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The latest material hitting the library shelves

King of Scars

by Leigh Bardugo



Face your demons...or feed them. King Nikolai Lantsov, has always had a gift for the impossible. No one knows what he endured in his country's bloody civil war—and he intends to keep it that way. Now, as enemies gather at his weakened borders, Nikolai must find a way to refill Ravka's coffers, forge new alliances, and stop a rising threat to the once-great Grisha Army. Yet with every day a dark magic within him grows stronger, threatening to destroy all he has built. With the help of a young monk and a legendary Grisha general, Nikolai will journey to the places in Ravka where the deepest magic survives to vanquish the terrible legacy inside him. He will risk everything to save his country and himself. But some secrets aren't meant to stay buried, and some wounds aren't meant to heal.

The Unity Project

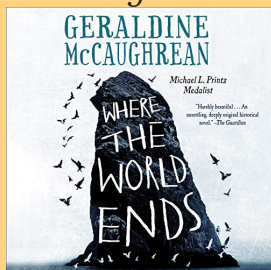
by Courtney Summers



"Lo Denham is used to being on her own. After her parents died, Lo's sister, Bea, joined The Unity Project. Thanks to its extensive charitable work, The Unity Project has won the hearts of most in Upstate New York, but Lo knows there's more to the group than meets the eye. She's spent the last six years of her life trying—and failing—to prove it. When a man shows up claiming The Unity Project killed his son, Lo sees an opportunity to expose the group and reunite with Bea. When her investigation puts her in the path of its leader, Lev Warren, he proposes a deal: if she can prove the worst of her suspicions about The Unity Project, she may expose them. If she can't, she must finally leave them alone. But as Lo delves deeper into The Project, it upends everything she thought she knew about her sister, herself, cults, and the world around her. Lo never thought she could afford to believe in Lev Warren . . . but now she doesn't know if she can afford not to.

Where the World Ends

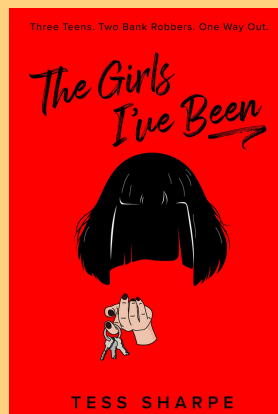
by Geraldine McCaughrean



Every time a lad went fowling on the stacs, he came home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is. Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home. Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they've been abandoned—cold, and clinging to life, in the grip of a murderous ocean. How will they survive such a forsaken place? This is an extraordinary story of fortitude, endurance, tragedy and survival, set against an backdrop of savage beauty.

The Girls I've Been

by Tess Sharpe



Nora O'Malley's been a lot of girls. As the daughter of a con-artist who targets criminal men, she grew up as her mother's protégé. But when her mom fell for the mark, Nora pulled the ultimate con: escape. For five years Nora's been playing at normal. But she needs to dust off the skills she ditched because she has three problems: #1: Her ex walked in on her with her girlfriend. Even though they're all friends, Wes didn't know about her and Iris. #2: The morning after Wes finds them kissing, they all have to meet to deposit the fundraiser money they raised at the bank. It's a nightmare that goes from awkward to deadly, because: #3: Right after they enter the bank, two guys start robbing it. The bank robbers may be trouble, but Nora's something else entirely. They have no idea who they're really holding hostage . . .

The Gilded Ones

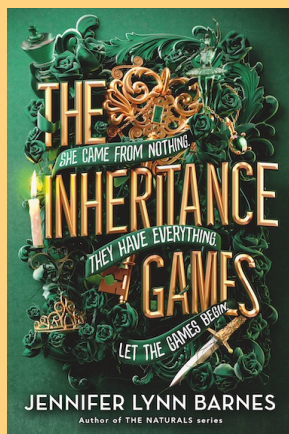
by Namina Forna



Deka lives in fear of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village. Already different because of her unnatural intuition, Deka prays for red blood so she can finally feel like she belongs. But on the day of the ceremony, her blood runs gold—and Deka knows she will face a consequence worse than death. Then a mysterious woman comes to her with a choice: stay in the village and submit to her fate, or leave to fight in an army of girls just like her. They are called alaki—near-immortals with rare gifts. Knowing the dangers that lie ahead yet yearning for acceptance, Deka leaves the only life she's ever known. But as she journeys to the capital, she will discover that the great walled city holds many surprises. Nothing and no one are quite what they seem to be—not even Deka herself.

The Inheritance Game

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why - or even who Tobias Hawthorne is. To receive her inheritance, Avery must move to Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Unfortunately for Avery, it's also occupied by the family that Tobias Hawthorne just dispossessed. This includes his grandsons: dangerous, magnetic boys who grew up with every expectation that one day, they would inherit billions. Their apparent Grayson Hawthorne is convinced that Avery must be a conwoman; his brother, Jameson, views her as their grandfather's last hurrah. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.