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the witch doesn't burn in this one - Amanda Lovelace 2018-03-06

The witch: supernaturally powerful, inscrutably independent, and now—indestructible. These moving, relatable poems encourage resilience and embolden women to take control of their own stories. Enemies try to judge, oppress, and marginalize her, but the witch doesn't burn in this one.

Witches, Princesses, and Women at Arms - Sacchi Green 2017-05-09

In this sexy anthology of fantastical short stories, women are no longer just damsels in distress. Instead, strong, passionate females race to the rescue of their female lovers in this new collection of erotic fantasy. The stories within *Witches, Princesses, and Women at Arms* are masterfully crafted to lead your mind down unexpected paths to your favorite fantasy adventure, from the classic fairy-tales of Little Red Riding Hood to Rapunzel to the modern marvel of Game of Thrones. They will wash over you in an epic sea of words meant to entice and embolden your inner princess, heroine, or both. Enter a time where you may be abducted by bandits or seduced by witches one second and find your heart spellbound by a dryad the next. But be warned, gentle traveler! With this new, provocative collection edited by Sacchi Green, the stories may begin with "Once upon a time", but they will leave you coming back, time and time again.

Witches, Princesses, and Women at Arms - Sacchi Green 2017-04-18

In this sexy, erotic anthology of twisted fairy tales, the damsels are the ones doing the rescuing! Full of ancient, adapted tales that were changed to include female/female pairings and also some brand new stories of feminine heroics and sexual dominance, this collection of stories will leave readers under a spell of lesbian love!

Serpent & Dove - Shelby Mahurin 2019-09-03

New York Times Bestseller * Indiebound Bestseller * An Amazon Best Book of 2019 * B&N's YA Book Club Pick "A brilliant debut, full of everything I love: a sparkling and fully realized heroine, an intricate and deadly system of magic, and a searing romance that kept me reading long into the night. *Serpent & Dove* is an absolute gem of a book." —Sarah J. Maas, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series Bound as one, to love, honor, or burn. Book one of a stunning fantasy trilogy, this tale of witchcraft and forbidden love is perfect for fans of Kendare Blake and Sara Holland. Two years ago, Louise le Blanc fled her coven and took shelter in the city of Cesarine, forsaking all magic and living off whatever she could steal. There, witches like Lou are hunted. They are feared. And they are burned. As a huntsman of the Church, Reid Diggory has lived his life by one principle: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. But when Lou pulls a wicked stunt, the two are forced into an impossible situation—marriage. Lou, unable to ignore her growing feelings, yet powerless to change what she is, must make a choice. And love makes fools of us all. Don't miss *Gods & Monsters*, the spellbinding conclusion of this epic trilogy!

Lesbian Lust - Sacchi Green 2010-08-03

For readers who crave stories of uninhibited, unrepentant sex between women, *Lesbian Lust* truly delivers. Sensual, inventive and sizzling hot, the lesbian sex featured in Sacchi Green's relentless, raw stories is nothing less than breathtaking. No fantasy goes unfulfilled; butches abound, baby dykes learn important life lessons, femmes and fatales bring each other to the brink. Not to be missed by any fan of lesbian erotica!

Girl Fever - Sacchi Green 2012-06-12

This collection of lesbian quickies satisfies on every level with stories from top-notch contributors that

evoke the heat, the urgency and the 'gotta have it' moment of the quickie. There are long-time companions, one night stands, meet-cutes and meet-only-once stories to fuel readers' fantasies. Sex in planes, trains, cars and roller coasters, carnival rides, elevators and ferries as well, all feature as locations for insatiable lust that just cannot wait. *Girl Fever* will keep the reader's pulse racing from start until finish.

