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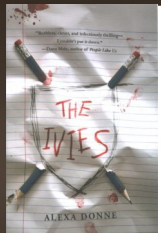
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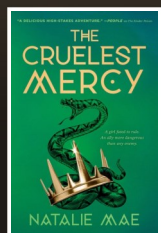


THE IVIES

By Alexa Donne (YA F Donn)

312 pages 2021 Mystery Fiction

How far would you go to snag a spot at one of the top universities in the country? Avery, Emma, Margot, Sierra, and Olivia, collectively known as The Ivies, have strategized and sabotaged fellow students at Claflin Academy to virtually guarantee acceptance into an Ivy League school. However, in order to avoid competing with each other, they must each apply to a different school. When Emma is accepted into Harvard (Avery's school) and Avery is rejected, feelings are hurt and loyalties are questioned. And when Emma is found murdered the next day, Olivia wonders if Avery took the Harvard rejection a little too seriously. Delve into the world of high-stakes college admissions competition as Olivia tries to determine how far her friends have really gone to get into their dream schools. (Grades 9 & up)



THE CRUELEST MERCY

By Natalie Mae (YA F Mae)

376 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

In this sequel to *The Kinder Poison*, Zahru is adjusting to life after the Crossing alongside Crown Prince Jet. The kingdom of Orkena is on the brink of war and things become even worse when prince Kasta returns, claiming he is the rightful heir to the throne. He may bear the circle of Numet but he is not the only one. Zahru has also been marked by the gods with the very same circle, giving them both equal claim to the throne. Zahru may not want to rule but she also can't let Orkena be ruled by the ruthless prince Kasta. Stopping at nothing to save the kingdom, Zahru makes choices she never dreamed of making to prevent Kasta from taking the crown. (Grades 7 & up)

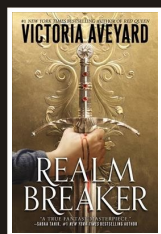


THE GIRL FROM THE SEA

By Molly Ostertag (YA F GIRL FROM THE SEA)

245 pages 2021 Graphic Novel

Morgan can't wait to finish high school and go to college, where she can escape her current life and finally be herself. After her parents' divorce, things just haven't been the same and she's hiding something from everyone around her. Morgan spends her evenings walking around the cliffs of Wilneff Island, enjoying the beautiful views and sounds. But her life takes a drastic turn one evening when she slips and falls over the cliffs into the crashing water below. Fortunately, she is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie, who has a secret of her own. And when the two girls start to fall in love, all their secrets begin to unravel. (Grades 7 & up)



REALM BREAKER

By Victoria Aveyard (YA F Avey)

568 pages 2021 Fantasy Fiction

All Corayne has ever wanted is to adventure with her pirate mother on the open sea, to see new lands and meet new people. But her mother continues to refuse to let her sail with the crew, claiming the dangers of the pirate life. So when Corayne is approached by Dom, an immortal elder, and told she is the only one who can save the world from certain destruction because of her Spindleroot blood, she decides to leave her home and journey with him to face an army of shadows, a sword capable of breaking realms, and a king bent on destruction. (Grades 9 & up)



DEADLY LITTLE SCANDALS

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes (YA F Barn)

345 pages 2019 Mystery Fiction

I feared that this book would be unable to live up to its prequel, *Little White Lies*. However, my fears were assuaged as this sequel absolutely lives up to its predecessor. This book follows Sawyer Tate, as she returns to her home in Maine for the summer, determined to never step foot into high society and its convoluted chambers again. However, never say never. Just as she's adjusting back to life at home, her cousin Lily shows up and ropes her back into high society once again. This time, however, it is under the guise of adventuring into the White Gloves, a top secret club that is incredibly cutthroat with demanding tasks. One of the challenges takes a chilling turn as a mutilated dead body is discovered on the shoreline. The body brings questions that Sawyer and her friends do their best to uncover... but a twisted secret lies at the root of it all, threatening to expose the entire operation. Reviewed by TAB member Grace M. (Grades 9 & up)