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hot picks for teens january 2021

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titles for teens!

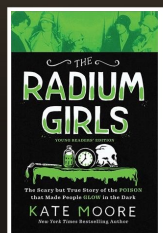


🔥 THE ENIGMA GAME

By Elizabeth Wein (YA F Wein)

437 pages 2020 Historical Fiction

It's 1940, and fifteen-year-old Louisa's parents have just become casualties of WW II. On her own, she struggles with feelings of helplessness, as she wants to find some way to fight back. But opportunities for women, especially mixed-race women, are few. So she takes a job as a companion to an elderly German woman in Scotland, where she crosses paths with Ellen, a volunteer at the local Royal Air Force base, and Jamie, a flight leader. When a German fighter pilot unexpectedly ends up at the base and secretly leaves behind an Enigma coding machine discovered by Louisa, she works with her new friends to decode German wireless transmissions and gives the fighter pilots an edge. But their luck can only hold out for so long until the Germans discover someone's cracking their code. (Grades 6 & up)

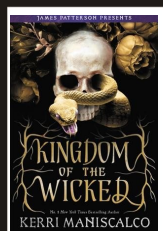


🔥 THE RADIUM GIRLS: THE SCARY BUT TRUE STORY OF THE POISON THAT MADE PEOPLE GLOW IN THE DARK

By Kate Moore (YA 363.179908 Moor)

408 pages 2020 Nonfiction

This remarkable true story of strength and courage has been adapted for young readers and based on Kate Moore's popular adult book *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*. In the early 20th century, young women working at the Radium Dial Company were unknowingly poisoned while painting watch dials with glow-in-the-dark radium paint. After they began suffering from mysterious illnesses that caused their bones to disintegrate, their teeth to fall out, and their skin to take on a radioactive glow, these brave young women decided to take on the corporations who were profiting from their pain and suffering. (Grades 7 & up)



🔥 KINGDOM OF THE WICKED

By Kerri Maniscalco (YA F Mani)

372 pages 2020 Fantasy

Emilia and her twin sister Vittoria are witches, living in secret among humans who would hunt them down if they knew what they were. When Vittoria goes missing and is later found murdered, Emilia vows revenge on the group of witch hunters she's sure is behind her death and those of other local witches. To aid in her revenge, she uses dark magic to summon a demon, but unintentionally summons Wrath, one of the seven princes of Hell. Wrath claims to want to help her, as he's also been tasked with discovering who's behind the murders. As Emilia begins to unravel the mystery of why Vittoria was killed, she's visited by other princes of Hell, each one wanting something from her. This causes her to distrust Wrath's motives, even as her growing feelings for him may be clouding her judgment, especially when she discovers that she may be the key to banishing the demons to Hell forever. (Grades 9 & up)



🔥 ALL OUR WORST IDEAS

By Vicky Skinner (YA F Skin)

313 pages 2020 Realistic Fiction

High school senior Amy is focused – she wants to be valedictorian and get accepted to Stanford. However, her organized life begins to crumble when her boyfriend dumps her and her step-dad loses his job. Deciding she needs a distraction, in addition to money to help her family, Amy gets a job at her favorite record store, Spirits. Eighteen-year-old Oliver has worked at Spirits for years and has no plans to go to college; his only goal in life is to open his own record store. Amy thinks Oliver is a music snob and Oliver thinks Amy is basic. What starts as a competition to see who can win over the other with their music tastes develops into friendship and a spark of something more. It may be true opposites attract, but with such vastly different life plans, can opposites actually make a relationship work? (Grades 8 & up)



🔥 Illusive

By Emily Lloyd-Jones (YA F Lloy)

406 pages 2014 Science Fiction

Illusive is about a girl named Ciere Giba who can change her appearance after getting a vaccine designed to stop the spread of a virus. She has teamed up with other super powered criminals in an attempt to hunt down the formula that gave them their powers before the government does. Reviewed by TAB member Nicole H. (Grades 7 & up)



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