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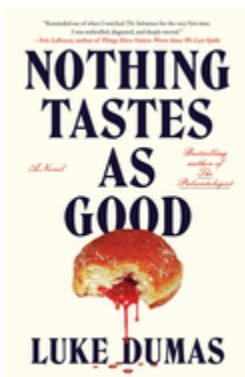
Nothing Tastes as Good

by **Luke Dumas**

release date: 03/31/2026

genre: Horror, thrillers, psychological, literary

shelved in: Fiction



Retail worker Emmett Truesdale has never fit the Southern California mold of six-pack, suntanned masculinity. Over three hundred pounds, he carries the weight of his childhood trauma and millennial ennui around his waist and in his soul. After trying every diet under the sun, he remains stuck--in his dead-end job, in love, and in his body.

Desperate for help, he enrolls in a clinical trial for a new weight loss product called Obexity. The treatment is as horrifying as the results are miraculous and as Emmett sheds pounds at superhuman speed, every part of his life improves overnight.

Unfortunately, Obexity comes with some killer side effects, including lost stretches of time and overwhelming cravings. Worse, people who were cruel to him have started disappearing and when the police warn of a cannibalistic killer on the loose, he fears that Obexity is turning him into a monster. But how can he give it up now that people are finally starting to treat him like he's human?

Amber's why: Obligatory cannibalism pick! Also, commentary on weight loss culture! Hooray!

Honeysuckle

by Bar Fridman-Tel

release date: 03/24/2026

genre: Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Legends & Mythology, fantasy, dark fantasy, literary

shelved in: Science Fiction



Once upon a time, on the edge between meadow and forest, there was a lonely child with only his older sister for company. In exchange for being left in peace, his sister made him a playmate-Daye, a girl woven from flowers and words. And for the first time, this boy, Rory, had a friend.

Rory couldn't be happier, until he learns that Daye is a short-lived creature. At the end of each season, she must be woven back together or fall gruesomely apart. And every time Daye falls apart might be her last.

As Rory and Daye grow older and the line between friendship and romance begins to blur, Rory becomes desperate to break this cycle of bloom and decay. But the farther Rory pushes his research and experiments to lengthen Daye's existence, the more Daye begins to wonder just how much control she really has over her own life.

Amber's why: Is it fantasy? Romance? Existential horror? A feminist critique of all of the above? Who knows?! Sounds entertaining anyway.

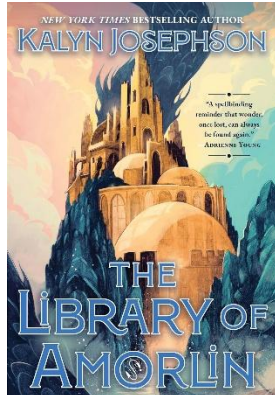
The Library of Amorlin

by Kalyn Josephson

release date: 03/03/2026

genre: Fantasy, action & adventure, dragons & mythical creatures, romance

shelved in: Science Fiction



Kasira used to be a masterful con artist: choosing her target, building trust, judging the precise moment to make her move. Now, she's working off a lengthy prison sentence by hunting dangerous magical creatures on behalf of the fanatical kingdom of Kalthos.

But Kasira's past catches up to her when the ambassador from Kalthos arrives at her camp with a deal: her freedom in exchange for infiltrating and destabilizing the magical institution meant to protect all six kingdoms--the Library of Amorlin.

When Kasira assumes the role of the new Assistant Librarian, she enters an enchanting world brimming with books and beasts, tempting her with a life she can never have. But Kasira's real future depends on her long con to bring down the Librarian. Unfortunately, Allaster is as prickly as he is handsome, and his monstrous secrets are about to catch up with them both...

*Amber's why: A con artist becomes an assistant librarian in a magical library. Too bad she's tasked with destabilizing the library and taking down the (prickly but handsome) librarian. What **ever** is a girl to do?*

Entwined

by H. M. Long

release date: 03/10/2026

genre: Fantasy, epic, historical, romance

shelved in: Science Fiction



Ottilie Rushforth hides from the mighty Sorcerer's Guild as secretary to a has-been detective. She is Entwined - threads of magic run beneath her skin, and the Guild would trap her in service.

