



## Forthcoming Titles

### October 2024

#### Adult

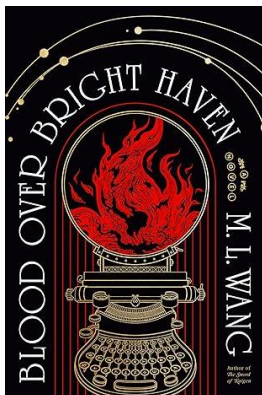
##### ***Blood Over Bright Haven***

by M. L. Wang

release date: 10/29/2024

genre: Fantasy, gaslamp, steampunk, science fiction

shelved in: Science Fiction



For twenty years, Sciona has devoted every waking moment to the study of magic, fueled by a mad desire to achieve the impossible: to be the first woman ever admitted to the High Magistry at the University of Magics and Industry.

When Sciona finally passes the qualifying exam and becomes a highmage, she finds her challenges have just begun. Her new colleagues are determined to make her feel unwelcome--and, instead of a qualified lab assistant, they give her a janitor.

What neither Sciona nor her peers realize is that her taciturn assistant was not always a janitor. Ten years ago, he was a nomadic hunter who lost his family on their perilous journey from the wild plains to the city. But now he sees the opportunity to understand the forces that decimated his tribe, drove him from his homeland, and keep the privileged in power.

At first, mage and outsider have a fractious relationship. But working together, they uncover an ancient secret that could change the course of magic forever--if it doesn't get them killed first.

*Amber's why: I mean, it had me at steampunk. Also, it seems to have something to say about women in male-dominated fields and the integration of refugees into their host societies. I am intrigued.*

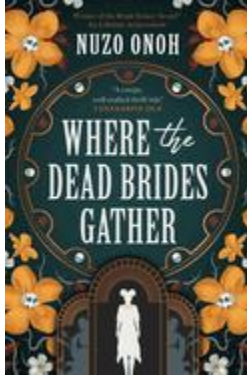
## ***Where the Dead Brides Gather***

**by Nuzo Onoh**

release date: 10/22/2024

genre: Horror, occult & supernatural, world literature – Africa - Nigeria

shelved in: Fiction



Bata, an 11-year-old girl tormented by nightmares, wakes up one night to find herself standing sentinel before her cousin's door. Her cousin is to get married the next morning, but only if she can escape the murderous attack of a ghost-bride, who used to be engaged to her groom.

A supernatural possession helps Bata battle and vanquish the vengeful ghost bride, and following a botched exorcism, she is transported to Ibaja-La, the realm of dead brides. There, she receives secret powers to fight malevolent ghost-brides before being sent back to the human realm, where she must learn to harness her new abilities as she strives to protect those whom she loves.

By turns touching and terrifying, this is vivid supernatural horror story of family drama, long-held secrets, possession, death - and what lies beyond.

*Amber's why: I like that there is a subculture of ghost-brides among ghost society and that they are vengeful and malevolent. I also dig that a human gets superpowers to fight these ghost-brides. I'm less thrilled at the fact that the human is a literal child, but Buffy! This should be fun.*

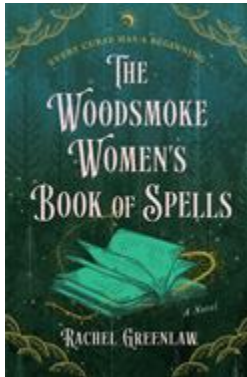
## ***The Woodsmoke Women's Book of Spells***

**by Rachel Greenlaw**

release date: 10/22/2024

genre: Romance, magical realism, occult & supernatural

shelved in: Romance



*There is an old tale woven through the mountain town of Woodsmoke about a stranger who appears as the first snow falls in winter, who will disappear without a trace as the frost thaws in spring, leaving a broken heart behind.*

Carrie Morgan ran from Woodsmoke ten years ago, and the decision has haunted her ever since. Spending a decade painting and drifting around Europe, she tries to forget her family's legacy and the friends she left behind. But the Morgan women have always been able to harness the power of the mountains surrounding the town, and their spells--and curses--are sewn into the soil. The mountains, they say, never forget.