The Nesting Dolls - Alina Adams 2020-07-14

Spanning nearly a century, from 1930s Siberia to contemporary Brighton Beach, a page turning, epic family saga centering on three generations of women in one Russian Jewish family—each striving to break free of fate and history, each yearning for love and personal fulfillment—and how the consequences of their choices ripple through time. Odessa, 1931. Marrying the handsome, wealthy Edward Gordon, Daria—born Dvora Kaganovitch—has fulfilled her mother's dreams. But a woman's plans are no match for the crushing power of Stalin's repressive Soviet state. To survive, Daria is forced to rely on the kindness of a man who takes pride in his own coarseness. Odessa, 1970. Brilliant young Natasha Crystal is determined to study mathematics. But the Soviets do not allow Jewish students—even those as brilliant as Natasha—to attend an institute as prestigious as Odessa University. With her hopes for the future dashed, Natasha must find a new purpose—one that leads her into the path of a dangerous young man. Brighton Beach, 2019. Zoe Venakovsky, known to her family as Zoya, has worked hard to leave the suffocating streets and small minds of Brighton Beach behind her—only to find that what she's tried to outrun might just hold her true happiness. Moving from a Siberian gulag to the underground world of Soviet refuseniks to oceanside Brooklyn, *The Nesting Dolls* is a heartbreaking yet ultimately redemptive story of circumstance, choice, and consequence—and three dynamic unforgettable women, all who will face hardships that force them to compromise their dreams as they fight to fulfill their destinies.

Wicked - Gregory Maguire 2009-10-13

This is the book that started it all! The basis for the smash hit Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Gregory Maguire's breathtaking New York Times bestseller *Wicked* views the land of Oz, its inhabitants, its Wizard, and the Emerald City, through a darker and greener (not rosier) lens. Brilliantly inventive, *Wicked* offers us a radical new evaluation of one of the most feared and hated characters in all of literature: the much maligned Wicked Witch of the West who, as Maguire tells us, wasn't nearly as Wicked as we imagined.

Hard Road, Easy Riding - Sacchi Green 2008-04

What's sexier than a hot woman, clad in form-fitting leather, fiercely in control of the Iron Horse between her legs? Take a ride-on the wild side with *Hard Road, Easy Riding*. Sex should be intense, joyful, and liberating—exactly as written in these edgy and uninhibited stories.

Love Burns Bright - Radclyffe 2013-12-17

"...kissing Kathy is like kissing her for the first time and the millionth time, new and yet familiar, fresh and yet filled with the memories of every kiss we've shared. Before I fall into the mindless spiral of desire, though, I realize something. What's important isn't the future, isn't the possible forgetting. What's important is right now, this moment, glorying in everything that it is with no other goal than mutual pleasure." - Andrea Dale, *Sepia Showers Love*, passion, desire...the pleasure that begins with the thrill of the first date, the breathless anticipation of the first kiss, and the euphoric wonder of the first night of passion only deepens as love grows. These stories of lesbian couples celebrating their lives and desire from

some of the best romance and erotica writers today are heartfelt and best of all, hot! Some things really do get better with time...come discover the never-ending passion of lesbian love and desire in these tales of Love So Bright!

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle 2019-07-18

A Wrinkle in Time is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark and stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Rode Hard, Put Away Wet - Sacchi Green 2005

Leather, lust, riding a horse by day, a woman by night. The Western is making a comeback on the big screen and in made-for-TV movies, and the time is right for a cowboy-themed lesbian erotica anthology, with a difference.

Medusa's Touch - Emily Byrne 2018-09-07

Medusa Pilot TiCara X273 just signed on for more trouble than she ever bargained for. A beautiful corporate rep with a secret, her ailing boss, a covert mission to a hidden destination, an implacable foe with some unexpected allies and a sizzling attraction, seasoned with more than a touch of deceit and betrayal, make for a trip that some of them may not survive. Can TiCara learn to trust the woman she's falling in love with before it's too late?

Water Witch - Connie Willis 1999-04-01

Wickedest Witch - Eve Langlais 2017-12-09

Evangeline is not a very nice witch, and she's not afraid to show it. Her ruthless nature comes in handy as a problem solver until she lands a job where she's forced to work with an uncouth shifter. He's rude, cocky, totally unsuitable, not to mention part animal, but despite it all, she can't help falling in love.

