



Forthcoming Titles

April 2026

Adult

Invasive Species

by Ellery Adams

release date: 04/14/2026

genre: Magical Realism, horror, fantasy, feminist, occult & supernatural, small town & rural
shelved in: Science Fiction



The women in Cold Harbor all have something to prove, and they'll have to do it in a world full of monsters.

Something's not right in Cold Harbor--more so than usual. While this sleepy small town has seen its fair share of monsters in cheating husbands and leering bosses, none are as hungry as Mrs. Smith. The mysterious resident has finally emerged from her crumbling mansion on the hill, mesmerizing the townspeople with her beauty. Her secret? Nine human sacrifices to feed her immortality.

Natalie Scott is more worried about Mrs. Smith blocking her first real estate sale--the one that will take her from stay-at-home mom to working woman extraordinaire. She's eager to prove herself in a world where the social mores of 1980s suburbia reign, where she's expected to keep a magazine-perfect home and raise beautiful children, all while sticking to her husband's budget. Natalie's two best friends are facing their own demons, and Mrs. Smith and her deep,

dark woods are an easy scapegoat for everyone's problems.

But Natalie's twelve-year-old daughter, Jill, and her Icelandic housekeeper, Una, can sense something deeper at play. Armed with library books and a whole lot of grit, Jill and Una team up to save the town once and for all. But as the rest of Cold Harbor sinks into anger, fear, and jealousy, they'll have to confront the question: What does it really mean to be a monster?

Amber's why: I feel bad for people living in small coastal towns. They're always haunted. I blame the ocean. The ocean is spooky.

The Tricky Business of Faerie Bargains

by Reena McCarty

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Fantasy, dragons & mythical creatures, romance

shelved in: Science Fiction



When Poppy Hill was a child she was stolen from her family's Montana homestead and taken to the land of the fae, where she spent more than a century as a cook in the Wild King's castle. Now back in the human world, she works for a company that brokers fairy bargains, looking for loopholes in their contracts.

Then a bargain that Poppy is negotiating goes disastrously wrong and she has to return to the world she grew up in to try to rectify her mistake, facing danger, intrigue and a pesky ex-boyfriend along the way.

Amber's why: There's something about the legalities of Faerie bargains that is incredibly fun. Magical bureaucracy is so much better than the mundane kind.

An Accident of Dragons

by Cheri Radke

release date: 04/28/2026

genre: Fantasy, dragons & mythical creatures, humorous

shelved in: Science Fiction



In theory, the dragoness of Summer can make any resident on her island the ruler, if the previous Lord Summer is so careless as to die without an heir. In practice, absolutely no one expected her to choose Teddy, the last lord's middle-aged fancy man. With his quick wit, heaps of charisma, and excellent dress sense, Teddy brings plenty of virtues to his new role, but statecraft, pedigree, and decorum are not among them. That's all right: he's done his duty to the island, and his five-year-old daughter, Zinnia, will make a brilliant Lady Summer when her time comes.

Except when a ship of desperate mainlander thieves arrives, Zinnia's caught in the fracas and taken hostage. Teddy jumps into the rescue mission without delay, even though his days of adventures on the mainland are long buried with his lover. But his sailors have never seen their destination, and worse, the hard-liner admiral who leads them thinks Teddy's a worthless dandy. Against a conniving robber baron, a sorceress who's tamed her own dragon, and ordinary people with everything to lose, the crew faces terrible odds. But with all he loves in

danger, Teddy must prove there's more to him than he'd ever intended to show.

Amber's why: Middle-aged "fancy man," Teddy, is chosen by a dragon to be the new Lord of the isle of Summer—much to everyone's surprise (and dismay?). Then things get a little awkward when Teddy's daughter is kidnapped and Teddy's got to head back to the mainland—where once upon a time he was an adventurer.