Sure enough, when Carrie's grandmother dies and leaves behind her dilapidated cottage, she returns to renovate--certain she will only be there for one winter. She meets Matthieu as the temperature dips, a newcomer who offers to help refurbish the cottage. Before long, and despite warnings from her great-aunt Cora of the old stories, Carrie finds herself falling for the charming stranger. But when the frost thaws in spring, Matthieu goes missing.

Carrie is convinced he's real, and he's in danger. As she fights her way across the mountains to find him, she must confront all the reasons why she left Woodsmoke and decide whether the place she's spent the last decade running from is the home she's been searching for.

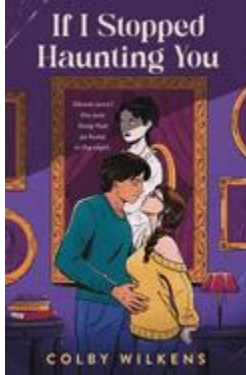
*Amber's why: This kind of reminds me of the fairy tale The Snow Queen. It seems witchy and beautiful, and I need me some witchy and beautiful, you know?*

***If I Stop Haunting You***  
**by Colby Wilkens**

release date: 10/15/2024

genre: Romance, romantic comedy

shelved in: Romance



It's been months since horror author Penelope Skinner threw a book at Neil Storm. But he was so infuriating, with his sparkling green eyes and his bestselling horror novels that *claimed* to break Native stereotypes. And now she's a publishing pariah and hasn't been able to write a word since. So when her friend invites her on a too-good-to-be-true writers retreat in a supposedly haunted Scottish castle, she seizes the opportunity. Of course, some things really *are* too good to be true.

Neil wants nothing less than to be trapped in a castle with the frustratingly adorable woman who threw a book at him. She drew blood! Worse still, she unleashed a serious case of self-doubt! Neil is terrified to write another bestselling "book without a soul," as Pen called it. All Neil wants is to find inspiration, while completely avoiding her.

But as the retreat begins, Pen and Neil are stunned to find themselves trapped in a real-life ghost story. Even more horrifying, they're stuck together, and a truly shocking (extremely hot) almost-kiss has left them rethinking their feelings, and... maybe they shouldn't have been enemies at all? But if they can't stop the ghosts pursuing them, they may never have the chance to find out.

*Amber's why: Spooky romance! This is marketed as a "cozy horror romance" and I'm just so down for it.*

***The Mountain Crown***  
**by Karen Lowachee**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Fantasy, epic, Indigenous

shelved in: Science Fiction



**Méka must capture a king dragon, or die trying.**

War between the island states of Kattaka and Mazemoor has left no one unscathed. Méka's nomadic people, the Ba'Suon, were driven from their homeland by the Kattakans. Those who remained were forced to live under the Kattakan yoke, to serve their greed for gold alongside the dragons with whom the Ba'Suon share an empathic connection.

A decade later and under a fragile truce, Méka returns home from her exile for an ancient, necessary rite: gathering a king dragon of the Crown Mountains to maintain balance in the wild country. But Méka's act of compassion toward an imprisoned dragon and Lilley, a Kattakan veteran of the war, soon draws the ire of the imperialistic authorities. They order the unwelcome addition of an enigmatic Ba'Suon traitor named Raka to accompany Méka and Lilley to the mountains.

The journey is filled with dangers both within and without. As conflict threatens to reignite, the survival of the Ba'Suon people, their dragons, and the land itself will depend on the decisions - defiant or compliant - that Méka and her companions choose to make. But not even Méka, kin to the great dragons of the North, can anticipate the depth of the consequences to her world.

*Amber's why: Perhaps this is the anti-colonial epic dragon fantasy the world needs right now or maybe it's just a dragon-filled epic fantasy, but what's important is that it's an epic fantasy with dragons.*

***A Dark and Secret Magic***  
**by Wallis Kinney**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Romance, fantasy

shelved in: Romance



Hecate Goodwin, Kate to her friends, has curated the perfect life as a hedge witch, living in a secluded cottage with only a black cat for company. She spends her days foraging herbs from the Ipswich Forest, gardening, and creating tinctures to sell at the apothecary she owns. Most evenings pass without her speaking to another human being, an arrangement she quite prefers.

