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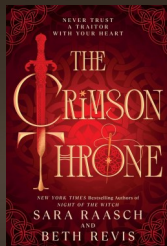
# hot picks for teens

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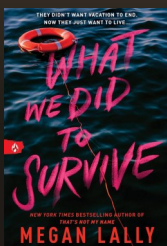


## THE CRIMSON THRONE

By **Sara Raasch (YA F Raas)**

**348 pages 2025 Fantasy**

To break a lifelong curse, London street-survivor Samson becomes a royal spy tasked with infiltrating the Scottish court to foil an assassination plot against Queen Elizabeth. There he encounters Alyth, a powerful half-fae guardian protecting Mary Queen of Scots from both magical and human treachery spearheaded by Lord Darnley, the Queen's own husband. As the two navigate a web of secret codes and ancient magic, their mutual suspicion of Darnley turns into an undeniable attraction. Together, they must unravel a centuries-old conspiracy where the stakes are higher than the crowns of two nations. (Grades 9 & up)

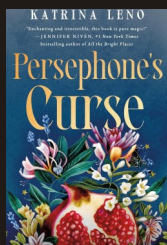


## WHAT WE DID TO SURVIVE

By **Megan Lally (YA F Lall)**

**288 pages 2026 Mystery**

High school seniors Hannah and Emmy are enjoying a spring break getaway in Mexico with Emmy's family. While Hannah secretly hides a crush on Emmy's brother, Jackson, they meet Ben, a charismatic stranger who quickly wins Emmy over. Despite a looming storm that has grounded all other vessels, Ben persuades the trio to join him on a private boat, insisting the weather won't be an issue. However, once they are out at sea, the trip turns into a nightmare, forcing them into a desperate fight for survival. (Grades 8 & up)



## PERSEPHONE'S CURSE

By **Katrina Leno (YA F Leno)**

**324 pages 2025 Fantasy**

What if falling in love with a ghost wasn't the most complicated part? The Farthing sisters are no ordinary family — blessed with the gifts of Persephone herself, they've built a charmed life in their Upper West Side brownstone, alongside one beloved resident who just happens to be dead. Henry has always been theirs to love. But when Evelyn loves him too much, Winnie makes a decision that changes everything. Now Evelyn and Henry are lost in the Underworld. And the sisters who set out to bring them home have accidentally torn a hole between two worlds. Some gifts, it turns out, aren't enough. But four sisters together? That might be another story. (Grades 7 & up)

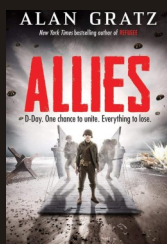


## POSTSCRIPT

By **Cory McCarthy (YA F Mcca)**

**220 pages 2026 Dystopian**

When the grids went down, twelve-year-old West lost everything he knew. After years of surviving at sea, he's traded to a stranger named Emil, who takes him to a makeshift community of misfits — a conservative Christian, a grieving queer woman, and others just trying to hold on. Poetic, dark, and surprisingly hopeful, this post-apocalyptic story is about found family, loss, and what it means to stay human. (Grades 9 & up)



## ALLIES

By **Alan Gratz (YA F Grat)**

**322 pages 2019 Historical Fiction**

*Allies* is a fast-paced and emotional story that highlights the key moments of D-Day through the perspectives of multiple people in the chaos of war. It shows bravery, sacrifice, and the power of working together in times of need. The different viewpoints help you understand the challenges and fears each character faces. The author captures the action of war and keeps the reader engaged throughout the story. Reviewed by TAB member Sumer L. (Grades 6 & up)