

YA AFROFUTURISM & AFROFANTASY



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Black Was the Ink

by Michelle Coles

Despondent sixteen-year-old Malcolm finds new strength and courage as he is transported between his family's modern-day Mississippi farm and the life of his ancestor, a congressional aide in post-Civil War America.



War Girls

by Tochi Onyebuchi

A tale set in a Black Panther-inspired Nigeria follows the experiences of two sisters in a 22nd-century world devastated by war and climate change who fight against violence and political unrest to secure a safe and peaceful life.



The Gilded Ones

by Forna, Namina

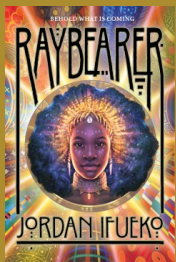
Inspired by the culture of West Africa, this is a feminist fantasy about an intuitive girl who is invited to leave her discriminatory village to join the emperor's army of near-immortal women warriors.



Shuri: the Search for Black Panther

by Nnedi Okorafor

When T'Challa disappears, it's up to his younger sister Shuri to find him, enlisting the help of Storm, Rocket Raccoon, and Groot.



Raybearer

by Jordan Ifueko

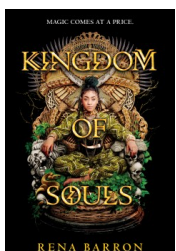
Raised in isolation by a mysterious mother known as The Lady, Tarisai is dispatched to become a member of the Crown Prince's council, whose members forge deep bonds, before her mother directs her to commit an assassination.



A Song of Wraiths and Ruin

by Roseanne A. Brown

A first entry in a planned duology inspired by West African folklore finds a grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee on a collision course to destroy each other despite their growing attraction.



Kingdom of Souls

by Rena Barron

Disappointing her family of powerful witch doctors with her lack of abilities, Arrah makes the choice to sacrifice years of her life for scraps of magic to uncover why children are going missing in the city.



Nubia: The Awakening

by Omar Epps

In a New York ravaged by climate change and class division where Nubians live as outcasts, Zuberi, Uzochi and Lencho must decide whether to use their newly-discovered and terrifying powers to lift their people up, or to leave them behind.



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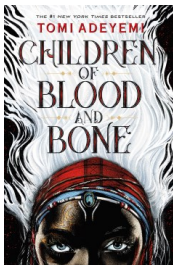
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Goddess Crown

by Shade Lapite

Forced to flee to the king's court in the West, Kalothia, who was raised in secret, becomes caught up in deadly power struggles and romantic intrigue in the opulent kingdom of Galla as she, led by the Goddess herself, must choose between her country and her heart.



Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

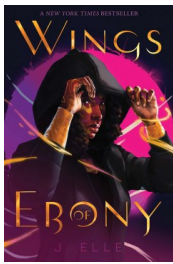
Coming of age in a land where her magi mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zélie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities.



The Good Luck Girls

by Charlotte Nicole Davis

Sold as children and branded with cursed markings, five girls trapped in a brutal existence risk a dangerous escape and a harrowing journey to find freedom, justice and revenge in a country of human and inhuman forces that would deny them basic freedoms in an alternate Wild West.

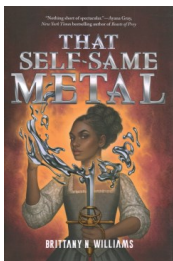


Wings of Ebony

by J. Elle

Rue is snatched from her Houston home to Ghizon, a secret land of gods, by her estranged father. Desperate to see her sister, Rue breaks the sacred Do Not Leave Law and returns to Houston, only to discover that Black kids are being targeted by an evil force. Rue must wield

her ancestors' power to save her neighborhood before it gets burned to the ground.

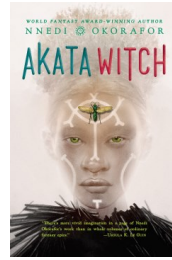


That Self-Same Metal

by Brittany N. Williams

In 1605 London, sixteen-year-old Joan's magical ability to control metal makes her a skilled craftswoman, but her family gift for observing the Fae, who recently broke the Pact and are now brutally attacking mortals, draws Joan into political intrigue in both human and Fae worlds. Available

digitally on Libby and Hoopla.



Akata Witch

by Nnedi Okorafor

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.



The Dark Place

by Britney S. Lewis

Seventeen-year-old Hylee is mysteriously sucked back in time to the worst night of her life and must solve the mystery behind her brother Bubba's disappearance while also figuring out time travel and a dark dimension.



Blood at the Root

by LaDarrion Williams

Malik's life changed forever the night his mother vanished and he discovered his uncontrollable powers. He has kept his abilities hidden, looking out for himself and his younger foster brother, Taye. However, a daring act to rescue Taye reveals a connection with his long-lost

grandmother: a legendary conjurer with ties to a hidden magical HBCU that his mother also attended.



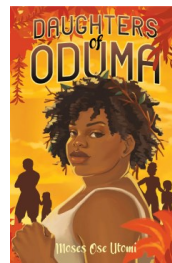
Witches Steeped in Gold

by Ciannon Smart

Iraya has spent her life in a cell, but every day brings her closer to freedom. Jazmyne is the Queen's daughter, but

unlike her sister, she has no intention of dying to strengthen her mother's power. Sworn enemies, these two witches enter a precarious alliance. But power is

intoxicating, revenge is a bloody pursuit, and nothing is certain--except the lengths they'll go to win.



Daughters of Oduma

by Moses Ose Utomi

Girls battle for their families in this West African inspired world. Preparing her elite all-female fighters for the South God Bow tournament, 16-year-old Dirt, who feels old, out of shape and afraid, must enter the ring one last time to protect her found family from defeat against a rival.