

Underworld, where Styx and Hades agree to raise her. Orphaned and alone, Hekate grows up amongst the horrors and beauties of the Underworld, desperate to find her divine purpose and a sense of belonging in the land of the dead.



**The Floating World (The Floating World book 1) by Axie Oh (Korean)**

Ex-soldier Sunho lives in the Under World, a land of perpetual darkness. Doing odd-jobs to scrape by, he is offered a chest of coins to hunt down a girl who wields silver light. Meanwhile, Ren is a traveling acrobat with her adoptive family. But everything changes when the village they are performing in is attacked by a horrific humanlike demon. In a moment of fear and rage, Ren releases a blast of silver light—a power she has kept hidden since childhood—and kills the monster.



**A Drop of Venom (Venom book 1) by Sajni Patel (Indian, Medusa)**

Manisha is no stranger to monsters—she's been running from them for years, from beasts who roam the jungle to the King's army, who forced her people, the naga, to scatter to the ends of the earth. Pratyush is a famed slayer of monsters, one of the King's most prized warriors and a frequent visitor to the floating temples. For every monster the slayer kills, years are added to his life. When they meet, each sees in the other the possibility to chart a new path.



**Where the Dark Stands Still by A.B. Poranek (Polish)**

Raised in a small village near the spirit-wood, Liska Radost knows that Magic is monstrous, and its practitioners, monsters. After Liska unleashes her own powers with devastating consequences, she is caught by the demon warden of the wood – the Leszy – who offers her a bargain: one year of servitude in exchange for a wish.



**Celestial Monsters (Sunbearer Duology book 2)**

**by Aiden Thomas (Mexican)**

As each new decade begins, the Sun's power must be replenished so that Sol can keep traveling along the sky and keep the evil Obsidian gods at bay. Ten semidioses between the ages of thirteen and eighteen are selected by Sol himself as the most worthy to compete in The Sunbearer Trials. The winner carries light and life to all the temples of Reino del Sol, but the loser has the greatest honor of all—they will be sacrificed to Sol.



**Song of Silver, Flame Like Night (Son of the Last Kingdom book 1) by Amélie Wen Zhao (China)**

Once, Lan had a different name. Now she goes by the one the Elantian colonizers gave her when they invaded her kingdom, killed her mother, and outlawed her people's magic. She spends her nights as a song girl in Haak'gong, a city transformed by the conquerors, and her days scavenging for what she can find of the past. Anything to understand the strange mark burned into her arm by her mother in her last act before she died.



**(S)Kin by Ibi Zoboi (Caribbean)**

Fifteen-year-old Marisol is the daughter of a soucouyant. Every new moon, she sheds her skin like the many women before her, shifting into a fireball witch who must fly into the night and slowly sip from the lives of others to sustain her own. But Brooklyn is no place for fireball witches with all its bright lights, shut windows, and bolt-locked doors.... While Marisol hoped they would leave their old traditions behind when they emigrated from the islands, she knows this will never happen while she remains ensnared by the one person who keeps her chained to her magical past—her mother.

# Mythology





**The Immortal Games by Annalise Avery (Greek)**

The Blood Moon marks the start of the Immortal Games. The Gods of Olympus randomly select humans as their tokens and then gamble with their lives. The stakes are high and survival is unlikely. 16-year-old Ara is seeking revenge on the Gods for allowing her sister to die in the games. She's determined to be selected as a token, but when she is, she realizes that it isn't just her life at stake, but also her heart.



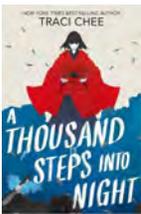
**If Looks Could Kill by Julie Berry (Greek)**

It's autumn 1888, and Jack the Ripper is on the run. As London police close in, he flees England for New York City seeking new victims. But a primal force of female vengeance has had enough. With serpents for hair and a fearsome gaze, an awakened Medusa is hunting for one Jack.



**Vesuvius by Cass Biehn (Roman)**

Clever thief Felix seizes an opportunity to steal a helmet in Pompeii. But as he's chased by a mysterious patrician, Felix discovers the helmet is not only a priceless artefact but a relic of the god Mercury. Loren, an aspiring councilman and temple attendant, is plagued by nightmares of Pompeii's destruction. Nightmares that feature Felix, who stumbles into Loren's temple as an earthquake rocks the city.



**A Thousand Steps Into Night by Traci Chee (Japanese)** In the realm of Awara, where gods, monsters, and humans exist side by side, Miuko is an ordinary girl resigned to a safe, if uneventful, existence as an

innkeeper's daughter. But when Miuko is cursed and begins to transform into a demon with a deadly touch, she embarks on a quest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life.



**Children of Ragnarok (Runestone Saga book 1) by Cinda Williams Chima (Norse)**

Ever since Ragnarok—the great war between the gods and the forces of chaos—the human realm of the Mid-lands has become a dangerous place, bereft of magic, where most lead lives of desperation. Sixteen-year-old Eiric Halvorsen is among the luckier ones. Between fishing, going vikingr, and working his modir's farm, the family has remained prosperous. But Eiric stands to lose everything when he's convicted by a rigged jury of murderig his modir and stepfadir



**So Let Them Burn (Divine Traitors book 1) by Kamila Cole (Jamaican)**

Faron Vincent can channel the power of the gods. Five years ago, she used her divine magic to liberate her island from its enemies, the dragon-riding Langley Empire. But now, at seventeen, Faron is all powered up with no wars to fight. She's a legend to her people and a nuisance to her neighbors.



**Daughter of the Underworld (House of Shadows book 1) by Katharine & Elizabeth Corr (Greek)**

Deina is trapped. As one of the Soul Severers serving the god Hades on earth, her future is tied to the task of shepherding the dying from the mortal world—unless she can earn or steal enough to buy her way out. So when the tyrant ruler Orpheus offers both fortune and freedom to whoever can retrieve his dead wife, Eurydice, from the Underworld, Deina jumps at the chance.



**Oathbound (Legendborn Cycle book 3) by Tracy Deonn (Arthurian, Black American)**

Bree Matthews is alone. She exiled herself from the Legendborn Order, cut her ancestral connections, and turned away from the friends to keep herself and those she loves safe. But Bree's decision has come with a terrible price: an unbreakable bargain with the Shadow King himself.



**It Waits in the Forest by Sarah Dass (Caribbean)**

Unlike the other residents of the small Caribbean Island of St. Virgil, Selina DaSilva does not believe in magic. With a logical mind and a knack for botany, Selina used to dream of leaving the island to study Pharmacology, until a vicious, unsolved attack leaves her father dead and her mother in a coma.



**Rise by Freya Finch (Norse)**

For seventeen-year-old Bryn, being the youngest, messiest, most rebellious sister in a family of valkyries isn't easy. Especially considering home is a Renaissance faire in Chicago full of costumed workers who see her as nothing more than a nuisance. When her mother disappears on a mission for Odin, Bryn begins having strange visions about the impending Ragnarök. Bryn senses her mother is in great danger, but her annoyingly perfect older sisters refuse to take her seriously. Their mother is, after all, captain of the Valkyries.



**Hekate the Witch (Goddess of the Underworld book 1) by Nikita Gill (Greek)**

Born into a world on fire, Godling Hekate has never known safety. After losing her parents in the war between the ruling Titans and the new Olympian Gods, Hekate is taken by her mother Asteria to the