But Ottilie has a plan to escape the Guild forever with her estranged fiancé, the enigmatic poet, soldier and smuggler Lewis Illing. All she must do is track down a mysterious artefact, claim the bounty, and leave the city forever. But Ottilie's sisters - Pretoria, a quick-witted sorceress and thief recently emerged from exile, and Madge, a guild mage to the core, appear to make equally unwelcome offers. A new life at the cost of everything she has ever wanted, or prestige and safety in a gilded cage.

With her life on the line, Ottilie must track down the artifact in a city torn apart by prejudice and violence, and choose between the two sides of herself - the fugitive and the Entwined.

Amber's why: This is going to have a magical heist. A. Magical. Heist.

Green & Deadly Things

by Jenn Lyons

release date: 03/03/2026

genre: Fantasy, action & adventure, epic

shelved in: Science Fiction



Centuries ago, necromancy almost destroyed the world. That's how history remembers it.

History remembers it wrong.

Mathaiik has trained all his life to join the sacred order of the Idallik Knights, charged with defending their world from the forces of necromancy. Only vestiges of that cursed magic remain, nothing like the fabled days of the Grim Lords, the undead wizards who once nearly destroyed the world.

But when an even stranger kind of monster begins to wake, the Knights quickly prove powerless to stop them. Whole forests are coming alive and devouring anyone so foolish as to trespass, as if the land itself has turned upon humanity.

It's a good thing, then, that the Grim Lords were never truly destroyed. One of their number sleeps below the Knights' very fortress. And when an army of twisted tree monsters attacks the young initiates in his charge, Math decides to do the unthinkable: he wakes her up.

This is only the beginning of his problems. Because said necromancer, Kaiataris, knows something history has forgotten. The threat of this wild magic is part of a cycle that has repeated countless times-life after death, chaos after order. And if she and Math can't find a new way to balance the scales, this won't just be the end of the world as they know it, but the end of all life, everywhere.

Amber's why: A paladin sworn to fight against necromancy must team up with the last true necromancer in order to defend the world against something worse.

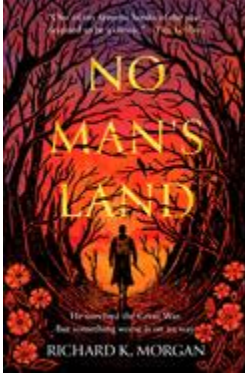
No Man's Land

by **Richard K Morgan**

release date: 03/24/2026

genre: Fantasy, action & adventure, historical

shelved in: Science Fiction



The Great War was supposed to be the war to end all wars--and maybe it would have been, had an even greater, otherworldly foe not risen to extinguish the conflict. Overnight, as guns blazed in France and Flanders, village after village in the quiet British countryside was swallowed by the Forest. And within the Forest lurk the Huldu--an ancient fae race, monstrous in their inhumanity, who have decided that mankind's ascendancy over the world can endure no longer.

Enter Duncan Silver. Scarred by the war, fueled by a rage deeper than the trenches in which he once fought, Duncan is determined to show the Huldu that the world is not theirs for the taking. Armed with a deadly iron knife and a cut-down trench gun filled with iron shot, Duncan will stop at nothing to return the children the Huldu have stolen to the arms of their families. No matter how many Huldu he may have to slaughter along the way.

But when he is hired by a mother to return her four-year-old daughter, Miriam--taken by the Huldu six months past and replaced with a changeling--all hell breaks loose. Miriam is a pawn in a much bigger game for dominance than Duncan ever expected, and several long-buried secrets from his past are about to be violently resurrected.

Amber's why: World War One fairies! World War One fairies! World War One fairies! Fairies pissed off at humans because of WWI steal the humans' children. A scarred and rage-filled veteran, Duncan, is hired by a mother to get her daughter back, but the child is a pawn in a much larger game and when Duncan gets to work all hell breaks loose. World War One fairies! Also, the author wrote the Altered Carbon series which is just brilliant. World War One fairies!

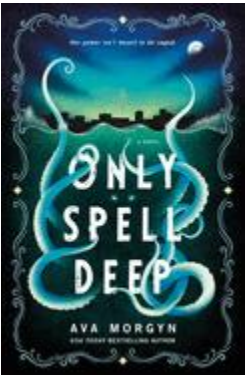
Only Spell Deep

by **Ava Morgyn**

release date: 03/17/2026

genre: Thrillers, occult & supernatural, romance, paranormal - witches

shelved in: Romance



Judeth Cole has always had certain uncanny abilities. But when she arrived at Solidago, her grandfather's estate by the sea, she was forced to keep them secret. There she lived a harsh life under his rule and the haunting legacy of her late grandmother, Aurelia. Until the fateful day she ignited a fire with her magic. It was the last time she saw her family alive.

