heart. One day, June comes across an abandoned heart in a jar. The heart in the jar intrigues her, it baffles her, and it brings her hope. But the heart also brings her Max, a classmate with a secret of his own. And it may rip June's own heart in two. Part speculative fiction and part cautionary tale, The Faint of Heart is a moving and ethereal debut that questions morality and the feelings that seem too big to contain.

Categories: Graphic Novel, Feelings/Emotions, Dilemma



25. FIRST RULE OF CLIMATE CLUB, THE

Carrie Firestone | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$14.99 | School Price \$13.50

When Mary Kate Murphy joins a special science pilot program focused on climate change, the class opens her eyes to lots of things she never noticed before about her small suburban town- Kids waste tons of food at school without a second thought. Parents leave their cars running in the pick-up lane all the time. People buy lots of clothes they don't really need. Some of her friends who live in the city and are bused to her school don't always feel included. And the mayor isn't willing to listen to new ideas for fixing it all. Mary Kate and her friends have big plans to bring lasting change to their community and beyond. And now is the time for the young people to lead and the leaders to follow-or get out of the way.

Categories: Climate Change, Community, Team Work, Activism, Illness, Communication



26. FOUL HEART HUNTSMAN FOUL LADY FORTUNE

Chloe Gong | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$22.50

Winter is drawing thick in 1931 Shanghai, as is the ever-nearing threat of invasion. Rosalind Lang has encountered the worst possible fate for a national spy: she's been exposed. With the media storm camped outside her apartment for the infamous Lady Fortune, she's barely left her bedroom in weeks, plotting her next course of action after Orion was taken and his memories of Rosalind wiped. Though their marriage might have been a sham, his absence hurts her more than any physical wound. She won't rest until she gets him back. I can help you get him back. Find me in Zhouzhuang. -JM. But with her identity in the open, the task is near impossible. The only way to leave the city and rescue her beloved is the guise of a national tour: convincing her superiors that the countryside needs unity more than ever, and who better than an immortal girl to stir pride and strength into the people? When the tour goes wrong, however, everything Rosalind once knew is thrown up in the air. Taking refuge outside Shanghai, old ghosts come into the open and adversaries turn to allies. To save Orion, they must find a cure to his mother's traitorous invention and take this chemical weapon away from impending foreign invasion – but the clock is ticking, and if Rosalind fails, it's not only Orion she loses, but her nation itself.



27. FOUR FOR THE ROAD

KJ Reilly | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

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 - 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.

Categories: Death/Bereavement, Friendship, Grief, Forgiveness



28. GAME OF LIFE OR DEATH, A

Triona Campbell | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When sixteen-year-old Asha Kennedy discovers her older sister Maya's dead body in their home, her world falls apart. Desperate for answers, and to stay out of the hands of the social services she grew up in, Asha turns to her hacker friends for help. Her search leads her to Zu Tech, the hit games studio where Maya was a lead coder, and as Asha begins to unravel the riddle of her death, she realises that the only way to uncover the truth is from the inside. Asha ghosts her old life and infiltrates a Zu Tech eSport tournament as they launch 'Shackle', the revolutionary Virtual Reality video game Maya was working on ... and which hides a monstrous secret ... You don't play the game; it plays you.



29. GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER

Kathryn Foxfield | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

When Saffron is forced to do work experience at a tech company, she gets into an argument with her supervisor over which high school stereotype would survive the longest in a horror film: the sports star? The queen bee? The swot? The drama girl? The class clown? The rebel? Unbeknown to them, the AI robot she is working on at the time decides to determine the answer by testing it out for real. It designs an algorithm to search social media and school records to find the best examples of each stereotype from the neighbouring towns and the invitations go out — six people, including Saffron's perfectionist sister Georgia, will be trapped in a series of deadly escape rooms and only one will survive the night ...