Thistlemarsh

by Moora Corrigan

release date: 04/21/2026

genre: Fantasy, cozy, romance

shelved in: Science Fiction



In the wake of The Great War, the world is a decidedly unmagical place for Mouse Dunne. She once dreamed of becoming a Faerie anthropologist, but with one telegram, her world shattered. At the Battle of the Somme, her cousin's body disappeared into the mud, and her brother was left with debilitating shell shock. It was time, she knew, to put aside childish dreams.

When Mouse receives news that her uncle has left her the Faerie-blessed Thistlemarsh Hall, a dilapidated manor in the English countryside, she must leave her brother's side and return to her childhood home to claim her birthright. But there is a catch in her uncle's offer: If Mouse does not rehabilitate the crumbling house in one month's time, she will forfeit her inheritance and any hope of caring for her brother.

It quickly becomes clear it's impossible to repair the manor in the allotted time, until a mysterious Faerie appears with a proposition. He offers to restore Thistlemarsh...for a price.

Mouse knows better than to trust a Faerie--especially one so insufferably handsome and arrogant--but she is out of options. There are dark and magical forces at work in the house, and Mouse must confront the ghosts of her past and the secrets of her heart or lose Thistlemarsh, and herself, in the process.

Amber's why: More WWI fairies! Or Faeries, if you're British.

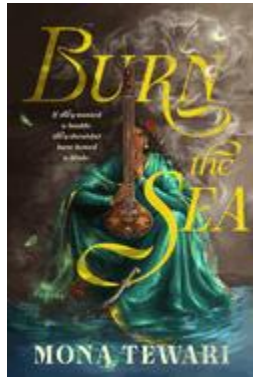
Burn the Sea

by Mona Tewari

release date: 04/21/2026

genre: Fantasy, historical, feminist, Asia

shelved in: Science Fiction



To protect her homeland, one queen must fight her people's historic enemy--once and for all.

Abbakka Chowta never expected to be queen. The youngest of Ullal's two rajkumaris, Abbakka has spent years in rigorous combat training to become her sister's blade. But when the monstrous Porcugi attempt to lay claim to Ullal, Abbakka's world--and fate--are upended.

The Porcugi--giant half-men, half-snakes who attack from the sea--haven't been seen in Ullal since their failed invasion more than fifty years ago. But now, they're back with vengeance and a choice: pay their tithes or suffer total devastation. Soon, Abbakka's definitions of strength, subterfuge, and statecraft are put to the test. Will marriage to a neighboring king give her the resources she needs to protect her people . . . or will she watch her homeland be crushed beneath the waves of would-be colonizers?

Amber's why: A mythological retelling of the Portuguese invasion of India and the queen who defied empire, fiercely resisting the incoming colonizers. Also, there are snake-people.

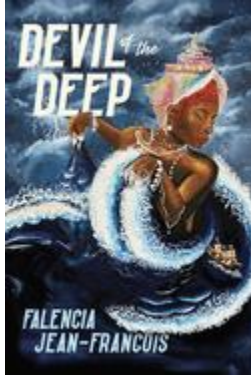
Devil of the Deep

by **Falencia Jean-Francois**

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Fantasy, action & adventure, epic, LGBTQ+ | transgender; African American & Black

shelved in: Science Fiction



Lu watched the love of his life walk the plank and sink into the inky-black depths of the sea. Nnenna was dead . . . or so he thought.

Five years later, Lieutenant "Lu" Ortega, dutiful fleet officer, embarks on a mission to hunt down a powerful talisman now in the hands of a runaway mermaid. On his quest, he discovers the impossible: Nnenna is still alive. Fierce and cunning, and as breathtaking as ever, Nnenna 's won enough bloody sword fights as a pirate captain to earn the nickname "Devil of the Deep." She has come to reject the system of order that Lu clings to, and worse, she's protecting the very quarry he's tracking: Pearl Highwater, who has defied the all-powerful sea god and might hold a valuable key to finding her people's lost island.

When the tides and fates bring them together, Nnenna, Lu, and Pearl must choose their loyalties, find their courage, and race to protect the island from false gods and forces of evil--or risk unleashing an ancient curse that could destroy them all.

