

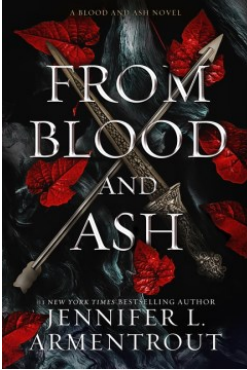


TEEN PICKS



Volunteer Recommendations

Taylor Bell's Recommendations



From Blood and Ash by Jennifer L. Armentrout

[YA ARMENTRO](#)

Fantasy/Romance

Poppy's life has never really been her own. In a world that rests on her shoulders, as she is Maiden, the chosen one who must be worthy to the gods, Poppy must be prim and proper in every way. However, complications arise when a new guard, Hawke, is assigned to protect her and ensure she is able to do her duties as the Maiden. She finds herself in an internal conflict between her duty to her world and her want to be free from this life that isn't really hers. Battling this conflict she uncovers shocking truths of a world she thought she knew, changing everything. Those who enjoyed this book would also enjoy authors Sarah J. Maas and Laura Thalassa along with other page-turners such as *A Winters Promise* by Christelle Dabos.

- Taylor Bell, 3/2024



The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

[YA BARNES](#)

Fiction Mystery Thriller

Avery Grambs's life revolved around getting a scholarship chance at a better life. However, when Tobias Hawthorne died, the need for that scholarship seemingly disappeared. Tobias Hawthorne left his estate of billions to Avery, seemingly disinheriting everyone else from his family. The one thing that puzzles everyone is why he left the money to Avery because, before being notified she was in Tobias's will, she had never even met the man. With everyone in the Hawthorne family and Avery being confused as to the connection between them, and why Tobias left all his 46.2 billion dollars to her, much is to be discovered. On top of inheriting the money, many of the Hawthornes are suspicious of Avery and believe her to be a con woman. In a whole new world, Avery must find ways to navigate her new life and also find her connection to Tobias, to understand why she was given the money. Fans of fantasy mysteries would love this book, because nearly every chapter ends in a cliffhanger, making it a hard book to put down. Fans of Kerri Maniscalco's books including *Stalking Jack the Ripper* and *Kingdom of the Wicked* would love this series because it's plot is driven by one main mystery.

- Taylor Bell, 3/2024



Serpent and Dove by Shelby Mahurin

[YA MAHURIN](#)

Fantasy Romance

This adventurous love story begins with the pairing of two completely opposite people. Lou is a strong-willed free-spirited independent witch, whereas Reid lives by the rules of religion and thinks a life devoted to killing witches is a life well-lived. Through these two being in the wrong place at the wrong time they are forced to wed, neither knowing the other at all. Lou must hide the biggest part of herself to stay alive in a place built to train people to kill others like her. Lou's plans for survival quickly complicate, as her life does, in this new place. On top of that, learning to live with each other is quite the experience for the newlyweds. Lou and Reid's opposing personalities and beliefs make for an amazing enemies-to-lovers thriller. Lou's past also leads to many page-turning points in the book. Every chapter leaves you wanting more of the story. Fans of *Dance of Thieves* by Mary E. Pearson and *Daughter of the Pirate King* by Tricia Levenseller would also enjoy this story.

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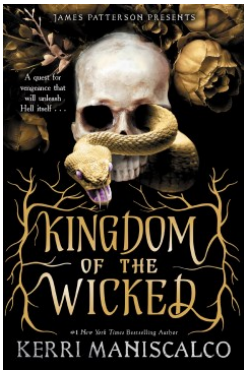


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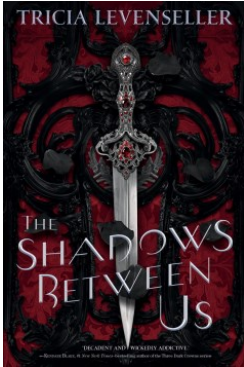
Kingdom of the Wicked by Kerri Maniscalco

[YA MANISCAL](#)

Fantasy Thriller

What would you do to avenge your twin sister's death? Emilia, a witch who lives side humans, would go as far as making a deal with one of the princes of Hell, despite being warned about how wicked they are her whole life. She'd even use dark magic if it meant she got to find out why her sister was brutally murdered. Working with Wrath, a prince of Hell who claims to be on her side, Emilia uncovers shocking truths about the world and her sister. This book's plot is driven by a mystery that leads Emilia to make interesting discoveries and decisions impacting more than just one world. In addition to dealing with the emotions of her sister's death, complications arise when feelings for the prince of Hell also overtake Emilia's mind, even though she is constantly questioning if she can even trust him at all. This book is similar to *Vow of Thieves* by Mary E. Pearson, and would also be enjoyed by readers of Sarah J. Maas.

- Taylor Bell, 3/2024



The Shadows Between Us by Tricia Levenseller

[e-book and e-audio only](#)

Fantasy Romance

Every other girl Alessandra's age dreams of being the Shadow Kings Queen. Alessandra's dream is to kill him and take the kingdom for herself. An important thing to note is he must stay alive long enough to marry her so she can become queen, then kill him. Alessandra's grand plan is tested time and time again by others trying to kill the king, and by her complicated feelings for the king. By being cunning and slightly villainous we're taken on the many adventures Alessandra finds herself in, to get what she ultimately wants, the crown. Alessandra's strong personality and driven goal lead to interesting plotlines that I as a reader, just couldn't get enough of. Those who enjoyed *The Selection* by Kiera Cass or *To Kill a Kingdom* by Alexandra Christo would thoroughly enjoy this book.

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