30. GIRL WHO BROKE THE SEA, THE

A Connors | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$17.10

Lily's emotional problems run deep – seven miles deep. After she gets kicked out of school for her destructive behaviour, Lily agrees to an unusual fresh start: going with her scientist mum to live at Deephaven, an experimental deep-sea mining rig and research station located at the bottom of the ocean. Lily instantly regrets her decision: claustrophobic and isolated, it's hardly her idea of home. Turns out, Deephaven has problems of its own. The head scientist, they quickly learn, has disappeared – just as he was on the brink of a shocking discovery. In the darkness of the deep, something is stirring ... something dangerous. And it's calling out to Lily. A mind-expanding thriller set in the ocean's depths, a terrifying struggle for survival – and the story of one girl's path to self-acceptance.

Categories: Thriller, Suspense, Mystery



31. HOW NOT TO DATE A POP STAR

Jada Trainor | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Aaliyah Preston and Tyler Moore were best friends growing up. Tyler played and wrote music, and Aaliyah brought that music to life through dance. They were convinced their lives would change forever after entering a TV talent show, but when Aliyah's mom ended up in hospital, Tyler had to go alone-and won. Suddenly, he was thrust into the spotlight while she was left behind in their small, seaside town. Several years later, Tyler is the hottest pop star on the planet, and Aaliyah has her heart set on following in her mom's footsteps and attending the Boston Conservatory to study dance. However, her future becomes hazy when Tyler suddenly comes back home, and wants to make up for all the years they lost-and even plan a future that includes the two of them together. While Tyler may have a lavish lifestyle and fans all the world over, he isn't happy. What he really wants is a chance at a normal life, and he wants Aaliyah to be part of that life. However, family drama, including long buried secrets about both of their fathers, threaten any plans for their futures. But like the best pop songs, when the music and the lyrics come together everything works in perfect harmony. Tyler and Aaliyah will need to write a new duet without giving up on their dreams.

Categories: Romance, Relationships, Celebrity, Fame, Friendship



32. HOW TO DIE FAMOUS

Benjamin Dean | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

London-born Abel has landed the role of a lifetime for an upcoming blockbuster. On the face of it he's Hollywood's latest teen star, but below the surface he's an undercover journalist on a mission to expose the 'squeaky clean' entertainment industry and the part they played in his brother's 'accidental' death. As Abel steps into the spotlight alongside fellow actors Lucky, Ryan and Ella, he soon discovers that beneath the glittering surface of fame and riches lies a darker world of secrecy, scandal and murder. Nobody is who they seem when the cameras are off, and everybody has something to hide. But who's next in line to die famous?



Victoria Wlosok | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00



A year ago, beloved cheerleader Stella Blackthorn vanished without a trace. Devastated, her younger sister, Iris, launched her own investigation, but all she managed to do was scare off the police's only lead and earn a stern warning: once she turns eighteen, more meddling means prison-level consequences. Then, a year later, the unthinkable happens. Iris's ex-girlfriend, Heather, goes missing, too-just after dropping the polarizing last episode of her true crime podcast all about Iris's sister. This time, nothing will stop Iris and her amateur sleuthing agency from solving these disappearances. But with a suspicious detective watching her every move, an enemy-turned-friend-turned-maybe-more to contend with, and only thirty days until she turns eighteen, it's a race against the clock for Iris to solve the most dangerous case of her life.

Categories: Mystery, Thriller, Detective, Disappearance

34. HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR MURDER

Danielle Valentine | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$21.99 | School Price \$18.70

Alice Lawrence is the sole witness in her sister's murder trial. And in the year since Claire's death, Alice's life has completely fallen apart. Her parents have gotten divorced, she's moved into an apartment that smells like bologna, and she is being forced to face her sister's killer and a courtroom full of people who doubt what she saw in the corn maze a year prior. Claire was an all-American girl, beautiful and bubbly, and a theater star. Alice was a nerd who dreamed of becoming a forensic pathologist and would rather stay at home to watch her favorite horror movies than party. Despite their differences, they were bonded by sisterhood and were each other's best friends. Until Claire was taken away from her. On the first day of the murder trial, as Alice prepares to give her testimony, she is knocked out by a Sidney Prescott look-alike in the courthouse bathroom. When she wakes up, it is Halloween night a year earlier, the same day Claire was murdered. Alice has until midnight to save her sister and find the real killer before he claims another victim.

