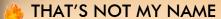
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hot picks

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By Megan Lally (YA F Lall) 304 pages 2023 Horror

A teenage girl wakes up injured in a ditch. She doesn't remember who she is, but there is man who claims her as his daughter. But things feel off. Elsewhere, a teen boy is persecuted by his community. His girlfriend is missing, and everyone assumes he killed her. He is still looking for her, seeking to prove his innocence. These two storylines collide with an unexpected twist. (Grades 9 & up)



THE INVOCATIONS

By Krystal Sutherland (YA F Suth)

390 pages 2024 Horror

Zara and Jude are both in search of dark magic for different reasons. Zara wants to bring her sister back from the dead and Jude hopes to end a curse on her soul. Their only hope is finding the witch Emer who sells spells to women in need. The only catch is the spells do not come free. A trade for part of their souls must be made. After finding Emer they think the solutions to their problems are solved but their troubles have just begun. Emer's past clients are being murdered and the only way to get what they need from Emer, and to not end up the next victims, is to team up and hunt a serial killer. (Grades 9 & up)



THE BRIGHTWOOD CODE

By Monica Hesse (YA F Hess)

321 pages 2024 Historical Fiction

Edda St. James went off to France to assist in the war effort as a telephone operator, recruited as a "Hello Girl" and required to memorize secret codes that changed nightly. She comes back to the U.S. when she blames herself for an error that resulted in the death of 34 soldiers. Edda tries to put the past behind her, working as a night operator and sleeping through her days, until she receives a call from someone who knows the code word she failed to transmit. Now "Brightwood" has come back to haunt her, and she must figure out who the caller is and how they know about her, while facing the past she's trying so hard to forget. (Grades 9 & up)



ALL THESE SUNKEN SOULS: A BLACK HORROR ANTHOLOGY

Anthology (YA F All)

259 pages 2024 Horror

This collection features ten horror short stories centering black characters that face various terrors and sinister situations. These thoughtful and chilling creations are great for fans of Jordan Peele and R.L. Stine. From a gripping take on the Bloody Mary classic to monsters lurking in the dark and a zombie apocalypse, each story brings a new thrill waiting for you to uncover. (Grades 6 & up)



ALL THE STARS AND TEETH

By Adalyn Grace (YA F Grac)

400 pages 2020 Fantasy

This marvelously paced, high fantasy, pirate adventure is a perfect quick read to remove anyone from a slump. The story's heroine, Amora, is faced with difficult choices and is flawed. She quickly embarks on a journey involving a pirate, love, and the fate of her kingdom. All the main characters were unique and well developed. This book would make a perfect read for those who are in search for a fun and energetic story that will leave you ready for the sequel. Review written by TAB member Aubrey G. (Grades 8 & up)