Seventeen years later, she's living in Seattle as Jude Clark, and failing at life, when she makes a last detour through her favorite bookstore, selecting a book to read as she waits to die. But when she pulls it from the shelf, an invitation to her for a clandestine midnight meeting slips out.

Jude is quickly swept up into a world of secrets and magic, discovering a circle of powerful new companions led by the mysterious, enigmatic Arla. The source of their magic, Arla tells her, is an entity, trapped and bound, that they call The Fathom. But Jude swiftly realizes Arla wants this power all to herself, and that she's willing to kill for it.

Terrified, Jude turns to Levi, the handsome bookseller who's seen her at her worst. With his help, she begins a research journey that leads her all the way back to Solidago, the house she swore to never return to. Now, with the Fathom threatening to break free and Arla on the hunt, Jude must finally face her past to save her future.

Amber's why: I'm pretty sure this is about a witch who accidentally kills her family and then suppresses her powers for 17 years until meeting a charismatic cult leader who she then has to fight against with the help of a handsome bookseller and a family legacy she's yet to learn.

A Widow's Charm

by Caitlyn Paxson

release date: 03/31/2026

genre: Romance, fantasy, historical

shelved in: Romance



Lady Hildegarde Croft is accustomed to changes in position. After all, she rose from maidservant to lady of the manor when she married Lord Thorgoode Croft. But when he drops dead quite unexpectedly, the plans that would have protected her and the people of Croftholde from her malevolent brother-in-law die along with him. What's a widow to do?

Fortunately, potential salvation arrives in the form of Lord Erol Elmwood, who is fleeing the consequences of using his forbidden Charm to raise the dead and save his own life. Now he's injured, destitute, and miserable, stuck hiding out at the neighboring estate. For Hilde, blackmailing Lord Elmwood to resurrect Thorgoode seems like the perfect solution. For Elmwood, beautiful Lady Croft seems like the ideal distraction from his troubles. The problem is all she wants from him is the horrifying power he knows he can never use again.

Amber's why: In order to protect herself and her people from her brother-in-law, a widow attempts to blackmail her traumatized neighbor into resurrecting her late husband. Of course, her neighbor would rather just seduce her.

Ranger's Oath (Fall of Radiance bk 1)

by Blake Arthur Peel

release date: 03/03/2026

genre: Fantasy, epic

shelved in: Science Fiction



The barrier between worlds is broken. Only he knows the truth...

Magic has protected Tarsynium for a thousand years, shielding its people from being ravaged by bloodthirsty demons. When a young ranger's apprentice named Owyn Lund discovers that the Arc of Radiance has been breached, he tries to warn anybody who will listen.

But legends aren't supposed to be real.

When a village is mysteriously destroyed, rangers, mages, and rebels all point the finger, blaming each other for the demons' brutality. However, Zara Dannel, a mage's ward, has heard Owyn's tale--and she's inclined to believe him.

Together, they must prove that friendship is greater than intolerance, unity is more important than division, and that even the most powerful magic can sometimes not be enough.

Failure means the end of all things. A second--and lasting--Doom.

Amber's why: I just really want to read this. I think it's going to be a standard, kinda basic, fantasy adventure and that's kinda what I want.

You Should Have Been Nicer to My Mom

by Vincent Tirado

release date: 03/10/2026

genre: Horror, psychological, thrillers, LGBTQ+ | lesbian

shelved in: Fiction



When Papi Ramon, the patriarch of the wealthy Abreu family dies, he gives the family one last message in the will: "One of you is el bacà, the demon that I made a deal with. Get rid of them or you will be damned." Xiomara, the uncontested favorite of Papi Ramon (and therefore the least liked in the family), watches as everyone dismisses this as the joke of a senile old man and demands the lawyer obtain the previous will Papi wrote.

While the lawyer drives back to his office, a storm breaks out, forcing the entire family-- Xiomara's aunts and uncles and cousins--to remain in the house. And the words of Papi's will hangs over their heads even heavier than the rain clouds. Over the course of the night, scandal after scandal is revealed to the public about the family. Suddenly a tense few hours of surviving her family turns into a vicious night of recrimination, violence, accusations...and murder.

