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KPL Teen Spotlight February 2017

Unnatural Deeds

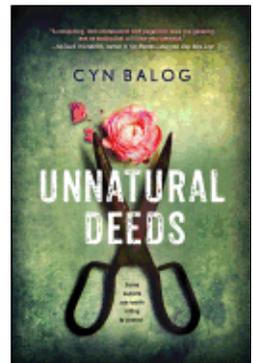
by Cyn Balog

Published 2016 by Sourcebooks Fire

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781492635796

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Jacket Notes:



A novel of infatuation and obsession, *Unnatural Deeds* has an electrifying ending that readers won't see coming.

Victoria Zell doesn't fit in, not that she cares what anyone thinks. She and her homeschooled boyfriend, Andrew, are inseparable. All they need is each other. That is, until Zachary Zimmerman joins her homeroom. Within an hour of meeting, he convinces good-girl Vic to cut class. And she can't get enough of that rush.

Despite Vic's loyalty to Andrew, she finds her life slowly entwining with Z's. Soon she's lying to everyone she knows in an effort to unravel Z's secrets. Except Z's not the only one with a past. Victoria's hiding her own secrets, secrets that will come back to haunt her...and destroy everything in her path.

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Trouble Makes a Comeback

by Stephanie Tromly

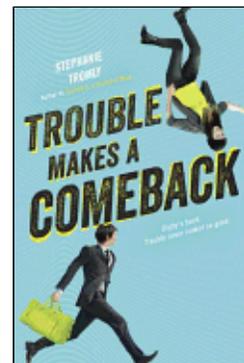
Published 2016 by Kathy Dawson Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780525428411

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Jacket Notes:

An utterly satisfying sequel packed with razor-sharp dialogue, a love triangle you didn't see coming, and the most charismatic dynamic duo you ever met.



Now that the infuriating and irresistible Philip Digby has left town for a lead on his sister who disappeared years ago, Zoe Webster is looking forward to a quiet spring semester. She's dating a cute quarterback, hanging out with new friends, and enjoying being "a normal." Which is of course when Digby comes back. He needs Zoe's help, and not just to find his sister.

Zoe can either choose to stay on her current path toward popularity, perfect SAT scores, and Princeton, or she can take a major detour with Digby, and maybe find out what that kiss he stole from her really meant. Digby and his over-the-top schemes always lead somewhere unexpected and Zoe's beginning to learn she might just like jumping into the unknown. When it comes to Digby, for Zoe at least, the choice might already be made.

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Scythe
(First book in the Future Perfect series)

by Neal Shusterman

Published 2016 by Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781442472426

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Jacket Notes:

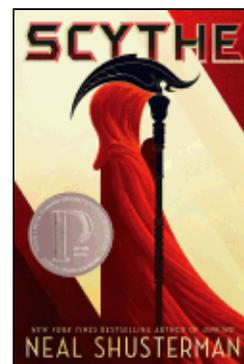
Two teens are forced to murder maybe each other in the first in a chilling new series from Neal Shusterman, author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Unwind* dystology.

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe a role that neither wants. These teens must master the art of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Scythe is the first novel of a thrilling new series by National Book Award winning author Neal Shusterman in which Citra and Rowan learn that a perfect world comes only with a heavy price."

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Publishers Weekly 10/03/2016

In the future Earth of this grim novel from National Book Awarda winner Shusterman (*Challenger Deep*, the digital cloud has transformed into the self-

aware Thunderhead, whose benevolent totalitarian rule has turned the planet into a utopia. Thereas no poverty or crime, and everyone is guaranteed immortality. Well, almost everyone. Because babies are still being born, population growth must be limited. Thus evolved the Scythes, an organization whose members are charged with a gleaning citizens at random. Sixteen-year-old Citra and Rowan are chosen by a Scythe named Faraday to train as apprentices. Neither likes the idea, but they are given no choice. Later, Citra becomes an apprentice to Curie, a legendary Scythe, but Rowan is apprenticed to Goddard, who kills for sadistic pleasure. Calling to mind *Le Guin's The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas*, a Shusterman story forces readers to confront difficult ethical questions. Is the gleaning of a few acceptable if it maximizes the happiness of all? Is it possible to live a moral life within such a system? This powerful tale is guaranteed to make readers think deeply. Ages 12a up. *Agent: Andrea Brown, Andrea Brown Literary. (Nov.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Black Panther, Book 1: A Nation Under Our Feet

by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Published 2016 by Marvel Comics

Paperback, English. ISBN: 9781302900533

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Jacket Notes:

A new era begins for the Black Panther! MacArthur Genius and National Book Award-winning writer T-Nehisi Coates (*BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME*) takes the helm, confronting T'Challa with a dramatic upheaval in Wakanda that will make leading the African nation tougher than ever before. When a superhuman terrorist group that calls itself The People sparks a violent uprising, the land famed for its incredible technology and proud warrior traditions will be thrown into turmoil. If Wakanda is to survive, it must adapt--but can its monarch, one in a long line of Black Panthers, survive the necessary change? Heavy lies the head that wears the crown!