Me and My Boi - Sacchi Green 2016-06-14

Sacchi Green is one of the most lauded and respected queer writers of today. And why? Because she breaks new ground with each and every book. *Me and My Boi* throbs with the currency of lesbian love and lust today, when the love dares speak its name using new words, terms and letters. *Me and My Boi* celebrates lesbian bois, butches, and screw-the-binary free spirits; cool bois, hot bois, swaggering bois, shy bois, leather bois, flannel bois, butch daddies, and the girls (and other bois) who wouldn't have them any other way. The stories range from Sinclair Sexsmith's raw "Five Blow Jobs" through Victoria Oldham's searing "Resurrection" and old-school lesbian bar tale "Hot Pants" by Jen Cross to the aching tenderness of "Her Gardener's Boy" by D. Orchid. Twenty authors, among them Sommer Marsden, Annabeth Leong, Tamsin Flowers and Kathleen Tudor, heat up settings all the way from a Regency drawing room to modern Paris to a Brooklyn bike shop. Whatever turns you on, or cuts deep, or sparks your wildest fantasies, if these writers don't push the buttons you already have, they'll hook you up with some new ones. Gender has no boundaries, and neither does lust.

The Witch and the Dragon - Aj Ryder 2018-10-29

Wild Girls, Wild Nights - Sacchi Green 2013-05-20

There are the fabled urban myths of lesbians who fill up a U-Haul on the second date and lead sweetly romantic lives of cocoa and comfy slippers. Safe and sound. A lot of cozy and not much crazy. These are NOT those stories- these are wild women with dirty minds, untamed tongues, and even the occasional cuff or clamp. A lotta crazy and no cozy slippers to be seen. These Wild Girls tell stories of their own Wild Nights (and days,) memories too hot to keep undercover. Real women with real needs and overwhelming

desires find the courage to reveal intimate, unrestrained details of their sex lives, the need to share their stories second only to the urgent impulses that drove the action in the first place. There are first times, life-long commitments, and fleeting encounters to savor for a lifetime. Tenderness merges with edge-play; scenes shift from Caribbean islands to desert battlefields to the ultimate privacy of home; and the writers range from well-known names to newcomers driven to share fresh memories they'll never forget. In Evan Mora's "The Insatiable Travel Itch," repression in public drives her wild. "Transported, transplanted, we are transgressors. And it makes me fucking wet." Angel Propps struggles to face her deepest desires. "The word Daddy had a familiar shape on my tongue, but not in my head, and for one second I was sure I was going to Hell—and then I came." She'd found, of course, "The Daddy I Didn't Know I Needed." Anna Watson, in "Tamago," gives a poignant and sizzling view of being a lesbian femme who loves butches. "I know being femme is what makes the breath blow out of me when she calls and says, 'Babe, I just wanted you to know that I was driving along here, thinking about your breasts.'" Reality doesn't have to be prosaic. Real sex can be wet, messy, frenzied, sometimes even awkward, but never boring. With these writers and seventeen more, *Wild Girls, Wild Nights: True Lesbian Sex Stories* is the proof of that.

The High Mountain Court - A.K. Mulford 2022-05-24

Full of romance, intrigue, magic, and passion, the first book of *The Five Crowns* of Okrith—the thrilling TikTok sensation from A.K. Mulford—*The High Mountain Court* begins the journey of the fugitive red witch Remy as she fights to reclaim her kingdom and discover what's inside her heart. For thirteen years, nineteen-year-old Remy has known she is possibly the last red witch alive, and she is determined to stay that way. But the Northern Court King, who has slaughtered her family and placed a bounty on red witch heads, is intent on destroying her kind once and for all. When four fae warriors enter her tavern refuge, Remy tries to flee, but her magic isn't strong enough to stop the determined—and handsome—Prince Hale of the Eastern Kingdom. He claims he wants to stop a war with the Northern Court before his kingdom succumbs to the same fate as Remy's. In order to do that, he needs a red witch...and Remy may be the only person alive who can help him. Yet even as she's drawn to him, can she really trust Prince Hale? Can her fallen court truly be rescued from the evil clutches of the Northern Court King? Does she even have a choice? For the chance to save herself, her people, and help rid the world of a murderous tyrant, Remy must put her faith in Hale and his companions on a dangerous quest to find lost relics...and discover if she is ready to secure her legacy.