Kate's solitude is thrown into disarray when her older sister, Miranda, reaches out and asks her to host their coven's annual Halloween gathering. The day marks the beginning of the new year for witches and is also Kate's birthday. The pressure from her coven to make the evening memorable mounts as the event draws near. To complicate things further, a handsome man from Kate's past turns up at her cottage, asking for sanctuary. It is Kate's duty as a hedge witch to honor this request, much to her dismay. Matthew Cypher is no ordinary lost soul—he's a practitioner of forbidden magic who's tricked Kate once before, and her guard is up.

As she juggles Matthew's arrival and the preparations for Halloween, Kate comes across an old tome shrouded in dark magic. She is horrified when she realizes the blood-red inscription is written in familiar handwriting: her recently deceased mother's. Afraid to even touch the dark magic her mother secretly studied; Kate can turn only to Matthew for help. Her idealized memory of her mother begins to distort, and as she and Matthew grow closer, Kate has to reevaluate whom she can really trust.

*Amber's why: Who can say no to a witchy romance during spooky season? Certainly not I.*

***Blood of the Old Kings***  
**by Sung-Il Kim**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Fantasy, epic

shelved in: Science Fiction



*There is no escaping the Empire.*

*Even in death, you will serve.*

In an Empire run on necromancy, dead sorcerers are the lifeblood. Their corpses are wrapped in chains and drained of magic to feed the unquenchable hunger for imperial conquest.

Born with magic, Arienne has become resigned to her dark fate. But when the voice of a long-dead sorcerer begins to speak inside her head, she listens. There may be another future for her if she's willing to fight for it.

Miles away, beneath a volcano, a seven-eyed dragon also wears the Empire's chains. Before the imperial fist closed around their lands, it was the people's sacred guardian.

Loran, a widowed swordswoman, is the first to kneel before the dragon in decades. She comes with a desperate plea and will leave with a sword of dragon-fang in hand and a great purpose before her.

In the heart of the Imperial capital, Cain is known as a man who gets things done. When his best friend and mentor is found murdered, he will leave no stone unturned to find those responsible, even if it means starting a war.

**Step into a world of necromancy, murder, and twisted magic. A world in need of a hero.**

*Amber's why: Necromancy.*

## ***Good Dogs***

**by Brian Asman**

release date: 10/01/2024

genre: Horror, fantasy, thrillers, occult & supernatural

shelved in: Science Fiction



No one ever said being a werewolf was easy. Take Delia, for instance. She's spent much of her life fighting against her own nature, plagued by nightmares of childhood trauma, and trying to find her place in the world. Many werewolves are just like her: ostracized by their families, forced to live alone and in secret as they await those nights when the Change overtakes them.

Becoming the den mother to an odd bunch of lycanthropes in Southern California isn't exactly the answer Delia was looking for. But under the strict rules of the house, they are able to manage the Change safely and hunt without endangering their San Diego suburb. And they aren't lone wolves anymore, they're a pack--a family.

But when one member's carelessness leads to the discovery of a severed leg in their backyard, Delia and the rest of her family are forced to confront the cold, hard fact they've known all along--they don't belong here. Their only option is to cover up the kill and head into the wilderness, far from people. There, hopefully, they can live out their lives without posing a threat to anyone else.

At home, they might've been apex predators. But in the wilds around Talbot--a town abandoned for a century--Delia and her pack aren't the only ones with a savage bite...

*Amber's why: Werewolves! Unromantic werewolves! Horror werewolves! But also prey werewolves? Weird.*

## ***The Hushed***

**by K. R. Blair**

release date: 10/01/2024

genre: Thrillers, fantasy

shelved in: Science Fiction



Eerie Ashwood may look like a regular college student--she has a job at a local diner and attends classes at the community college--but she's not. She's a Hushed, a living secret made of flesh and blood, spawned by the death of a human who had something to hide. While the Hushed blend in among humans, they are haunted by an overwhelming urge to spill their secret to those whom it would hurt the most. But once a Hushed tells their secret, they drop dead.

Unlike most Hushed, Eerie and her brother Fabian can't remember their secrets. All they know is they're connected to the infamous Ironbark Prison fire, but everything else is a blur of smoke and fear. Everything changes when Eerie meets Logan Winspeare, the hell-raising son of one of the victims of the fire, who is searching for answers about the night his mother died. Eerie knows she should stay far away from both Logan and the mysteries surrounding that night, but she can't escape her curiosity--or her growing attraction to Logan.

Logan.

