WEDNESDAY BOOKS
Wicked Saints

A Novel

Emily A. Duncan

In this stunning Joan of Arc inspired debut, a peasant girl who can speak to the gods must find a way to work with a deadly adversary to turn the tide of the war and assassinate the mad king

When Nadya prays to the gods, they listen, and magic flows through her veins. For nearly a century the Kalyazi have been locked in a deadly holy war with Tranavian heretics, and her power is the only thing that is a match for the enemy’s blood magic. But when the Travanian High Prince, and his army invade the monastery she is hiding in, instead of saving her people, Nadya is forced to flee the only home she’s ever known, leaving it in flames behind her, and vengeance in her heart.

As night falls, she chooses to defy her gods and forge a dangerous alliance with a pair of refugees and their Tranavian blood mage leader, a beautiful, broken boy who deserted his homeland after witnessing his blood cult commit unthinkable monstrosities. The plan? Assassinate the king and stop the war.

But when they discover a nefarious conspiracy that goes beyond their two countries, everything Nadya believes is thrown into question, including her budding feelings for her new partner. Someone has been harvesting blood mages for a dark purpose, experimenting with combining Tranavian blood magic with the Kalyazi’s divine one. In order to save her people, Nadya must now decide whether to trust the High Prince – her country’s enemy – or the beautiful boy with powers that may ignite something far worse than the war they’re trying to end.

PRAISE

“Prepare for a snow frosted, blood drenched fairy tale where the monsters steal your heart and love ends up being the nightmare. Utterly absorbing.” - Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of The Star-Touched Queen

"Full of blood and monsters and magic—this book destroyed me and I adored it." - Stephanie Garber, New York Times bestselling author of Caraval

“Dark, bloody, and monstrously romantic. This is the villain love interest that we've all been waiting for.” - Margaret Rogerson, New York Times bestselling author of An Enchantment of Ravens

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Again, but Better

A Novel

Christine Riccio

From one of your favorite booktubers, Christine Riccio (Polandbananabooks), comes Again, But Better, a story about second chances, discovering yourself, and doing what makes you happy.

Shane has been doing college all wrong. Pre-med, stellar grades, and happy parents...sounds ideal -- but Shane's made zero friends, goes home every weekend, and romance...what's that?

Her life has been dorm, dining hall, class, repeat. Time's a ticking, and she needs a change -- there's nothing like moving to a new country to really mix things up. Shane signs up for a semester abroad in London. She's going to right all her college mistakes: make friends, pursue boys, and find adventure!

Easier said than done. She is soon faced with the complicated realities of living outside her bubble, and when self-doubt sneaks in, her new life starts to fall apart.

Shane comes to find that, with the right amount of courage and determination, one can conquer anything. Throw in some fate and a touch of magic - the possibilities are endless.

PRAISE

"Again, But Better is a fantastic debut novel! Entertaining, clever and impossible to put down." - New York Times bestselling author Colleen Hoover

"A story of finding love and finding yourself. Prepare to be completely charmed." - Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling authors of Autoboyography

Christine Riccio's PolandbananasBOOKS YouTube channel has over 390,000 book-loving subscribers. She makes comedic book reviews, vlogs, sketches, and writing videos chronicling the creation of her own novel. She's also one of the three YouTubers behind BOOKSPLOSION-YouTube's longest running book club. These past four years Christine's been collaborating with publishing companies and authors; and traveling across the United States to speak on book-related panels to further spread the reading love...
This Is Not a Love Scene

S. C. Megale

A funny and irreverent #ownvoices YA Romance about 18 year old Maeve who has muscular dystrophy and who is also an average teen girl trying to figure out high school and first love.

Lights, camera—all Maeve needs is action. But at eighteen, a rare form of muscular dystrophy usually stands in the way of romance. She's got her friends, her humor, and a passion for filmmaking to keep her focus off consistent rejection...and the hot older guy starring in her senior film project.

Tall, bearded, and always swaying, Cole Stone is everything Maeve can't be. And she likes it. Between takes, their chemistry is shockingly electric.

Suddenly Maeve gets a taste of typical teenage dating life, but girls in wheelchairs don’t get the hot guy—right? Cole’s attention challenges everything she once believed about her self-image and hopes for love. But figuring this out, both emotionally and physically, won’t be easy for either of them. Maeve must choose between what she needs and what she wants, while Cole has a tendency to avoid decisions altogether. And the future might not wait for either.