Through the Hourglass - Sacchi Green 2015-11-24

Through the Hourglass: Sixteen stories spanning twenty centuries of lesbian love, with vivid historical settings and passion resonating all the way to today. Featuring trailblazing authors Ann Bannon and Lee Lynch, as well as wide ranging stories by Jean Copeland, R.G. Emanuelle, Allison Fradkin, Patty G. Henderson, Heather Rose Jones, Megan McFerren, Cara Patterson, Aliisa Percival, Doreen Perrine, Priscilla Scott Rhoades, Susan Smith, Lexy Wealleans, Connie Wilkins, and MJ Williamz.

Best Lesbian Erotica of the Year 20th Anniversary Edition - Sacchi Green 2016-02-09

Cleis Press' most lauded editor, Sacchi Green assumes the helm of one the most-heralded and best-selling series, *Best Lesbian Erotica*. This match made in book publishing heaven is also a fan fave whose readers range from 18 to 80 and who can't get enough of the Lambda Award-winning Sacchi Green's scorching hot stories of lesbian sex. From lust-at-first sight quickies to long-time companions, this voracious volume is the stuff of every woman's fantasy. With secret desires, coming-out, and coming-of-age stories and deeper explorations of what Green describes as "the fiercer shores of sex," *Best Lesbian Erotica of the Year 20th Anniversary Edition* aims to please and leave you satisfied.

Sophie's World - Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

The Moon Dragon (The Secrets of Droon #26) - Tony Abbott 2016-02-23

A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon! There's no place like home! Eric and his friends have finally restored the Rainbow Stairs, but that was the easy part. Now Gethwing is loose in the

Upper World, and the Moon Dragon is causing big trouble. Eric, Julie, and Neal have to protect their town, but they're up against mysterious creatures, strangely-behaving parents, and powerful magic. Can the kids stop Gethwing before he destroys the Upper World -- for good?

Mark of the Wicked - Georgia Bowers 2021-08-10

A young witch tries to unravel the mystery of who is framing her for dark magic in Georgia Bowers' creepy YA debut fantasy, *Mark of the Wicked*. Magic always leaves its mark. All her life, Matilda has been told one thing about her magic: You use only when necessary. But Matilda isn't interested in being a good witch. She wants revenge and popularity, and to live her life free of consequences, free of the scars that dark magic leaves on her face as a reminder of her misdeeds. When a spell goes awry and the new boy at school catches her in the act, Matilda thinks her secret might be out. But far from being afraid, Oliver already knows about her magic - and he wants to learn more. As Oliver and Matilda grow closer, bizarre things begin to happen: Animals show up with their throats slashed and odd markings carved into their bodies, a young girl dies mysteriously, and everyone blames Matilda. But she isn't responsible — at least, not that she can remember. As her magic begins to spin out of control, Matilda must decide for herself what makes a good witch, and discover the truth...before anyone else turns up dead. "[A] breathlessly told, consuming portrait of a witch's relationship with loneliness and power... protagonists are elaborately drawn, and the novel's eerie atmosphere lingers." —Publishers Weekly

The Silver Witch - Paula Brackston 2015-04-21

Moving to a secluded Welsh cottage a year after her husband's sudden death, a ceramic artist begins manifesting powers similar to those of a legendary Celtic witch who issued a prophecy about ancient magic and a heartbreaking disaster.

Princesses Behaving Badly - Linda Rodriguez McRobbie 2013-11-19

This edition offers true tales of these take-charge princesses plus dozens more in a fascinating read that's perfect for history buffs, feminists, and anyone seeking a different kind of bedtime story. You think you know her story. You've read the Brothers Grimm, you've watched the Disney cartoons, and you cheered as these virtuous women lived happily ever after. But real princesses didn't always get happy endings. Sure, plenty were graceful and benevolent leaders, but just as many were ruthless in their quest for power, and all of them had skeletons rattling in their majestic closets. Princess Stephanie von Hohenlohe was a Nazi spy. Empress Elisabeth of the Austro-Hungarian Empire slept wearing a mask of raw veal. Princess Olga of Kiev slaughtered her way to sainthood. And Princess Lakshmi Bai waged war on the battlefield with her toddler strapped to her back.

