

Retellings

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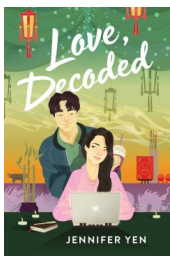
Blanca & Roja

by Anna-Marie McLemore
Sisters Blanca and Roja are cursed. It's prophesied that one will become a swan while the other remains human in this Latinx mash-up of *Snow White* and *Rose Red*, *Wild Swans*, and *Swan Lake*.



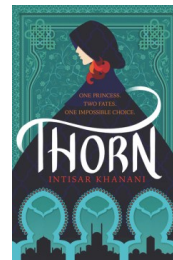
A Clash of Steel

by C. B. Lee
In this remix of the classic adventure *Treasure Island*, Xiang's only connection to her father is a gold pendant. When a tiny map scroll is discovered inside, she joins the mysterious Anh and her crew in pursuit of a fabled treasure.



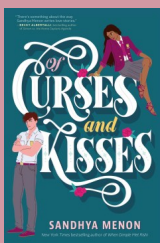
Love, Decoded

by Jennifer Yen
When the friend-matching app she co-created goes viral and leads to scandal, top student Gigi realizes her desire to be the best could cost her the people she cares about. This retelling of *Emma* is a slow-burn featuring women in STEM.



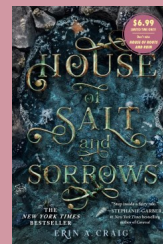
Thorn

by Intisar Khanani
This fantasy retelling of the fairy tale *The Goose Girl* follows a betrothed princess who is robbed of her identity by a mysterious sorceress. Then a threat against her betrothed prince compels her to make a dangerous choice.



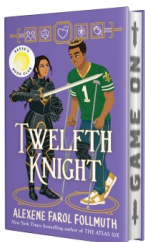
Of Curses and Kisses

by Sandhya Menon
This retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* is set at an elite boarding school. There, a princess attempts to protect her younger sister from a rival clan by breaking the heart of a cursed classmate.



House of Salt and Sorrows

by Erin A. Craig
On a remote island estate, Annaleigh is one of 12 sisters, who keep dying. She enlists the aid of a stranger to unravel the curse before it claims her in this dark twist on *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*.



Twelfth Knight

by Alexene Farol Follmuth
Vi's favorite escape is the MMORPG *Twelfth Knight*, but online spaces aren't kind to girls, so Vi creates an alter ego. When an injury leads Jack, her nemesis, to the game, game-play turns into more. But he doesn't know it's her in this retelling of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.



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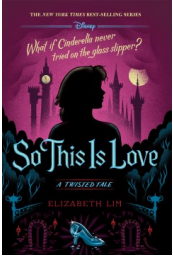
by Gabe Cole Nova
Exploring 1812 London dressed as a gentleman, trans boy Oliver meets and falls for Darcy. Soon he is forced to choose between a life of pretending or risking everything for a life of his own in this *Pride and Prejudice* retelling.



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So This is Love

by Elizabeth Lim

Unable to prove her identity as a missing princess and resolved to quit the home of the tyrannical Lady Tremaine, Cinderella takes a job as a palace seamstress. Soon she becomes a witness to a grand conspiracy to remove the king and her fairy godmother from power.

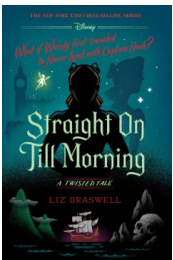


Six Crimson Cranes

by Elizabeth Lim

When Shiori'anma unleashes forbidden magic by accident, she is banished by her stepmother and cursed with being unable to speak or her brothers will die. To save them all, she must team up with a paper bird, a mercurial dragon, and the boy she fought against being forced to

marry in this mash up of fairytales *The Wild Swans and Cinderella*, the Chinese legend of *Chang E*, and the Japanese folktale *The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter*.

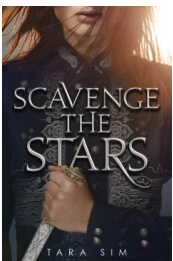


Straight On Till Morning

by Liz Braswell

Enduring a dull life when her brothers depart for school, Wendy is sent to Ireland to become a governess. Her only solace is writing tales of her imaginary adventures in Never Land. But then an unexpected visit from Captain Hook offers her a chance to escape on his

pirate ship in this retelling of *Peter Pan*.

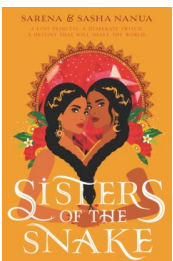


Scavenge the Stars

by Tara Sim

Rescuing a mysterious stranger from drowning, a vengeful captive on a debtor ship is offered a means to escape by the man she saved. But soon she finds herself in a perilous region of old-world opulence and desperate gamblers in this gender-bent retelling of *The Count of*

Monte Cristo.



Sisters of the Snake

by Sarena Nanua

Filled with deadly magic and dark prophecies, this action-packed fantasy follows Princess Rani and Ria, a street urchin and thief. When they switch places, they find that danger lurks in both worlds in this retelling of *The Prince and the Pauper*.



Among the Beasts & Briars

by Ashley Poston

As Aloriya Kingdom prospered, the woods grew cursed and forbidden. When Cerys was young, she barely escaped as the woods killed her family. Now she carries its curse. As a new queen is crowned, things from the woods descend on the kingdom, and Cerys is forced to save her home in this *Beauty and the Beast* retelling.



Escaping Mr. Rochester

by L. L. McKinney

In this empowering Black queer romance reimagining of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel, *Jane Eyre*, the new governess at Thornfield Hall discovers her cruel employer has locked away his wife as revenge for withholding her inheritance. As his dark plan unfolds, she must find a way to save this woman she's come to love.



The Wicked Ones

by Robin Benway

Attending the royal debut party, their one chance to impress the Prince and live up to their cruel and bitter mother's expectations, sisters Drizella and Anastasia get a taste of freedom. This pits them against their mother, whose greatest power lies in manipulation in this retelling of *Cinderella* from the stepsisters' perspective.



Legendborn

by Tracy Deonn

This contemporary fantasy reinvents *King Arthur* alongside Southern folk traditions. After her mother dies, Bree escapes her memories at UNC-Chapel Hill. She soon witnesses a demon attack and learns of a secret society of "Legendborn" students, unlocking her own unique magic and

discovering that there was more to her mother's death. She'll do whatever it takes to find out the truth, even if that means infiltrating the Legendborn.



Girl, Serpent, Thorn

by Melissa Bashardoust

Cursed to be poisonous to the touch, Princess Soraya endures a life in seclusion. But soon she must make fateful decisions about her twin's upcoming wedding, a young man who is not afraid of her, and a demon who holds the answers she seeks in this retelling of a Persian fairytale.

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