Categories: Thriller, Murder, Mystery



35. HUNTING MOON, THE THE LUMINARIES

Susan Dennard | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Winnie Wednesday has gotten everything she thought she wanted. She passed the deadly hunter trials, her family has been welcomed back into the Luminaries, and overnight, she has become a local celebrity. The Girl Who Jumped. The Girl Who Got Bitten. Unfortunately, it all feels wrong. For one, nobody will believe her about the new nightmare called the Whisperer that's killing hunters each night. Everyone blames the werewolf, even though Winnie is certain the wolf is innocent. On top of that, following her dad's convoluted clues about the Dianas, their magic, and what happened in Hemlock Falls four years ago is leaving her with more questions than answers. Then to complicate it all, there is still only one person who can help her: Jay Friday, the boy with plenty of problems all his own. As bodies and secrets pile up around town, Winnie finds herself questioning what it means to be a true Wednesday and a true Luminary – and also where her fierce-hearted loyalties might ultimately have to lie.

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36. I LOVED YOU IN ANOTHER LIFE

David Arnold | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Evan Taft has plans. Take a gap year in Alaska, make sure his brother and single mother are taken care of, and continue therapy to process his father's departure. But after his mum's unexpected cancer diagnosis, and as Evan's plans begin to fade, he hears something – a song no one else can hear, the voice of a mysterious singer ... Shosh Bell has dreams. A high school theatre legend, she's headed to performing arts college in LA, a star on the rise. But when a drunk driver takes her sister's life, that star fades to black. All that remains is a void – and a soft voice singing in her ear ... Over it all, transcending time and space, a celestial bird brings strangers together: from an escaped murderer in 19th century Paris, to a Norwegian cosmonaut in low-earth orbit, something is happening that began long ago, and will long outlast Evan and Shosh.

Categories: Romance, Love, Relationships



37. IMMORTAL GAMES, THE

Annaliese Avery | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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!

Categories: Fantasy, Romance



38. IN YOUR ORBIT

Lise Villadsen | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Growing up, Astrid's big sister Cecilie was her whole world. But when Cecilie's anxiety threatens to swallow her whole, their dynamic shifts. Now Astrid must be the big sister and put her own life on hold to be by Cecilie's side. With Astrid's days becoming increasingly consumed by Cecilie's mental health and her guilt at not being able to help her more, will she still have room for her best friend Jonas and the handsome Greenlandic boy who's determined to steal her heart? A heart-breaking yet life-affirming story about trying to find your own path without losing loved ones along the way.

Categories: Mental Health, Anxiety, Grief, Relationships



39. INDI RAYE IS TOTALLY FAKING IT

Lauren Layfield | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$14.45

Meet Fourteen-year-old Indi Raye. Her dad has 100% not just left without a trace, leaving her mum listening to Adele every night in the bath and crying. No, dad is obvs just away travelling the world on business, and sometimes Indi flies out to meet him, and picks up boyfriends, like cute Spanish Enrrrriique. Sometimes it's easier just to FAKE IT. Whenever Indi lies to her mum, her mum simply replies "and I'm Beyonce", but will new friends Priya and Grace be able to see who the real Indi Raye is? And is she lying to cover up her feelings about her dad leaving? A modern teenage self-love story, about how to fake it until you make... friends.

Categories: Separation, Friendship, Honesty



40. LOVE YOU TO DEATH

Gina Blaxill | Paperback | Age 16+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Mia doesn't know Jade. But Jade knows everything about Mia ... so much so that she's turned herself into Mia's doppelganger. A doppelganger that's so convincing that when Jade is found dead, everyone believes it was Mia. A geeky academic underachiever who knows she isn't cool or glamorous, Mia can't work out why anyone would be obsessed with her – or why that would be so dangerous. Worse, Mia realises that Jade wasn't the only person with a secret obsession. Someone else has been paying far too close attention to her, and gradually turning Jade into Mia. If Mia can't work out who the link is between them, she risks becoming their next victim.

Categories: Thriller, Suspense, Murder, Mystery



41. MURTAGH INHERITANCE

Christopher Paolini | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$32.99 | School Price \$26.39

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.