The Witch's Boy - Michael Gruber 2008-11-19

A grotesque foundling turns against the witch who sacrificed almost everything to raise him when he becomes consumed by the desire for money and revenge against those who have hurt him, but he eventually finds his true heart's desire. Reprint.

Pennyroyal Academy - M. A. Larson 2016-03-15

"Comparison to the Harry Potter series seems inevitable . . . It is a breathtakingly exciting novel."—The New York Times A girl from the forest arrives in a bustling kingdom with no name and no idea why she is there, only to find herself at the center of a world at war. She enlists at Pennyroyal Academy, where princesses and knights are trained to battle the two great menaces of the day: witches and dragons. There, given the name "Evie," she must endure a harsh training regimen under the steel glare of her Fairy Drillsergeant, while also navigating an entirely new world of friends and enemies. As Evie learns what it truly means to be a princess, she realizes surprising things about herself and her family, about human compassion and inhuman cruelty. And with the witch forces moving nearer, she discovers that the war between princesses and witches is much more personal than she could ever have imagined. Set in Grimm's fairytale world and ideal for non-princesses and princess fans alike, M.A. Larson's Pennyroyal Academy masterfully combines adventure, humor, and magical mischief. "No one rescues Pennyroyal princesses; they rescue themselves."—Reese Witherspoon

The Winter of the Witch - Katherine Arden 2019-01-08

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Following their adventures in *The Bear and the Nightingale* and *The Girl in the Tower*, Vasya and Morozko return in this stunning conclusion to the bestselling *Winternight*

Trilogy, battling enemies mortal and magical to save both Russias, the seen and the unseen. "A tale both intimate and epic, featuring a heroine whose harrowing and wondrous journey culminates in an emotionally resonant finale."—Publishers Weekly (starred review) NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST FANTASY BOOKS OF THE DECADE Vasilisa Petrovna is an unforgettable heroine determined to forge her own path. Her gifts and her courage have drawn the attention of Morozko, the winter-king, but it is too soon to know if this connection will prove a blessing or a curse. Now Moscow has been struck by disaster. Its people are searching for answers—and for someone to blame. Vasya finds herself alone, beset on all sides. The Grand Prince is in a rage, choosing allies that will lead him on a path to war and ruin. A wicked demon returns, determined to spread chaos. Caught at the center of the conflict is Vasya, who finds the fate of two worlds resting on her shoulders. Her destiny uncertain, Vasya will uncover surprising truths about herself as she desperately tries to save Russia, Morozko, and the magical world she treasures. But she may not be able to save them all. Praise for *The Winter of the Witch* "Katherine Arden's *Winternight Trilogy* isn't just good—it's hug-to-your-chest, straight-to-the-favorites-shelf, reread-immediately good, and each book just gets better. *The Winter of the Witch* plunges us back to fourteenth-century Moscow, where old gods and new vie for the soul of Russia and fate rests on a witch girl's slender shoulders. Prepare to have your heart ripped out, loaned back to you full of snow and magic, and ripped out some more."—Laini Taylor "Luxuriously detailed yet briskly suspenseful . . . a striking literary fantasy informed by Arden's deep knowledge."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Lesbian Cowboys - Sacchi Green 2009-08-04

Fifteen writers share their take on the phenomenon of Cowboys — a calling, a vocation, and a status that has nothing to do with gender. Whether in the old west or the Australian outback, New England or the Great Plains, these girls and their horses work hard, play hard, and love hard. Contributors Radclyffe and Jove Bell depict the rough and tumble world of female rodeo riders, while Cheyenne Blue explores cattle ranching and the new environmentalism, and Delilah Devlin writes about a "Hired Hand" who may be a woman, but is more than a match for any man. Sexy, steamy, and crackling with the energy of a wild filly, these stories represent the cutting edge of lesbian cowboy fiction.

