

Books

Winter Reading List that rock!

by Heather Riccio

Ink Is Thicker Than Water by Amy Spalding

For Kellie Brooks, family has always been a tough word to define. Combine her hipie mom and tattooist stepdad, her adopted overachieving sister, her younger half brother, and her tough-love dad, and average Kellie's the one stuck in the middle, overlooked and impermanent. It'll take a handsome college-age love interest, Oliver, and a new job at her mom's tattoo shop for Kellie to realize that defining herself both outside and within her family is what can finally allow her to feel permanent, just like a tattoo.

Salt by Danielle Ellison

Penelope is a witch, part of a secret society protecting humans from demon attack. But when she was a child, a demon killed her parents—and stole her magic. Since then, she's been using her sister's magic to hide her own loss. Then she meets Carter. He's cute, smart, and she can borrow his magic, too. He knows her secret...but he has one of his own. Suddenly, Penelope's impossible quest becomes far more complicated. Because Carter's not telling her everything, and it's starting to seem like the demons have their own agenda... and they're far too interested in her.

Anything to Have You by Paige Harbison

This thought-provoking new novel from Paige Harbison shows how strong friendship really is when a boy comes between them during their senior year of high school. Natalie and Brooke have been inseparable, that is until one night Natalie can't remember and Brooke's boyfriend, Aiden, can't forget. Harbison is able to capture what true friendship really is and everything that can test it. This is another YA must-read!

Frozen by Melissa de la Cruz and Michael Johnston

This action-packed thrill ride is written by New York Times bestselling author, Melissa de la Cruz, and her husband and "silent partner," Michael Johnston, who has been writing with her since *Blue Bloods* and *Witches of East End* series. In this new book series, Michael has joined the forefront and is no longer a "silent partner." *Frozen* is filled with mystery, adventure, romance, and lots of magic. This book is also a commentary on the timely environmental issues facing the future of our planet. Set in 111 AD, or one hundred and eleven years after the Big Freeze that turned the earth into a permanently frozen tundra, Vegas is now blanketed in ice. The city is still the same, but there's sinister sorcery in its shadows now. Natasha is a young blackjack dealer who is looking for a way out. She's heard of a mythical land called "the Blue," where the sun still shines and where she can be herself. Her only way there is to hire mercenaries lead by Ryan Wesson. Danger awaits them at every turn, even as they're drawn to each other. Can true love survive the lies they've told and enemies who won't leave them alone?

The Queen's Choice by Cayla Kluver

In this new epic high-fantasy series from Cayla Kluver, we follow sixteen-year-old fae, Anya, on a journey to save her kingdom. When she learns her aunt, who is Queen of the Faerie Kingdom of Chior, will soon die, Anya, who doesn't want to rule the kingdom, must find her runaway cousin, Prince Zabriel, or risk her younger unfit cousin, Illumina, taking over the kingdom. Anya has to find her cousin, Prince Zabriel, in the human realm of Warokum, and persuade him to take up his rightful crown. Soon after leaving her safe haven, she's attacked by human hunters who cut off her wings, making it impossible for her to return. While she hunts for her cousin in the human realm, Anya realizes that the Fae are all being kidnapped and mutilated and she must take down the culprits and bring her cousin home. This action-packed book will leave you wanting more now.

Minders by Michele Jaffe

What would you do if the boy you love commits a crime? Would you turn him in or would you let him go? Sadie Ames has been accepted into the prestigious Mind Corps Fellowship program where she'll spend six-weeks as an observer inside the head of Ford, who is haunted by the death of his older brother, James. The deeper Sadie moves into Ford's world, the more she feels like she knows him, but then she sees the unthinkable, she sees what Ford has done and has to decide does she let him go or turn him in? Does love or justice triumph in this engrossing page-turner that has you guessing till the end.

Vitro by Jessica Khoury

Sophie has spent most of her life living with her father in the US, that is until she receives a mysterious e-mail from her scientist mother beckoning her to come to Skin Island, a place where she's been working for years. On this remote island in the South Pacific, scientists including her mother privately funded by Corpus have taken fast tube embryos and given them life. These Vitros have the knowledge and abilities that human would kill to have. The only one who will help her onto the island is her childhood friend and pilot, Jim Julian. Once there, Sophie discovers she has a Vitro twin named Lux who is the climax of Corpus' threatening research. Torn between finding her mother and protecting her twin, Sophie finds out what happens when science crosses the line in this nail-biting novel that will leave you up way past your bedtime.

Control by Lydia Kang

Romance and science collide in this biomed futuristic thriller YA debut. A part-time doctor herself, Lydia Kang is able to make the science as realistic as they come. After the murder of her father, 17-year-old, Zelia, a.k.a. Zel, loses her younger sister, Dylia, during an abduction at the foster agency. Her sister isn't just pretty, she's also illegal and DNA must be pure by law, and anyone who is enhanced or illegal faces death including Zelia. Zel allies with residents of her new underground foster home where she falls for a strange boy and embarks on a journey to save the only true family she has left. This debut has everything to make a bestseller: romance, intrigue, mystery, danger and twists that will leave the reader wanting more as soon as they turn the last page.

Rebel Spring by Morgan Rhodes

New York Times bestselling author, Morgan Rhodes, is back to delight her readers with the second volume in this four-part series. *Love Game of Thrones*? Then you'll fall in love with Morgan's *Falling Kingdoms* series. *Rebel Spring* blends a well-developed world with a perfect YA sensibility. Picking up where *Falling Kingdoms* left off, we find out that the Auranos has fallen and that the three kingdoms are now one. Magic beckons, with it a chance to rule not just Mytica, but the whole world. *Rebel Spring* gives readers more of the drama they so desperately want- love, power and supernatural beings collides with war in this amazing read. Keep an eye out for this book because we're betting on it being one of the largest YA fantasy hits of 2013.

Seven Deadlies by Gigi Levangie

Gigi Levangie pens a darkly humorous novel that proves that with every sin there is a consequence. *Seven Deadlies* is a humorous admissions essay to Bennington that follows Perry Gonzalez, a Latina who is on a scholarship at Mark Frost Academy in Beverly Hills. She lives in a tiny apartment with her mom and is nothing like her rich, privileged classmates who leave school early to shop at places like Tiffany's. A teenage-babysitter with her own business cards who makes \$40 an hour, Perry encounters all of the seven deadly sins in her classmates who she just so happens to also be babysitting, helping with their homework and making sure they don't overdose. *Seven Deadlies* balances heart with an entertaining dose of irony making this book a fast must-read.

