

FANTASY FICTION

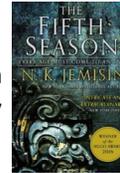


***The Waking Land* by Callie Bates**

A young girl is kidnapped by the king to punish her father's rebellion against him. Years later, she returns home a fugitive, while grappling with a repressed magic that could, if mastered, make her the most powerful person in two kingdoms.

***The Fifth Season* by N K Jemisin**

Three terrible things happen in a single day. Essun comes home to find that her husband has brutally murdered their son and kidnapped their daughter. Mighty Sanze, the empire whose innovations have been civilization's bedrock for a thousand years, collapses as its greatest city is destroyed by a madman's vengeance. And worst of all, across the heartland of the world's sole continent, a great red rift has been torn which spews ash enough to darken the sky for years. Or centuries. But this is the Stillness, a land long familiar with struggle, and where orogenes -- those who wield the power of the earth as a weapon -- are feared far more than the long cold night. Essun has remembered herself, and she will have her daughter back. She does not care if the world falls apart around her. Essun will break it herself, if she must, to save her daughter.

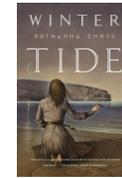


***The First Confessor: The Legend of Magda Searus* by Terry Goodkind**

A prequel to the Sword of Truth series follows the experiences of Magda Searus, who is shunned by her community members when she makes unsettling discoveries about her powerful husband's suicide and ventures out into a war-stricken world.

***After Alice* by Gregory Maguire**

When Alice toppled down the rabbit-hole 150 years ago, she found a Wonderland as rife with inconsistent rules and abrasive egos as the world she left behind. But what of that world? How did 1860s Oxford react to Alice's disappearance? Ada, a friend of Alice's mentioned briefly in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, is off to visit her friend, but arrives a moment too late--and tumbles down the rabbit-hole herself. Ada brings to Wonderland her own imperfect apprehension of cause and effect as she embarks on an odyssey to find Alice and see her safely home from this surreal world below the world.



***Winter Tide* by Ruthanna Emrys**

Two decades ago the U.S. Government rounded up the people of Innsmouth and took them to a desert prison, far from their ocean, their Deep One ancestors, and their sleeping god, Cthulhu. Only Aphra and Caleb Marsh survived the camps, emerging without a past or a future. Now it's 1949, and the government that stole Aphra's life needs her help.

***Moon Hunt* by W Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear**

What happens when your god goes missing? The lord god of Cahokia has been spirited away to the Underworld and the empire teeters on the brink of disaster as clans fight for control. Night Shadow Star, the god's human sister, and Fire Cat, her warrior bodyguard, are the only two people who can bring him back. They descend into the Sacred Cave where monsters dwell, willing to sacrifice themselves to save their kingdom. What they find makes them question if that sacrifice is worth it.



***Reincarnation Blues* by Michael Poore**

Reincarnation Blues is more than a great love story: Every journey from cradle to grave offers Milo more pieces of the great cosmic puzzle — if only he can piece them together in time to finally understand what it means to be part of something bigger than infinity. As darkly enchanting as the works of Neil Gaiman and as wisely hilarious as Kurt Vonnegut's, Michael Poore's Reincarnation Blues is the story of everything that makes life profound, beautiful, absurd, and heartbreaking.

***The Rules of Magic* by Alice Hoffman**

For the Owens family, love is a curse that began in 1620, when Maria Owens was charged with witchery for loving the wrong man. Hundreds of years later, in New York City at the cusp of the sixties, when the whole world is about to change, Susanna Owens knows that her three children are dangerously unique...From the start Susanna sets down rules for her children: No walking in the moonlight, no red shoes, no wearing black, no cats, no crows, no candles, no books about magic. And most importantly, never, ever, fall in love.



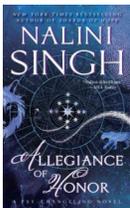


All the Ever Afters: The Untold Story of Cinderella's Stepmother by Danielle Teller

We all know the story of Cinderella... or do we? Her stepmother, Agnes, has privately recorded the true story. A peasant born into serfdom, forced into servitude as a laundress's apprentice when she is only ten years old, Agnes was seduced by an older man while a teenager and became pregnant. She had no choice but to return to servitude at the manor she thought she had left behind, where her new position is nursemaid to Ella. The story of their relationship reveals that nothing is what it seems, that beauty is not always desirable, and that love can take on many guises.