COLLECTING: Black Panther 1-4, Fantastic Four (1961) 52

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Atlantis Lost

(Third book in the Atlantis Saga series)

by T A Barron

Published 2016 by Philomel Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780399168055

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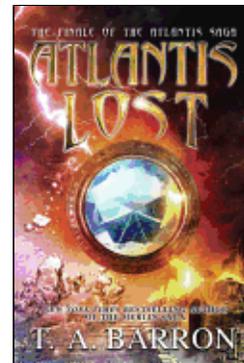
Jacket Notes:

Everyone has heard that the once-great island of Atlantis was destroyed . . . but who can tell you how it was created? The thrilling conclusion to the Atlantis trilogy by New York Times bestselling author T.A. Barron!

The veil between the Spirit Realm and the mortal world has fallen, and the evil lord Narkazan is primed to claim the magical Starstone for himself once and for all. But when tragedy befalls Promi's newly reunited family, he knows that he can't let Narkazan ruin everything his parents held dear. With his friends beside him, Promi battles Narkazan in the Spirit Realm, to ensure that the Starstone remains safe from Narkazan's mortal followers. But how far will Promi have to go to keep the world and the people he loves safe?

This action-packed conclusion to the Atlantis trilogy will have readers railing against fate as they say goodbye to their beloved magical island.

Praise for *Atlantis Lost*



"Good and evil contrast starkly in this lush fantasy world populated with unicorns, wind lions, wyverns, dragons, mistwraiths, and human folk." *VOYA*

Praise for *Atlantis in Peril*

"Barron's trademark fast-paced action with a twist of humor will pull readers along." *School Library Journal*

Praise for *Atlantis Rising*

"An inventive and entertaining story." *Publishers Weekly*

"Fans of Barron's many books about Merlin will find much to enjoy here, as will those who loved of Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson books." *School Library Journal*

"A fun, thrill ride of an adventure, this should be a big hit with fans of Barron, Paolini, and Riordan." *VOYA*"

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Jess, Chunk, and the Road Trip to Infinity

by Kristin Elizabeth Clark

Published 2016 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780374380069

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Jacket Notes:

The last time Jess saw her father, she was a boy. Now she's a high school graduate, soon to be on her way to art school. But first she has some unfinished business with her dad. So she's driving halfway across the country to his wedding. He happens to be marrying her mom's ex-best friend. It's not like Jess wasn't invited; she was. She just never told anyone she was coming. Surprise!

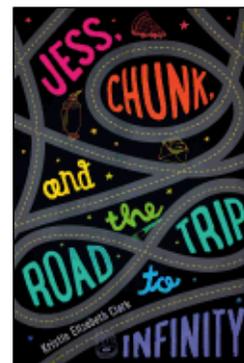
Luckily, Jess isn't making this trip alone. Her best friend, Christophe nicknamed Chunk is joining her.

Along the way, Jess and Chunk learn a few things about themselves and each other which call their feelings about their relationship into question.

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Publishers Weekly 09/19/2016



Jess, a transgender teen who recently graduated from high school, embarks on a cross-country road trip to crash her father's wedding, joined by her best friend, Chunk. Tensions soon escalate: the two incompatible nerds begin fighting the first night, Jess worries that her father will betray her, and her father refuses to stop thinking of her as a boy going through a phase. The plot centers on Jess's journey to self-acceptance, using her art portfolio to manifest crucial past memories alongside her present-day narration. Is Jess as self-centered as Chunk accuses her of being? Perhaps, but Clark (*Freakboy*) purposefully thrusts her into the spotlight as she explores publicly transitioning, a terrifying, uncomfortable, and euphoric part of Jess's quest to discover her identity. Is it so wrong to want to appear to the world the way I see myself? she asks. Despite an arguably happy ending, Clark resists pat answers as Jess reconciles her relationships with those who knew her as Jeremy, discovers surprising feelings of jealousy, and faces the very real danger of being different in a society that embraces norms. Ages 12 and up. *Agent: Tracey Adams, Adams Literary. (Nov.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly. Used with permission.