Categories: Fantasy



42. NIGHT HUNT, THE

Alexandra Christo | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Enter a world of Gods and monsters . . . Atia is an immortal who feeds on fear and nightmare. As the last of her kind, she hides in the shadows of the world to escape the wrath of the vengeful Gods. Silas is a Herald, carrying messages and ferrying the dead, as punishment for a past he can't remember. Atia would never dream of allying with someone like him, but when she breaks a sacred law and the gods send monsters to hunt her, Silas offers an irresistible deal: he'll help her take on the Gods and get vengeance for her family. But in return, she must help him break the curse that binds him and restore his humanity. All they need to do is kill three powerful creatures: a vampire, a banshee and one of the very Gods who has destroyed both their lives. Only together can they finally rewrite their destinies.

Categories: Fantasy, Horror



43. OF DREAMS AND DESTINY ROSETTA ACADEMY

Sandhya Menon | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

It's Daphne Elizabeth 'DE' McKinley's senior year at Rosetta Academy – and things are going from bad to worse. Bad? The painful break-up she's trying to get over. Worse? A mysterious storm causing the Academy's students to fall into a deep sleep. Even worse? The only person who can help is new-boy Xander, whose dreamy charms DE is determined to resist. But as they race against time to find the source of the magic, can she stop herself falling under Xander's spell too?



44. ONLY GIRL IN TOWN, THE

Ally Condie | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

For July Fielding, nothing has been the same since that summer before senior year. Once, she had Alex, her loyal best friend, the one who always had her back. She had Sydney, who pushed her during every cross-country run, and who sometimes seemed to know July better than she knew herself. And she had Sam. Sam, who told her she was everything and left her breathless with his touch. Now, July is alone. Every single person in her small town of Lithia has disappeared. No family. No Alex or Sydney. No Sam. July's only chance at unravelling the mystery of their disappearance is a series of objects, each a reminder of the people she loved most. And a mysterious message: GET TH3M BACK. A searingly candid reckoning with both love and loneliness, #1 bestselling author Ally Condie's The Only Girl in Town perfectly distils the messy, beautiful realities of growing up, growing apart and the courageous act of self-discovery.

Categories: Mystery, Relationships, Disappearance, Grief, Loss

45. POSTCARDS FROM SUMMER

Cynthia Platt | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$19.55

Seventeen-year-old Lexi has always wanted to know more about the mother who passed away when she was only a child. But her dad will barely talk about her. He says he'd rather live in the present with Lexi, her stepmom, and her half-brother. Lexi loves her family, too, but is it so wrong to want to learn about the mom she never got to know? When Lexi's grandma dies and secretly leaves her a worn blue chest that belonged to Lexi's mother, Lexi is ecstatic to find a treasure trove of keepsakes. Her mom held onto letters, pamphlets, flyers, and news articles all from the same beautiful summertime getaway: Mackinac Island—plus a cryptic postcard that hints at a forbidden romance. Without telling her dad, Lexi goes to the gorgeous Mackinac Island in Lake Huron, reachable only by ferry. While following her mother's footsteps, Lexi befriends an elderly former Broadway star and a charming young hotel worker while quickly falling in love with her surroundings. But though the island may be beautiful, it's hiding unfortunate secrets—some with her mother at the center. Could some questions be best left buried beneath the blue waters?

Categories: Romance, Secrets, Tragedy, Mystery



46. PRISONS, PARTIES AND POWERBOATS ROBIN HOOD

Robert Muchamore | Paperback | Age 12+ | RRP \$16.99 | School Price \$15.30

Robin is having fun sabotaging former Sheriff of Nottingham Marjorie Kovacevic's election campaign for President from the safety of his IT centre at Sherwood Castle. Meanwhile his best friend Marion Maid is spending time in Pelican Island, the country's most notorious prison. Then Marion's father, biker-gang leader Cutthroat Maid, offers Robin a chance to help protect Marion from other prisoners. But can they break her free? More high-octane, outrageous action from everyone's favourite teen rebel.