Beneath the Sugar Sky by Seanan McGuire

Beneath the Sugar Sky returns to Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. At this magical boarding school, children who have experienced fantasy adventures are reintroduced to the "real" world. Sumi died years before her prophesied daughter Rini could be born. Rini was born anyway, and now she's trying to bring her mother back from a world without magic.



Allegiance of Honor by Nalini Singh

The Trinity Accord promises a new era of co-operation between disparate races and groups. But a century of distrust and suspicion can't be so easily forgotten, and it threatens to shatter Trinity from within at any moment. As rival members vie for dominance, chaos and evil gather in the shadows and a kidnapped woman's cry for help washes up in San Francisco, while the Consortium turns its murderous gaze toward a child who is the embodiment of hope: a child who is both Psy...and changeling. To find the lost and protect the vulnerable--and to save Trinity--no one can stand alone. This is a time of loyalty across divisions, of bonds woven into the heart and the soul, of heroes known and unknown standing back to back and holding the line. But is an allegiance of honor even possible with traitors lurking in their midst?

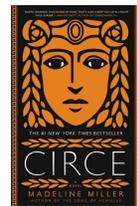


Markswoman by Rati Mehrotra

A fantastic blend of science fiction and fantasy, Markswoman is the first in a duology about a female order of magical-knife wielding assassins who bring both peace and chaos to Asiana, a post-apocalyptic version of Asia. Perfect for readers of Sarah Beth Durst, Marie Lu, and Sabaa Tahir.

The Sky is Yours by Chandler Klang Smith

Navigating their burned-out, futuristic city home under constant threat from a pair of dragons circling the skies, three young people are forced to flee and confront challenges ranging from fire and conspiracies to taboo drugs and dragon-worshippers.

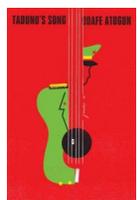
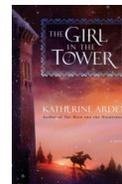


Circe by Madeline Miller

Follows Circe, the banished witch daughter of Helios, as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.

The Girl in the Tower by Katherine Arden

Vasilisa's gift for seeing what others do not won her the attention of Morozko-- Frost, the winter demon. But Frost's aid comes at a cost, and her people have condemned her as a witch. Driven from her home, she faces an impossible choice: marriage or life in a convent. Instead she dresses herself as a boy and sets off astride her stallion Solovey. Prevailing in a skirmish with bandits, the Grand Prince of Moscow anoints her a hero for her exploits. She dares not reveal to the court that she is a girl, but soon she discovers a grave threat lying in wait for all of Moscow itself.



Tadundo's Song by Odafe Atogun

A stunning debut from a fresh Nigerian literary voice: a mesmerizing, deceptively simple, Kafkaesque narrative, resonant of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice and lightly informed by the life of Nigerian musical superstar Fela Kuti--a powerful story of love, sacrifice, and courage.

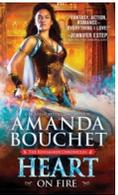


The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Waging a fierce competition for which they have trained since childhood, circus magicians Celia and Marco unexpectedly fall in love with each other and share a fantastical romance that manifests in fateful ways.

Heart on Fire by Amanda Bouchet

Catalia Fisa has been running from her destiny since she could crawl. Without Griffin--and apparently a few meddling gods--to push Cat along, she'd still be telling fortunes at the circus, lying about her past, ignoring her future, and living as far away from her tyrant mother as humanly possible. Cat has the power of the gods at her fingertips, and the only thing holding her back is herself.



Eight Simple Rules for Dating a Dragon by Kerrelyn Sparks

Gwenore is an Elf able to track down the cause of a certain illness and heal it--a valuable asset to her people. But when she is thrust into the realm of the dragons, she discovers a haunted place of power, passion, and magic--one that is plagued by an ancient curse. When she meets the smoldering General Silas Dravenko, Gwen knows she's entered a whole new world of trouble. She's been raised never to trust a dragon. So why does making a deal with the devil feel so good?

The Lost Plot by Genevieve Cogman

1920s-esque New York. Prohibition is in force; fedoras, flapper dresses, and tommy guns are in fashion; intrigue is afoot among dragons, Fae, and mobsters. A young Librarian has become tangled in this conflict, there could be serious repercussions for his mysterious Library. As the balance of power across mighty factions hangs in the balance, intrepid Librarians Irene and Kai find themselves caught in the middle of a dragon political contest. They're locked in a race against time (and dragons) to procure a rare book... and if it doesn't end well, it could have dire consequences on their jobs... and on their lives.