Lipstick on Her Collar - Sacchi Green 2008-04-01

The Witches of New York - Q. K. Philander Doesticks 1859

This volume is an expose on professional fortune tellers, sorcerers, black art practitioners, astrologers, necromancers and witches in New York City in the 19th-century.

Lesbian Cops - Sacchi Green 2011-04-01

What is it about lesbian cops that pushes all the right buttons? It's not just the uniform, with handcuffs and weapons, or the confidence, authority, and sense of danger. There's something more as well, an irresistible force that these writers have channeled into fiercely erotic stories of policewomen in or out of uniform, on patrol or undercover, in charge or in need of healing, on the case or under the sheets. The action can be gut-level tough, as in Jove Belle's "Hollis" where anti-terrorism boot camp surges over the inevitable edge into BDSM, or heart-wrenching as in Evan Mora's "A Cop's Wife" when death threats sharpen the need for life-affirming sex to a keen edge, or quirky as well as steamy while Teresa Noelle Roberts's cop finds a way to maintain respect for her own "Dress Uniform" while indulging her anime-girl lover's cos-play kink. Delilah Devlin, Andrea Dale, R. G. Emanuelle, Cheyenne Blue, and all the other contributors offer their own sizzling visions of the complexity and depth, the strength and vulnerability, and above all the commanding, overwhelming sex appeal of Lesbian Cops.

A Secret History of Witches - Louisa Morgan 2017-09-05

A sweeping historical saga that traces five generations of fiercely powerful mothers and daughters -- witches whose magical inheritance is both a dangerous threat and an extraordinary gift. Brittany, 1821. After Grand-Mere Ursule gives her life to save her family, their magic seems to die with her. Even so, the Orchires fight to keep the old ways alive, practicing half-remembered spells and arcane rites in hopes of a revival. And when their youngest daughter comes of age, magic flows anew. The lineage continues, though new generations struggle not only to master their power, but also to keep it hidden. But when World War II looms on the horizon, magic is needed more urgently than ever -- not for simple potions or visions, but to

change the entire course of history. Praise for *A Secret History of Witches*: "I loved it. A beautiful generational tale, reminiscent of *Practical Magic*. . . Grounded and real, painful and hopeful at the same time." —Laure Eve, author of *The Graces* "Historical fiction at its absolute finest....Deliciously absorbing." —*Boston Globe* "At once sprawling and intimate, *A Secret History of Witches* deftly captures the greatest magic of all: the love between mothers and daughters." —Jordanna Max Brodsky, author of *The Wolf in the Whale* For more from Louisa Morgan, check out: *The Witch's Kind* *The Age of Witches*

The Witching Hour - Anne Rice 2010-11-17

From the author of the extraordinary *Vampire Chronicles* comes a huge, hypnotic novel of witchcraft and the occult through four centuries. Demonstrating, once again, her gift for spellbinding storytelling and the creation of legend, Anne Rice makes real for us a great dynasty of witches—a family given to poetry and to incest, to murder and to philosophy; a family that, over the ages, is itself haunted by a powerful, dangerous, and seductive being. On the veranda of a great New Orleans house, now faded, a mute and fragile woman sits rocking . . . and *The Witching Hour* begins. It begins in our time with a rescue at sea. Rowan Mayfair, a beautiful woman, a brilliant practitioner of neurosurgery—aware that she has special powers but unaware that she comes from an ancient line of witches—finds the drowned body of a man off the coast of California and brings him to life. He is Michael Curry, who was born in New Orleans and orphaned in childhood by fire on Christmas Eve, who pulled himself up from poverty, and who now, in his brief interval of death, has acquired a sensory power that mystifies and frightens him. As these two, fiercely drawn to each other, fall in love and—in passionate alliance—set out to solve the mystery of her past and his unwelcome gift, the novel moves backward and forward in time from today's New Orleans and San Francisco to long-ago Amsterdam and a chateau in the France of Louis XIV. An intricate tale of evil unfolds—an evil unleashed in seventeenth-century Scotland, where the first "witch," Suzanne of the Mayfair, conjures up the spirit she names Lasher . . . a creation that spells her own destruction and torments each of her descendants in turn. From the coffee plantations of Port au Prince, where the great Mayfair fortune is made and the legacy of their dark power is almost destroyed, to Civil War New Orleans, as Julien—the clan's only male to be endowed with occult powers—provides for the dynasty its foothold in America, the dark, luminous story encompasses dramas of seduction and death, episodes of tenderness and healing. And always—through peril and escape, tension and release—there swirl around us the echoes of eternal war: innocence versus the corruption of the spirit, sanity against madness, life against death. With a dreamlike power, the novel draws us, through circuitous, twilight paths, to the present and Rowan's increasingly inspired and risky moves in the merciless game that binds her to her heritage. And in New Orleans, on Christmas Eve, this strangest of family sagas is brought to its startling climax.