Xiomara is faced with an impossible task: uproot a demon and somehow kill it or excise the ghosts that linger within her own family.

And the clock is ticking...

Amber's why: In his will, the patriarch of a wealthy family informs them that one of them is a demon that needs to be killed in order to save the rest of them from damnation. He doesn't, however, tell them which one of them is that demon... leading to a vicious night of violence and murder. Sounds like fun.

The Somewhat Wicked Witch of Brigandale

by C. M. Waggoner

release date: 03/17/2026

genre: Fantasy, cozy, humorous

shelved in: Science Fiction



Once upon a time, a somewhat wicked witch named Gretsella lived in a cozy little cottage in the Dark Forest of Brigandale. She dispensed herbs and tinctures at reasonable prices, met with her slightly oddball coven on a regular basis, and had absolutely no need of any further company whatsoever, thank you very much. But then one afternoon, Gretsella came home to find a screaming infant on her doorstep.

Against all her better judgement, she took the baby in. She named him Bradley.

Eighteen years later, Bradley has grown into a bafflingly likable young man under Gretsella's extremely tolerant--one might even say doting--eye. But the witch's hopes for an unremarkable yet fulfilling life for her son are shattered when small woodland animals start prophesying that he is the lost prince and should ascend to the throne. Bradley ignores Gretsella's advice that prophecies and talking chipmunks are to be avoided at all costs, and sets off for the capital. But soon confusion and chaos are reigning, and scheming courtiers are using Bradley for their own ends. Sometimes a witch has to roll up her sleeves and take matters into her own cauldron. So Gretsella resolves to bring about the downfall of her darling son...

Amber's why: I've gotten very into cozy fantasy recently and I love the concept of a "wicked" witch going on a quest to save her "bafflingly likeable" son from his fate as the lost prince.

Teen

What We Did to Survive

by Megan Lally

release date: 03/31/2026

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, psychological, friendship, action & adventure, survival stories

shelved in: Teen Fiction



Hannah is having an incredible spring break. A week at a resort in Mexico with her best friend Emmy and her family is perfect for de-stressing from senior year, even if it's awkward being around Emmy's older brother, Jackson, who she's had a crush on for as long as she can remember.

Still, the beach is gorgeous. So is the guy they meet in the surf. Except Hannah is now the third wheel in Emmy's vacation romance.

Eager to impress Emmy, her wealthy new boyfriend charts a private sailboat to make the most of their last day in paradise, and Hannah and Jackson are invited along. As the clouds roll in and the skies darken, their boat is the only one leaving the marina. And the further they get into open water, the more unsettled Hannah becomes. A storm is brewing onboard that's as deadly as the one racing toward them. Forget surviving graduation. Who will make it back to land alive?

Amber's why: Why wouldn't you check the weather before going sailing?! Especially, when you're obviously not that experienced a sailor! Don't leave the marina if you're the only boat leaving the marina! What's wrong with you?!

Where No Shadow Stays

by Sara Hashem

release date: 03/31/2026

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, paranormal, occult & supernatural, emigration, immigration

shelved in: Teen Horror



Seventeen-year-old Mina is always focused on what comes next: exams, school dances, opportunities for a picnic by the lake. Filling up the future keeps her from lingering over how little she knows about her history or where she comes from. Anytime she asks her father questions about Egypt--or about her mother's mysterious death--he struggles to open up.

When Mina receives an invitation from an aunt she's never met to visit the Haikal mansion, her mother's childhood home in El Agamy, Mina accepts. She can't resist the chance to learn more about her roots or what happened to her mother, even if it means lying to her loves ones for the first time in her life.

But when Mina returns from El Agamy, she doesn't come back alone.

A sinister entity follows Mina from the Haikal mansion to her tiny California town. Mina is forced to abandon her friends, her father, and everything she loves in order to prevent the entity from violently possessing them. Isolated and fighting for her life, Mina must seek help from an unlikely ally: Jesse Talbot, the mortician's hostile son and the only person who proves immune to possession. Jesse would rather floss with barbed wire than team up with social butterfly Mina, but he doesn't exactly have a choice--after all, he's running from family secrets of his own.

As Mina and Jesse dig deeper into Mina's family lore, they uncover a bloody debt that must be satisfied if Mina wants to finish senior year alive.

Amber's why: A teen haunted by a sinister entity that may have killed her mother teams up with the son of a mortician (who happens to be immune to entity possession) to survive.