Funny, emotional, and refreshingly honest, S.C. Megale’s This Is Not a Love Scene is for anyone who can relate to feeling different while navigating the terrifying and thrilling waters of first love.

PRAISE

"Shea Megale is a terrific new voice in the world of YA. This Is Not A Love Scene rings brilliantly true from the first page to the last. Megale’s prose is refreshingly original, her pacing already at a master level, and her storytelling abilities will pull hard on every emotion you have...Look out for this writer." —David Baldacci, New York Times bestselling author

"This is Not a Love Scene is so good. S.C. Megale is remarkable... This book is the result of her unswerving determination and undoubted talent." —John Flanagan, New York Times bestselling author of the Ranger’s Apprentice series

S. C. MEGALE has been profiled in USA Today, The Washington Post, and New York Newsday, and has appeared on NBC’s “Today Show” and the CBS Evening News for her philanthropic and literary work. Born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II, her writing focuses on both gravity and heart. She lives with her family—parents, siblings, and dogs—in Virginia. This is Not a Love Scene is her first published novel.
Please Send Help
Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin

The next novel from the New York Times bestselling authors of I Hate Everyone But You

In this hilarious follow-up novel to the New York Times bestseller I Hate Everyone But You, long distance best friends Ava and Gen have finally made it to the same time zone (although they’re still over a thousand miles apart).

Through their hilarious, sometimes emotional, but always relatable conversations, Ava and Gen are each other’s support systems through internships, relationship troubles, questionable roommates, undercover reporting, and whether or not it’s a good idea to take in a feral cat. Please Send Help perfectly captures the voice of young adults looking to find their place in the world and how no matter how desperate things seem, you always have your best friend to tell it like it is and pick you back up.

PRAISE

Praise for I Hate Everyone But You

"Give to fans of Robin Talley’s What We Left Behind or Rainbow Rowell’s Fangirl. VERDICT A first purchase for all libraries serving older teens." —School Library Journal (Starred Review)

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ALLISON RASKIN & GABY DUNN are two best friends and New York Times bestselling authors who live in Los Angeles. They started the comedy YouTube channel Just Between Us in 2014, which has amassed a near 150 million views and have created individual podcasts, both of which have landed on the iTunes international top charts. Gaby’s journalism has appeared in pretty much every major publication and Allison has written some really funny group texts with her family. Gaby and Allison have developed tel...
I Hate Everyone But You

A Novel About Best Friends

Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin

The instant New York Times bestseller and an Autumn 2017 Indie Next Pick, now in trade paperback.

The instant New York Times bestseller from Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin that POPSUGAR named one of the Best Young Adult Book of 2017 will now be hitting shelves in trade paperback!

In a series of texts and emails, best friends Ava and Gen share their stories of their first semesters of college on opposite sides of the country. From first loves to weird roommates, Gaby Dunn and Allison Raskin’s I Hate Everyone But You is a hilarious and heartfelt debut novel about new beginnings, self-discovery, coming out and mental health, and ultimately the power of friendship.

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The Last Hope
Krista & Becca Ritchie

The stunning conclusion to the sci-fi romance duology filled with twists and turns you'll never see coming.

Sacrifice all you have to survive.

Imprisoned for weeks on an enemy spacecraft, Franny, Court, and Mykal have sat with an unfathomable revelation. They are human. But as they fight to stay alive, they’re unsure of why or how they’re different. Escaping prison means trusting a young mysterious stranger. He knows everything about their lost histories, but when answers aren’t given freely, the bonded trio are forced to join a mission. One that will determine the fate of humanity.

Legend says, a baby—the first of her species—has the power to cloak and teleport planets. Tasked with retrieving the infant, Court is afraid the baby is just a myth, and if they fail, they’ll never know the truth about their human origins.

As Court and Mykal grow closer, their linked bond becomes harder to hide, and dynamics change when Franny begins to fall for someone new. Vulnerable and with no choice, the hunt for the baby sends the trio on a dangerous path to Saltare-1: a water world where their enemies can’t die and survival comes at a high cost.

PRAISE
"A potently addictive blend of romance, fantasy, and science fiction full of unexpected twists." - Kirkus, Starred Review

Krista & Becca Ritchie are New York Times Bestselling Authors and identical twins, one a science nerd, the other a comic book geek. With their shared passion for writing, they combined their mental powers as kids and have never stopped telling stories. Graduates from the University of Georgia in Biology and English & Journalism, the twin writing duo now lives in Atlanta. The Raging Ones is their first young adult novel.
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