Thrones of Desire - Mitzi Szereto 2012-09-11

Thrones of Desire: Erotic Tales of Swords, Mist and Fire is a place where lust and legend abound, and adventure, passion and danger entwine. Think mystical lands and creatures, kings and queens, knights and renegades, heroes and villains, warlords, maidens and princesses. Think battles and danger, honor and dishonor, good and evil. Most of all, think hearts filled with passion and secret desire. This is a place where romantic chivalry is alive and well, but so too is romantic wickedness. This is a place where the good do not always win, and the bad are often more captivating and desirable than their altruistic counterparts. In these lush and timeless landscapes, the battle for flesh can be as important as the battle for power. Intrigue, sorcery, revenge, lawlessness, dark secrets and mysterious elixirs; entanglements with supernatural beings – everything is possible in these magical mythical landscapes. Inspired by *Game of Thrones*, these imaginative steamy tales transport the reader to fantastical realms.

The Werewolf in the Ancient World - Daniel Ogden 2021-01-07

In a moonlit graveyard somewhere in southern Italy, a soldier removes his clothes in readiness to transform himself into a wolf. He depends upon the clothes to recover his human shape, and so he magically turns them to stone, but his secret is revealed when, back in human form, he is seen to carry a wound identical to that recently dealt to a marauding wolf. In Arcadia a man named Damarchus accidentally tastes the flesh of a human sacrifice and is transformed into a wolf for nine years. At Temesa Polites is stoned to death for raping a local girl, only to return to terrorize the people of the city in the form of a demon in a wolfskin. Tales of the werewolf are by now well established as a rich sub-strand of the popular horror genre; less

widely known is just how far back in time their provenance lies. These are just some of the werewolf tales that survive from the Graeco-Roman world, and this is the first book in any language to be devoted to their study. It shows how in antiquity werewolves thrived in a story-world shared by witches, ghosts, demons, and soul-flyers, and argues for the primary role of story-telling—as opposed to rites of passage—in the ancient world's general conceptualization of the werewolf. It also seeks to demonstrate how the comparison of equally intriguing medieval tales can be used to fill in gaps in our knowledge of werewolf stories in the ancient world, thereby shedding new light on the origins of the modern phenomenon. All ancient texts bearing upon the subject have been integrated into the discussion in new English translations, so that the book provides not only an accessible overview for a broad readership of all levels of familiarity with ancient languages, but also a comprehensive sourcebook for the ancient werewolf for the purposes of research and study.