But the harder Eerie falls for Logan, the closer she comes to her secret--and her death. And as she uncovers more about her past, Eerie discovers her secret is tied into something even bigger--a tangled history that leads back thousands of years to the very first of her kind, and a covert organization of ancient Hushed who pledged vengeance on the human world.

*Amber's why: This is such an interesting concept. Such a twist on the whole ghosts-sticking-around-due-to-unfinished-business trope! It promises to be really, really cool.*



## ***Coup de Grâce***

by Sofia Ajram

release date: 10/01/2024

genre: Horror, psychological, visionary & metaphysical

shelved in: Fiction



Vicken has a plan: throw himself into the Saint Lawrence River in Montreal and end it all for good, believing it to be the only way out for him after a lifetime of depression and pain. But, stepping off the subway, he finds himself in an endless, looping station.

Determined to find a way out again, he starts to explore the rooms and corridors ahead of him. But no matter how many claustrophobic hallways or vast cathedral-esque rooms he passes through, the exit is nowhere in sight.

The more he explores his strange new prison, the more he becomes convinced that he hasn't been trapped there accidentally, and amongst the shadows and concrete, he comes to realise that he almost certainly is not alone.

*Amber's why: This is a choose-your-own-adventure horror novel. A CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-ADVENTURE HORROR NOVEL. Is that not enough?*

## ***The Last Gifts of the Universe***

by Riley August

release date: 10/01/2024

genre: Science Fiction, space opera, action & adventure, apocalyptic & post-apocalyptic

shelved in: Science Fiction



***A dying universe. A search for answers. An adventure at the end of a trillion lifetimes.***

When the Home worlds finally achieved the technology to venture out into the stars, they found a graveyard of dead civilizations. What befell them is unknown. All Home knows is that they are the last ones left - and whatever came for the others will one day come for them.

Scout is an Archivist who scours the dead worlds of the cosmos for their last gifts: interesting technology, cultural rituals - anything left behind that might be useful to Home and their survival. During an excavation on a lifeless planet, Scout unearths something unbelievable: a surviving message from an alien who witnessed the world-ending entity thousands of years ago.

Now Scout, their brother and their sometimes-fearless, space-faring cat, Pumpkin, must race to save what matters most.

*Amber's why: Pumpkin the space cat. Pumpkin the space cat! PUMPKIN THE SPACE CAT!*

## ***The Nightward: Book One of the Waters of Lethe***

**by R. S. A. Garcia**

release date: 10/15/2024

genre: Fantasy, science fiction, world literature – Caribbean & West Indies

shelved in: Science Fiction



For 500 years Gaiea's Hand has stood as a ward against the Dark. The Age of Chaos is a faded memory. The Goddess has left Gailand and given her Blessing to the Queens to rule in her stead.

Princess Viella of the court of Hamber is the Spirit of Gaiea, presumptive heir to the throne and budding wielder of magic. And yet she's still a child--not yet ten years old--and a day spent evading her teachers and her dutiful bodyguard, Luka, is much more satisfying than learning about telepathy, illusions, and other spells, or obeying even her mother, the Queen.

There is time enough...until there isn't.

For the night the Queen hosts the Ceremony to confirm Viella as the next Hand of Gaiea, everything changes for her--in the most horrific way imaginable: the assassination of Viella's mother.

Now Viella is Queen.

Luka, despite resenting his position as royal babysitter, does not hesitate. He rushes his charge from the Court and vows to keep her safe. Yet he is unsure how to help a burgeoning Hand of Gaiea, let alone contend with his place as a man in a matriarchal world *and* the secret that is burning inside him.

Together, they are on the run from darkness in a world where the lines between magic and technology are blurring and it's up to a child and her protector to bring clarity and light back to the Queendom.

