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Everyone's Thinking It

by Aleema Omotoni

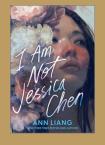
When photos from her camera are stolen and displayed around her elite boarding school in the English countryside, exposing students' secrets, aspiring photographer lyanu must find the real culprit amidst the chaos.



Boys with Sharp Teeth

by Jenni Howell

Seventeen-year-old Marin infiltrates Huntsworth Academy to exact revenge for her cousin's death, but an attraction to a pair of dysfunctional boys coupled with her uncovering of otherworldly secrets jeopardizes her mission.



I Am Not Jessica Chen

by Ann Liang

Jenna has spent her life in the shadow of her flawless cousin, Jessica. When she makes a wish to become Jessica, she doesn't expect it to come true. She gets to live the life she's always wanted, but cutthroat Havenwood Private Academy isn't perfect, nor is being Jessica.



Ace of Spades

by Faridah Abike-Iyimide Two Niveus Private Academy students, who are selected to be elite senior class prefects, must take on an anonymous bully who reveals their all their secrets.



A Darker Mischief

by Derek Milman

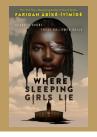
At the elite Essex Academy Cal, a poor, queer kid from Mississippi, is an outsider. Learning about a secret society, he thinks he may have found a way to reinvent himself. But as the initiation rituals grow riskier he must decide how far to go.



Unhallowed Halls

by Lili Wilkinson

Page is an outcast in need of a fresh start. She heads to a Scottish boarding school with a safe haven full of dusty books, steaming cups of tea, and rigorous intellectual debate. But she soon learns the school has dark roots and not everyone is who they say they are.



Where Sleeping Girls Lie

by Faridah Abike-Iyimide
Starting her junior year of high school at
the prestigious Alfred Nobel Academy,
Sade decides to investigate when her
roommate Elizabeth goes missing and is
plunged into a world of dark secrets.



A Study in Drowning

by Ava Reid

Entering a contest to redesign a late author's estate, aspiring architect Effy arrives at Hiraeth Manor and meets a young scholar who draws her into a battle against dark forces that threaten them.



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Their Vicious Games

by Joelle Wellington
Blacklisted from her top choice Ivy
League college, prestigious Edgewater
Academy scholarship student Adina
Walker participates in the Finish, a highstakes competition whose prize of wealth
and power can open any door, only to
find that she's playing for her life.



How We Fall Apart

by Katie Zhao

When she and her friends become the prime suspects in the disappearance of their classmate and frenemy, Nancy Luo is forced to play a deadly game with The Proctor who knows the truth—and her darkest secrets.



Nine Liars

by Maureen Johnson While studying abroad, Stevie discovers a double-murder cold case involving nine friends from Cambridge University and soon discovers the killer hasn't finished what was started back in 1995.



The Ivies

by Alexa Donne

A ruthless band of prep-school elites competing for admission into the Ivy League colleges of their dreams disrupt class ranks, club leaderships and academic competitions before one of them resorts to more deadly measures.



Immortal Dark

by Tigest Girma
Elite Uxlay University is a place where students study to ensure peaceful coexistence between humans and vampires. Orphaned heiress Kidan infiltrates the school and must live with the vampire she suspects killed her family and kidnapped her sister, risking

her very soul—and her heart—to save her.



The Ravens

by Kass Morgan

Loner Vivi is thrilled to join Westerly College's Kappas, who are secretly witches, until she meets perfect, polished Scarlett, who will stop at nothing to be the sorority's next president.



The Mary Shelley Club

by Goldy Moldavsky

Struggling to fit in as a scholarship student at an elite prep school, newcomer Rachel Chavez is caught up in a prank gone wrong before attracting the attention of a secret club of students who compete with each other for the best scary pranks.



A Lesson in Vengeance

by Victoria Lee

Felicity returns to the Dalloway School after her girlfriend's tragic death, only to meet Ellis--a new student and a teenage literary prodigy--who enlists Felicity's help in researching the school's bloody, occult history for her new book.



The Taking of Jake Livingston

by Ryan Douglass

Jake is one of the few Black kids at St. Clair Prep, one of the others being his popular older brother. To make matters worse and definitely more complicated, Jake can see the dead. When a murderous ghost begins to haunt him, high school becomes a survival game.



Flawless Girls

by Anna-Marie McLemore
Isla's older sister, Renata, returns from a
prominent finishing school, seemingly
pleasant, unnervingly polite and possibly
murderous. Isla becomes determined to
find out want happened to her by going
back to the school, but she is soon drawn
into the opulent, unsettling place that

won't give up its secrets—or her—without a fight.