Dragon Girl and the Awakened Flames

by Jenny Moore

release date: 03/03/2026

genre: Fantasy, dragons, unicorns & mythical creatures, action & adventure

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



An orphan girl discovers she has dragon blood--the key to immortality. Hunted by an evil necromancer, she must learn to control her emerging powers if she is going to stop him.

*"A hero forged in fiercest flame, A child of iron and pain. By blood shall heal and chasm seal A kingdom torn in twain."--The Final Prophecy from the Tome of Terrible Tomorrows**

**Also known as Odolf's prophecy. (But only by Odolf!)*

All the best stories and adventures start with a knock at the door... Or the thwump of a dragon's tail at the entrance to her cave, in the case of Emba Oak. But then nothing about Emba's story is normal; from the scales on her arms and legs, to the shocking discovery that she hatched out of a dragon's egg. Even more shocking is the news that an evil sorcerer is after her dragon blood and will do anything to get his hands on it. Can Emba keep herself safe or will her loved ones pay the price?

Amber's why: A middle grade novel about a girl who discovers she is really a dragon. Or part dragon. Also, she's being hunted by an evil sorcerer.

You Are Now Old Enough to Hear This

by Aaron Starmer

release date: 03/24/2026

genre: Fantasy, legends, myths, fables, family, adolescence & coming of age

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



The Toe Beast looms large in the Barnes family lore--a tale concocted by twelve-year-old Roman's grandpa to explain his missing toe. But Roman has never actually heard the full story, and after his grandpa dies suddenly, it seems like he never will.

That is, until Roman is tasked with clearing out his grandpa's house, and stumbles upon some strange things. An old mason jar full of formaldehyde, a mysterious handwritten book about a girl and a pack of dogs, a rusty metal bucket with peculiar abilities. And they all tie back to extraordinary secrets from the distant past.

By unraveling even more unbelievable stories that have been hidden from him, Roman is forced to rethink how he fits into his family's history. Now it's up to him to see his own story through to the end. Because the Toe Beast was only the beginning . . .

Amber's why: Roman thought his grandpa made up a story about a toe-stealing monster to give the story of his missing toe a whimsical explanation, but maybe he didn't? Incidentally, does this sound familiar to you? I swear I've heard stories or urban legends or something about a monster (or person) who eats toes...

Here for a Good Time

by Kim Spencer

release date: 03/10/2026

genre: Indigenous, family life, Native American, coming of age

shelved in: Teen Fiction



It is 1990. Morgan has lived all her life in the small fishing town of Prince Rupert in northern British Columbia. Ever since her mom took off when she was ten, Morgan has kept an eye on her dad, a commercial fisherman who works hard and occasionally parties even harder. After struggling to keep up and find a place at a public high school, Morgan's best friend Skye convinces her to attend an alternate school.

There, she meets Nate. Both cute and intelligent, Nate introduces her to a wider worldview, including music, movies and books, and becomes a lifeline after an unimaginable tragedy strikes. In the aftermath, Morgan learns hard truths about her mother's painful past and the resulting intergenerational effects of that trauma, and as she struggles to come to terms with her new reality, an unexpected development offers a chance of a fresh start, with love and forgiveness at its core.

Amber's why: Sometimes you need a hope-filled coming-of-age dealing with tragedy, healing, and intergenerational trauma.

Lies We Tell About the Stars

by Susie Nadler

release date: 03/03/2026

genre: Death, Grief, Bereavement, friendship, disability

shelved in: Teen Fiction



Celeste Muldoon is alone when the Big One finally hits, because, for the first time ever, her best friend stood her up after school. Nicky and Celeste share a birthday, matching tattoos, an obsession with the upcoming Mars mission, and pretty much everything else. So why did he ghost her on the day she needed him most?

As the quake's death toll rises and days pass, Nicky and Celeste's parents fear the worst. But Celeste doesn't buy it. He couldn't be dead. Nicky'd spent their senior year selling essays to rich kids and was about to get caught. He'd told Celeste about his plan to vanish, to reinvent himself and escape the disaster he'd created. The quake would be perfect cover.

But she can't convince anyone that he could still be alive. Only Meo, a mysterious stranger who was somehow mixed up with Nicky, seems to believe, but Celeste has every reason to distrust him--even if her heart races whenever Meo shows up.

When Celeste finds Nicky's notebook, it sends her and Meo on a quest across the broken city, up the coast through towns sheltering quake refugees, and eventually all the way to Florida, where the mission to Mars is about to lift off.