Categories: Adventure, Justice, Survival



47. ROSEWOOD HUNT, THE

Mackenzie Reed | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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.



48. RYAN AND AVERY

David Levithan | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

When a blue-haired boy (Ryan) meets a pink-haired boy (Avery) at a dance-a queer prom-both feel an inexplicable but powerful connection. Follow them through their first ten dates as they bridge their initial shyness and fall in love-through snowstorms, groundings, meeting parents (Avery's) and not (Ryan's), cast parties, heartbreak, and every day and date in between.



49. SCARLET VEIL SERPENT AND DOVE

Shelby Mahurin | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Six months have passed since Célie took her sacred vows and joined the ranks of the Chasseurs as their first huntswoman. With her fiancé, Jean Luc, as captain, she is determined to find her foothold in her new role and help protect Belterra. But whispers from her past still haunt her, and a new evil is rising—one that Célie herself must vanquish, unless she falls prey to the darkness.



50. SECRET SISTER

Sophie McKenzie | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$17.99 | School Price \$16.20

Asha has spent her life on an island community built on the principle of truth. But she discovers she has been lied to about something huge – a secret sister called Willow. Willow has always believed her twin sister died years ago. So when she receives a message in the middle of the night from a girl claiming to be Asha, she doesn't know what to think. Can they piece together the truth about their pasts and find their way back to each other?

Categories: Mystery, Lies, Thriller, Community



51. SEE YOU ON VENUS

Victoria Vinuesa | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Mia has had a heart condition her whole life. She's not afraid of dying but something has always stopped her from her biggest fear: tracking down her biological mother in Spain . . . until now. Before her next surgery, Mia wants to meet the woman who gave her away once and for all. Kyle has always been the life of the party . . . that was until the car accident that killed his best friend. Since then he's been reeling with guilt and willing to do just about anything to escape his reality. After a twist of fate, Mia and Kyle meet and make the decision to travel to Spain together in search of answers they both desperately need to mend their broken hearts. But did the universe bind them together to change how they feel about death and love forever?

Categories: Relationships, Romance, Grief, Love, Illness



52. SING IF YOU CAN'T DANCE

Alexia Casale | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Ven has her future all planned out. Her dance group is going places and so is she . . . Then she passes out right in the middle of a life-changing performance. And she's forced to admit that she hasn't been feeling right for a while now . . . Ven is about to discover she has an illness that threatens to ruin everything.No more dancing . . . even walking is proving a challenge, and standing . . .But don't you DARE feel sorry for her! Ven is no victim, and she is in charge here. Sure, her future is going to be different . . . but that doesn't mean it's over . . . Because if you can't dance, you can always sing!

Categories: Disability, Acceptance, Difference



53. SOME MISTAKES WERE MADE

Kristin Dwyer | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$18.00

Ellis and Easton have been inseparable since childhood. But when a rash decision throws Ellis's life—and her relationship with Easton—into chaos, she's forced to move halfway across the country, far from everything she's ever known. Now Ellis hasn't spoken to Easton in a year, and maybe it's better that way; maybe eventually the Easton-shaped hole in her heart will heal. But when Easton's mom invites her home for a visit, Ellis finds herself tangled up in the web of heartache, betrayal, and anger she left behind ... and with the boy she never stopped loving.

Categories: Romance, Relationships, Love, Betrayal, Heartbreak



54. SPACE BETWEEN HERE AND NOW, THE

Sarah Suk | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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.

Categories: Mental Health, Timeslip, Memory, Grief



55. THIEVES' GAMBIT

Kayvion Lewis | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

Seventeen-year-old Rosalyn Quest was raised by a legendary family of thieves with one rule: trust no one. When her mother is kidnapped, her only chance to save her is to win the Thieves' Gambit – a deadly competition for the world's best thieves, where the victor is granted one wish. To win, she must outwit all of her backstabbing competitors, including her childhood archnemesis. But can she take victory from the handsome, charming boy who makes a play for her heart and might be hiding the most dangerous secret of all?