*Amber's why: I mean, yeah. Of course. I'm always down for a matriarchal fantasy. Also look at this cover.*

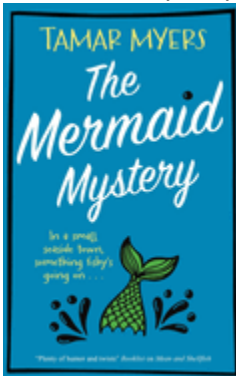
## ***The Mermaid Mystery***

**by Tamar Myers**

release date: 10/01/2024

genre: Mystery & Detective

shelved in: Mystery



***In a small seaside town, something fishy's going on...***

Tidal Shores, a small seaside town in South Carolina, has seen its fortunes nose-dive. But not for much longer! The 'Big Ten' on the town council have come up with a range of ingenious ideas to get tourists flocking back, from buried pirate treasure to beauty pageants, but it's handsome taxidermist Gunner Jones' plan to dupe the public into believing that his creation 'Miss Lucy' - combining the top half of an albino ape with a large goliath tigerfish - is a real mermaid that wins the day.

As Gunner's bizarre creature takes center stage, inquisitive reporter Zoe Porter isn't fooled by its supposed credibility, but with mermaid mania sweeping the country, will anyone believe her exposé? And when events take a sinister turn, Zoe is suddenly drawn into a much darker story...

*Amber's why: After all the epic fantasies and witchy romances it's nice to take a break with an old-fashioned quirky mystery.*

## Teen

### ***For She Is Wrath***

by Emily Varga

release date: 10/29/2024

genre: Fantasy, romance

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



*Three hundred and sixty-four days.*

Framed for a crime she didn't commit, Dania counts down her days in prison until she can exact revenge on Mazin, the boy responsible for her downfall, the boy she once loved--and still can't forget. When she discovers a fellow prisoner may have the key to exacting that vengeance--a stolen djinn treasure--they execute a daring escape together and search for the hidden treasure.

Armed with dark magic and a new identity, Dania enacts a plan to bring down those who betrayed her and her family, even though Mazin stands in her way. But seeking revenge becomes a complicated game of cat and mouse, especially when an undeniable fire still burns between them, and the power to destroy her enemies has a price. As Dania falls deeper into her web of traps and lies, she risks losing her humanity to her fight for vengeance--and her heart to the only boy she's ever loved.

*Amber's why: Okay, it's not quite a heist, but it is a jailbreak and a complicated cat-and-mouse game between exes who may or may not still be in love... so, you know, next best thing.*

### ***The Debutantes***

by Olivia Worley

release date: 10/29/2024

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, crime, mystery & detective stories

shelved in: Teen Mystery



For the New Orleans elite, the Les Masques Ball is sure to be the social event of the season--if they can avoid another dead Queen. When debutante Margot Landry was found dead the morning after her reign at last year's ball, it was a tragedy, but not a shocking one. Margot was a wild child with a self-destructive streak, nothing like this year's Queen, Lily LeBlanc. With a perfectly poised debutante on the throne, everything is going according to plan...until the ball is hijacked by a mysterious figure in a Jester costume. That night, Lily sends a text to three of the Maids on her royal court--her best friend, Vivian; her boyfriend's sister, Piper; and April, her former frenemy--asking them all to meet the next morning. But Lily never shows up.

On the surface, these three debutantes don't have anything in common except their exclusive private school and their ties to Les Masques. But soon, they realize why Lily brought them together: something dark is lurking beneath the glamorous surface of the debutante world, and it might be the reason she disappeared. And the further the girls dig, the more they begin to suspect that Margot's death may not have been an accident--and that Lily may be next. When the Jester starts threatening to expose their own secrets, this unlikely trio must team up to uncover the monsters behind the Mardi Gras masks--before they're left with another dead debutante.

*Amber's why: I just really love over-privileged teens having to deal with murder. The drama is to die for.*



## ***They Watch from Below***

**by Katya de Becerra**

release date: 10/29/2024

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, horror, school & education

shelved in: Teen Horror



When Addie Velde receives an invitation to attend an early orientation program at the University of the Arches, she eagerly accepts. After all, the Arches--with its idyllic beachside campus--is her mom's beloved alma mater, and there's nothing Addie wants more than to leave her own mark. But from the moment she arrives on campus and moves into her gloomy dorm, nicknamed The Crypt, Addie realizes there are more sinister secrets to uncover than sandy days in her future.

Addie's search for answers launches her straight into the heart of an old campus mystery which to this day keeps students and faculty wary of the shadowy "Buried Ones", believed to be the omens of death. A vanished professor, an occult society, and the chance her family was involved pushes her investigation into dangerous territory.

Will she lose herself to the Buried Ones or end their sinister reign once and for all?