Amber's why: Sometimes I need to be really depressed by teenagers dealing with grief.

Sprout

by Taylor Tyng

release date: 03/24/2026

genre: Fantasy, science & nature, friendship

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



Sprout has gotten used to hiding. Having antlers growing out of your head will do that. But when she learns that another girl with wild antlers has been spotted, Sprout is determined to see if there is someone else out there who understands the strangeness she feels.

Soon she attracts the attention of E.B., a fellow oddball, who remembers everything he has ever seen, read, or heard. And he's not the only one fascinated by Sprout. A curious doctor and a set of terrifying twins are tracking Sprout's every move. But nothing could have prepared Sprout for the dark secrets that have taken root in her town. Digging up the truth might help Sprout understand her past--or it might spell the end of her town forever.

Amber's why: You remember that children's book about the girl who grew antlers? This is not that.

Six Must Die

by Victoria Wlosok

release date: 03/10/2026

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, girls & women, LGBTQ+

shelved in: Teen Fiction



Twelve months ago, an escape room fire took everything from Steffi Zamekova. In just one hour, she lost it all: her popular blog, her close-knit inner circle, and her memories of the night that killed one of the group's own ... the charismatic (if infuriating) Matt Cesari.

On the anniversary of the bewildering tragedy, Steffi is still desperate to piece together what went wrong. So when she receives an ominous invitation in the mail summoning her to the new escape room across town, she seizes the chance for answers.

Reunited with her former friends, Steffi sees the game as a last chance to uncover the truth behind Matt's death. But it's soon clear that each participant has their own cagey reasons for accepting the challenge. And as tensions rise and the players are picked off one by one, it's a race against the clock for Steffi to uncover their secrets and unlock her own memories before the game's mastermind ensures that no one escapes the room alive.

Amber's why: Man, I love teens killing each other. In fiction. Anyway, main character has traumatic amnesia and is being hunted (along with her former friends) while trapped in an escape room and trying to uncover her lost memories. Sounds fun.

These Shattered Spires

by Cassidy Ellis Salter

release date: 03/10/2026

genre: Fantasy, dark fantasy, epic

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



Entombed beneath a tooth-filled sky, the world rots. At the heart of the decaying world is Fourspires Castle, home to arcanists from the four disciplines--bone, blood, botany, and stone.

The castle is thrown into chaos when the ruler of Fourspires is assassinated. To crown a new ruler, the arcanists and their human familiars must kill or be killed in a bloody fight to the top of the Fifth Tower. For the familiars, who are the arcanists' servants *and* sources of power, this will mean certain death.

Amid the bloodshed, four rival familiars must work together . . . Taro, a bone witch still obsessed with her ex. Nixie, a botanical familiar determined to do anything for her freedom. Elliot, a cursed and vengeful blood familiar. And Alix, a banished stone familiar shrouded in secrets.

It's a dangerous and deeply illegal quest, but if they want to survive, the four must ally long enough to battle reanimated skeletons, possessed plants, and undead nuns . . . if they don't kill each other first.

Amber's why: Okay, just the first line of the description: "Entombed beneath a tooth-filled sky, the world rots." I mean, how can you not after that?

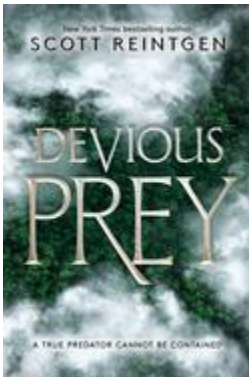
Devious Prey

by Scott Reintgen

release date: 03/31/2026

genre: Fantasy, action & adventure, mythical creatures

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



When an airship's windmaster dies mid-flight, the crew and its passengers are swept out to sea by a violent storm. They crash on a desolate island, but they're not alone. A dragoness had been stashed in the hold. After escaping a damaged cage, it begins preying on the surviving travelers in the hopes of remaining free.

The stranded group's best chance of making it home alive is the young woman who smuggled the dragoness on board in the first place--and the mysterious teen boy who was led onto the ship in chains before takeoff. Both have secrets that could help them survive on the island...but those same secrets could deliver a death sentence if they ever make it home.

Amber's why: While carrying a smuggled dragon in its hold, an airship crashes stranding the passengers on a deserted island where the dragon starts picking them off in the hopes of remaining free.