Four-Four-Two

by Dean Hughes

Published 2016 by Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781481462525

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Jacket Notes:

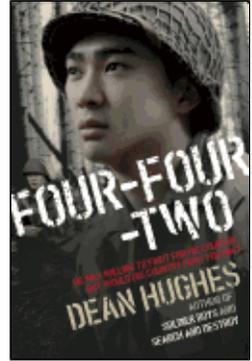
From the author of *Soldier Boys* and *Search and Destroy* comes a thought-provoking, action-packed page-turner based on the little-known history of the Japanese Americans who fought with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II.

Yuki Nakahara is an American.

But it's the start of World War II, and America doesn't see it that way. Like many other Japanese Americans, Yuki and his family have been forced into an internment camp in the Utah desert. But Yuki isn't willing to sit back and accept this injustice it's his country too, and he's going to prove it by enlisting in the army to fight for the Allies.

When Yuki and his friend Shig ship out, they aren't prepared for the experiences they'll encounter as members of the Four-Four-Two, a segregated regiment made up entirely of Japanese-American soldiers. Before Yuki returns home if he returns home he'll come face to face with persistent prejudices, grueling combat he never imagined, and friendships deeper than he knew possible."

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Dead Girls Society

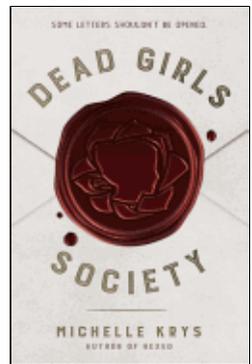
by Michelle Kryz

Published 2016 by Delacorte Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553508024

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Jacket Notes:



Agirl accepts a mysterious invitation to play a deadly game in this suspense-filled thriller from the author of *HEXED*—perfect for fans of *NERVE* by Jeanne Ryan and Lauren Oliver's *PANIC*.

You are cordially invited to participate in a game of thrills and dares. Tell no one, and come alone. If you dare.

Hope is sick of everyone treating her like she's breakable. Sure, she has cystic fibrosis (basically really bad lungs), but she's tired of being babied by her mom and her overprotective best friend, Ethan, not to mention worrying about paying for her expensive medication and how she's going to afford college. And she's bored with life in her run-down New Orleans suburb.

When an invitation arrives from a mysterious group that calls itself the Society, Hope jumps at the chance for some excitement. This could be her ticket out. All she has to do is complete a few dares and she just might win some real money.

But the Society isn't all that it seems . . . and soon Hope finds that playing the game isn't a choice it's a requirement.

Dark, twisty, and thrilling. Danielle Paige, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dorothy Must Die*

A delicious and fast-paced read! This one kept me up way past my bedtime! Julie Murphy, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dumplin*

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Publishers Weekly 09/19/2016

In this absorbing standalone novel from Kryss (Hexed, teenager Hope Callahan receives a mysterious invitation to play a secret game of thrills and dares. Hope, isolated due to complications from her cystic fibrosis, is desperate for company and excitement, so although she knows that it's a bad idea to sneak off to an abandoned New Orleans warehouse in the middle of the night, she does so anyway. Upon arrival, she finds four other invited girls and instructions to complete a series of dares for a chance to win \$100,000. As the dares grow more dangerous, and Hope realizes that quitting isn't an option, she begins to fear that she's not competing for money but fighting for her life. This swiftly paced blend of mystery and psychological suspense uses vividly sketched characters with complex backstories to argue against stereotyping and in favor of tolerance and empathy. Creepy set pieces add tension and texture, and the burgeoning relationship between Hope and her best friend Ethan provides a dose of romance. Ages 12+ up. Agent: Adriann Ranta, Foundry Literary + Media. (Nov.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

Blood of Wonderland (Second book in the Queen of Hearts series)

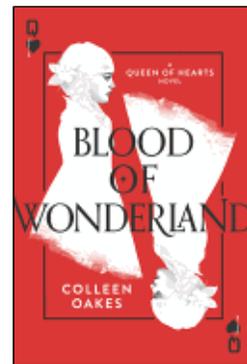
by Colleen Oakes

Published 2017 by Harper Teen

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780062409768

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Jacket Notes:



Revolution is rising in Wonderland. Dinah's battle has begun.

Colleen Oakes's twisted reimagining of the Queen of Hearts origin story continues in this thrilling sequel, *Blood of Wonderland*.

Dinah has been exiled from Wonderland. The vicious father she always feared has framed her for the brutal murder of her

brother and turned the kingdom against her.

Now hiding in the lush and mysterious Twisted Wood with only her war steed at her side, Dinah is faced with a choice--to leave Wonderland forever, or stay and fight her father for the throne.

When a chance encounter with one of her father's long-lost enemies brings Dinah more allies than she ever could have imagined, war starts to feel inevitable. But before Dinah can lead her people into combat, she must confront certain truths about her heart and her destiny--no matter how dark those truths may be.

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