*Amber's why: Secret society, supernatural creatures, or a secret society of supernatural creatures? I'm rather hoping for the last one.*

## ***Don't Let the Forest In***

**by C. G. Drews**

release date: 10/29/2024

genre: Horror, monsters, LGBTQ+, fantasy

shelved in: Teen Horror



*Once upon a time, Andrew had cut out his heart and given it to this boy, and he was very sure Thomas had no idea that Andrew would do anything for him. Protect him. Lie for him.*

*Kill for him.*

High school senior Andrew Perrault finds refuge in the twisted fairytales that he writes for the only person who can ground him to reality--Thomas Rye, the boy with perpetually ink-stained hands and hair like autumn leaves. And with his twin sister, Dove, inexplicably keeping him at a cold distance upon their return to Wickwood Academy, Andrew finds himself leaning on his friend even more.

But something strange is going on with Thomas. His abusive parents have mysteriously vanished, and he arrives at school with blood on his sleeve. Thomas won't say a word about it and shuts down whenever Andrew tries to ask him questions. Stranger still, Thomas is haunted by something, and he seems to have lost interest in his artwork--whimsically macabre sketches of the monsters from Andrew's wicked stories.

Desperate to figure out what's wrong with his friend, Andrew follows Thomas into the off-limits forest one night and catches him fighting a nightmarish monster--Thomas's drawings have come to life and are killing anyone close to him. To make sure no one else dies, the boys battle the monsters every night. But as their obsession with each other grows stronger, so do the monsters, and Andrew begins to fear that the only way to stop the creatures might be to destroy their creator...

*Amber's why: This is going to be wonderfully complicated and violent, isn't it? Delightful.*

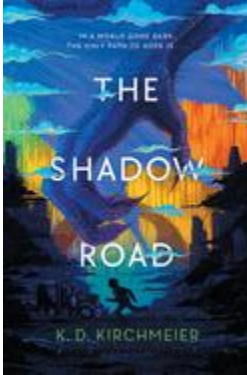
### ***The Shadow Road***

**by K. D. Kirchmeier**

release date: 10/15/2024

genre: Dystopian, monsters, science fiction, fantasy, survival

shelved in: Teen Science Fiction



When the monsters came, the power went out. Towns and cities became darkened ruins, and terrified survivors fled west, trailed by the blitz, dragon-like creatures screeching down from the sky enshrouded in lightning, delivering death.

The old world is ending, but not all hope is lost.

Left behind is a timid dreamer, Thomas, and a brash and outspoken daredevil, Cassie. When their paths unexpectedly cross, they must outwit both monsters and humans alike on an epic journey across a dangerous ravaged landscape if they hope to do the impossible: Reignite hope. Defeat the blitz. Save humanity.

*Amber's why: For as much as this is a dystopian novel, the description evokes a sense of hope, and I like that.*

### ***Tangleroot***

**by Kalela Williams**

release date: 10/15/2024

genre: Mystery & Detective Stories, African American & Black, school & education

shelved in: Teen Mystery



Noni Reid has grown up in the shadow of her mother, Dr. Radiance Castine, renowned scholar of Black literature, who is alarmingly perfect at just about everything.

When Dr. Castine takes a job as the president of the prestigious Stonepost College in rural Virginia, Noni is forced to leave her New England home and, most importantly, a prime internship and her friends. She and her mother move into the "big house" on Tangleroot Plantation.

Tangleroot was built by one of Noni's ancestors, an enslaved man named Cuffee Fortune--who Dr. Castine believes was also the original founder of Stonepost College, and that the school was originally formed for Black students. Dr. Castine spends much of her time trying to piece together enough undeniable truth in order to change the name of the school in Cuffee's honor--and to force the university to reckon with its own racist past.

Meanwhile, Noni hates everything about her new home, but finds herself morbidly fascinated by the white, slaveholding family who once lived in it. Slowly, she begins to unpeel the layers of sinister history that envelop her Virginia town, her mother's workplace, her ancestry--and her life story as she knew it. Through it all, she must navigate the ancient prejudices of the citizens in her small town, and ultimately, she finds herself both affirming her mother's position and her own--but also discovering a secret that changes everything.