The Black Witch - Laurie Forest 2017-05-02

The New York Times bestselling series! "Maximum suspense, unusual magic—a whole new, thrilling approach to fantasy!" —Tamora Pierce, #1 New York Times bestselling author Powerful magic. A deadly legacy. A world at the edge of war. Prepare to be spellbound by *The Black Witch*. Elloren Gardner is the spitting image of her grandmother, who drove back the enemy forces in the last Realm War. But while her people believe she will follow in her grandmother's footsteps and become the next Black Witch of prophecy, Elloren is devoid of power in a society that prizes magical ability above all else. When she is granted the opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming an apothecary, Elloren joins her brothers at Verpax University. But she soon realizes that the university may be the most treacherous place of all for the granddaughter of the Black Witch. As evil looms and the pressure to live up to her heritage builds, Elloren's best hope of survival may be among a secret band of rebels...if only she can find the courage to trust those she's been taught to fear. Critics are raving about Laurie Forest's incredible debut, *The Black Witch*: "Forest uses a richly imagined magical world to offer an uncompromising condemnation of prejudice and injustice." —Booklist, starred review "Exquisite character work, an elaborate mythology, and a spectacularly rendered universe make this a noteworthy debut, which argues passionately against fascism and xenophobia." —Publishers Weekly, starred review "Briskly paced, tightly plotted...set in a rich alternative universe with a complicated history that can help us better understand our own." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review *Books in The Black Witch Chronicles: The Black Witch The Iron Flower The Shadow Wand The Demon Tide Wandfasted (ebook novella)* Light Mage (ebook novella)** * Also available in print in *The Rebel Mages* anthology

The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic - Emily Croy Barker 2013-08-15

Emily Croy Barker's *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic* is full of romance, adventure and, of course, magic... 'Fun, seductive, and utterly engrossing' Deborah Harkness, author of *The Discovery of Witches* 'A wholly imaginative and witty debut novel that is unlike any I've read' Sara Gruen, author of *Water for Elephants* Nora's life is not quite going as planned. Her career has stalled; the man of her dreams is getting married, but not to her; and there's a mouse in her kitchen... Getting away for the weekend for a friend's wedding seems like perfect timing, especially when she stumbles across the unfeasibly glamorous Ilissa, who is determined to take Nora under her wing. Through Ilissa, Nora is introduced to a whole new world - a world of unbelievable decadence and riches where time is meaningless and everyone is beautiful. And Nora herself feels different: more attractive; more talented; more popular... Yet something doesn't quite ring true: was she really talking to Oscar Wilde at Ilissa's party last night? Or transported from New York to Paris in the blink of an eye? It is only when Ilissa's son, Raclin, asks Nora to marry him that the truth about her new friends becomes apparent. By then, though, it's too late, and Nora realises she may never be able to return to the world, and the life, she knew before. If she is to escape Raclin and Ilissa's clutches, her only hope is the magician Aruendiel. A grim, reclusive figure with a biting tongue and a shrouded past, he might just teach her what she needs to survive and perhaps even make it home: the art of real magic. For fans of Deborah Harkness's *All Souls Trilogy* and Lev Grossman's *Magicians* series, *The Thinking Woman's Guide to Real Magic* by Emily Croy Barker is proof that magic not only exists but - like love - can sweep you off your feet when you least expect it... Emily Croy Barker lives in New Jersey. This is her first novel.

Ever Cursed - Corey Ann Haydu 2020-07-28

“Ideal for fans of Jennifer Donnelly’s *Stepsister*.” —Booklist Damsel meets *A Heart in a Body in the World* in this incisive and lyrical feminist fairy tale about a princess determined to save her sisters from a curse, even if it means allying herself with the very witch who cast it. The Princesses of Ever are beloved by the kingdom and their father, the King. They are cherished, admired. Cursed. Jane, Alice, Nora, Grace, and Eden carry the burden of being punished for a crime they did not commit, or even know about. They are each cursed to be Without one essential thing—the ability to eat, sleep, love, remember, or hope. And their

mother, the Queen, is imprisoned, frozen in time in an unbreakable glass box. But when Eden’s curse sets in on her thirteenth birthday, the princesses are given the opportunity to break the curse, preventing it from becoming a True Spell and dooming the princesses for life. To do this, they must confront the one who cast the spell—Reagan, a young witch who might not be the villain they thought—as well as the wickedness plaguing their own kingdom...and family. Told through the eyes of Reagan and Jane—the witch and the bewitched—this insightful twist of a fairy tale explores power in a patriarchal kingdom not unlike our own.