Categories: Action, Adventure, Thieves, Thief, Competition



56. THIS DARK DESCENT

Kalyn Josephson | Paperback | RRP \$22.99 | School Price \$20.70

The Rusel family is famous throughout Enderlain as breeders of enchanted horses, but their prestige is no match for their rising debts. To save her family's ranch, Mikira Rusel is left with only one option: enter the Illinir, a cutthroat, cross-country horserace known for its high death rate as much as its flashy prize money. To have any chance of success, she'll have to recruit Ari, an unlicensed enchanter who creates golems in place of enchanted animals, and Damien Adair, a lord in the midst of a succession battle. Both her accomplices have reasons of their own to help Mikira – and their own blood feuds to avenge. In a world as dangerous as this, will hidden agendas and conflicting desires butcher their chances of winning the Illinir... or will another rider's dagger?



57. VENGEANCE OF THE PIRATE QUEEN

Tricia Levenseller | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$24.99 | School Price \$21.25

Eighteen-year-old Sorinda is a deadly assassin with a reputation to match. But her latest assignment is like no other. The pirate queen, Alosa, has tasked her with captaining a handpicked crew on a dangerous rescue mission, and her sailing master is none other than the infuriating Kearan. But as they navigate through treacherous waters, they accidentally awaken the King of the Undersea, who summons an army of undead soldiers from the depths. With Kearanby her side, Sorinda must fight tooth and nail to survive. Will Sorinda and her crew manage to save the world, or will she face a fate worse than death – becoming an undead queen controlled by the King himself?

Categories: Fantasy, Pirates



58. WAY I AM NOW, THE

Amber Smith | Paperback | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

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?



59. WELCOME TO CAMP KILLER BARRINGTON STOKE TEEN

Cynthia Murphy | Paperback | Age 13+ | RRP \$18.99 | School Price \$16.15

When an American-style residential camp is set up in the grounds of an English stately home, the teenage camp counsellors are looking forward to a fun summer of activities. But right from the outset, things don't feel quite right at Camp Miller. Rumours circulate of a tragedy that took place in the grounds and there are unexplained sightings of a ghostly presence. Then the incidents begin - a near-drowning out on the lake, a fatal fall from a cliff-face ... Are these tragic accidents or is there something more sinister going on at Camp Killer?

Categories: Horror



60. YOUNGBLOOD

Sasha Laurens | Paperback | Age 15+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

High school sucks. Especially for the undead. When Kat Finn arrives at Harcote, a prestigious vampire-only boarding school, she's in unchartered territory. After living amongst humans and struggling to make ends meet, she's suddenly thrust into the alluring world of elite vampires - and her fortune is about to change. Taylor Sanger is tired of the vampire world's out-of-touch views, especially as an out-and-proud lesbian. She's willing to fly under the radar for two more years at Harcote before she's free, but Kat's arrival changes everything. Kat and Taylor were once best friends. It didn't end well. A horrifying discovery means they have to set their differences aside and investigate the deep secrets at Harcote and the conspiracy underpinning all of Vampiredom. As they investigate, will their old friendship be rekindled into something more? Sink your teeth into this sapphic enemies-to-lovers romance and the glamorous world of the vampire elite.



61. ZHARA GUARDIANS OF DAWN

S Jae-Jones | Paperback | Age 14+ | RRP \$19.99 | School Price \$17.00

Magic flickers. Love flames. Chaos reigns. Magic is forbidden throughout the Morning Realms. Magicians are called abomination, and blamed for the plague of monsters that razed the land twenty years before. Jin Zhara already had enough to worry about-appease her stepmother's cruel whims, looking after her blind younger sister, and keeping her own magical gifts under control-without having to deal with rumours of monsters re-emerging in the marsh. But when a chance encounter with an easily flustered young man named Han brings her into contact with a secret magical liberation organisation called the Guardians of Dawn, Zhara realises there may be more to these rumours than she thought. A mysterious plague is corrupting the magicians of Zanhei and transforming them into monsters, and the Guardians of Dawn believe a demon is responsible. In order to restore harmony and bring peace to the world, Zhara must discover the elemental warrior within, lest the balance between order and chaos is lost forever.

Categories: Fantasy