*Amber's why: Okay, first, the cover is beautiful. Second, I really want to see where this goes. It seems timely and disturbing, and I want to know what the mystery is. I am intrigued.*

## ***The Wild Huntress***

**by Emily Lloyd-Jones**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Fantasy, monsters, legends, myths, fables, romance

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



Every five years, two kingdoms take part in a Wild Hunt. Joining is a bloody risk, and even the most qualified hunters can suffer the deadliest fates. Still, hundreds gamble their lives to participate--all vying for the Hunt's life-changing prize: a magical wish granted by the Otherking.

**BRANWEN** possesses a gift no other human has: the ability to see and slay monsters. She's desperate to cure her mother's sickness, and the Wild Hunt is her only option.

**GWYDION** is the least impressive of his magically talented family, but with his ability to control plants and his sleight of hand, he'll do whatever it takes to keep his cruel older brother from becoming a tyrant.

**PRYDERI** is prince-born and monster-raised. Deep down, the royal crown doesn't interest him--all he wants is to know where he belongs.

A trickster, a prince, and a wild huntress--all in pursuit of the Champion's prize. If they band together against the monstrous creatures within the woods, they have a chance to win. But nothing is guaranteed. After all, all are fair game in love and the Hunt.

*Amber's why: I want.*

## ***Red in Tooth and Claw***

**by Lish McBride**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Horror, westerns, paranormal, occult & supernatural

shelved in: Teen Horror



Faolan Kelly's grandfather is dead. She's alone in the world and suddenly homeless, all because the local powers that be don't think a young man of sixteen is mature enough to take over his grandfather's homestead...and that's with them thinking Faolan is a young man. If she revealed that her grandfather had been disguising her for years, they would marry her off at the first opportunity.

The mayor finds a solution that serves everyone but Faolan: He hires a gunslinger to ship her off to the Settlement, a remote fort where social outcasts live under the leadership of His Benevolence Gideon Dillard. It's a place rife with mystery, kept afloat by suspicious wealth. Dillard's absolute command over his staff just doesn't seem right. And neither do the strange noises that keep Faolan up at night.

When Faolan finds the body of a Settlement boarder, mangled by something that can't possibly be human, it's clear something vicious is stalking the palisades. And as Settlement boarders continue to drop like flies, Faolan knows she must escape to evade the creature's wrath.

*Amber's why: Wild West werewolves? Maybe? Possibly? Please? (Imagine my voice becoming more Skeksis as the questions go on, because that's how I hear it in my brain.)*

## ***The Art Thieves***

by **Andrea L Rogers**

release date: 10/08/2024

genre: Dystopian, science fiction, time travel, Native American

shelved in: Teen Science Fiction



TO: Angel Wilson (LawAngel@IBLO.gov)

FROM: Stevie Henry (shenry@gmail.com)

*Thanks for coming to see me; but by the time you read this, it will be too late. No one will have started to panic, yet; but in less than two months nothing will be the same. What came first, The Chicken or the Egg Flu? I wish it mattered. But let's just say, maybe go back to wearing a mask, bathing in sanitizer, and avoid birds and eggs for a bit...*

*I did not kill my brother. I did quite the opposite, really.*

It's the year 2052. Stevie Henry is a Cherokee girl working at a museum in Texas, trying to save up enough money to go to college. The world around her is in a cycle of drought and superstorms, ice and fire ... but people get by. But it's about to get a whole lot worse.

When a mysterious boy shows up at Stevie's museum saying that he's from the future -- and telling her what is to come -- she refuses to believe him. But soon she will have no choice.

*Amber's why: Time heist? Freakily prescient time dystopia? Both?*

## ***This Dark Paradise***

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***An enchanted island.***

In the tenements where Lucia lives, everyone dreams of making it to the enchanted island of Estaralla, where mystical fountains reveal your deepest desires, fantastical feasts appear from nowhere, and dark caverns allow you to whisper with the dead.

***A dangerous heist.***

But Lucia Arduini isn't going to Estaralla to experience miracles. She's going to steal the most valuable object in the world: the source of the island's magic.

Lucia has five days to steal the source or a dangerous gang will go after her brother.

***A deadly secret.***

But Estaralla is not what it seems.

Torn between a boy who once broke her heart and a girl with a dark secret, Lucia soon discovers that something sinister is happening behind the enchantments . . . and she might not survive the island's magic long enough to steal it.

*Amber's why: Enchanted island heist.*