Amber's why: A fleet officer, a pirate, and a mermaid encounter some gods outside of Haiti... shenanigans ensue.

We Call Them Witches

by **India-Rose Bower**

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Occult & Supernatural, horror, LGBTQ+ | lesbian

shelved in: Fiction



Nearly everyone died the first night *they* came...

Two years ago, monstrous beings tore through Britain, leaving few survivors. Now Sara and her family live on the run, relying on scraps of folklore and fading pagan rituals to stay safe from the eldritch creatures they call "witches".

While her mother grows increasingly paranoid, Sara longs for something more than fear.

Then a strange girl appears in the garden of their current camp. Her name is Parsley, and she cannot remember where she came from or why she's there. Despite her family's suspicions, Sara feels drawn to her.

But when Sara's younger brother is taken by the Witches, she and Parsley must cross desolate moors full of merciless terrors to get him back. As their bond deepens, so do the dangers they face--and Sara begins to question whether anything is truly as it seems.

In a world ruled by terror and myth, trust is the only thing more dangerous than the Witches themselves.

Amber's why: The knowledge of folklore and pagan rituals save a family from being eaten by eldritch monstrosities they call "witches." This is unsustainable.

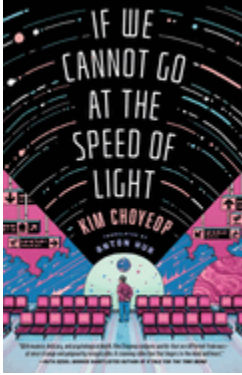
If We Cannot Go at the Speed of Light

by Kim Choyeop

release date: 04/28/2026

genre: Science Fiction, literary, collections & anthologies, space exploration

shelved in: Science Fiction



An elderly woman stranded in a defunct space station recounts her life story to a visitor as she waits for a vessel that may never arrive. A man comes across a company called Emotional Solids that sells emotions as material products--love as a piece of chocolate, sadness as a smooth stone, anger as a glass paperweight--and tries to understand why people would want to purchase any negative emotions. When an enigmatic artist reveals long-forgotten messages from beyond through her wildly original paintings portraying a planet from a time long before humanity formed, a team of researchers investigate if this planet truly existed and if so, how did this artist know of it? After a pregnant woman's estranged mother dies suddenly, her avatar disappears from the library of lost souls where the digital minds of the deceased are stored--and the woman is forced, for the first time, to endeavor to understand her mother. In a future utopian society where gene selection has been made uniform and all those with imperfections are cast aside, one woman seeks the truth about the history of her isolated world. And when a young woman undertakes a never-before-accomplished journey through a wormhole, she must reckon with the legacy of her aunt, who vanished mysteriously days before she was meant to

begin the same pilgrimage.

Amber's why: I love me some short speculative fiction and this collection is supposed to be very, very good.

Japanese Gothic

by Kylie Lee Baker

release date: 04/14/2026

genre: Horror, fantasy, gothic, thrillers, literary, feminist, occult & supernatural

shelved in: Fiction



October, 2026: Lee Turner doesn't remember how or why he killed his college roommate. The details are blurred and bloody. All he knows is he has to flee New York and go to the one place that might offer refuge--his father's new home in Japan, a house hidden by sword ferns and wild ginger. But something is terribly wrong with the house: no animals will come near it, the bedroom window isn't always a window, and a woman with a sword appears in the yard when night falls.

October, 1877: Sen is a young samurai in exile, hiding from the imperial soldiers in a house behind the sword ferns. A monster came home from war wearing her father's face, but Sen would do anything to please him, even turn her sword on her own mother. She knows the soldiers will soon slaughter her whole family when she sees a terrible omen: a young foreign man who appears outside her window.

One of these people is a ghost, and one of these stories is a lie.

Something is hiding beneath the house of sword ferns, and Lee and Sen will soon wish they never unburied it.

Amber's why: I'm going to quote the Goodreads reviewer that convinced me to read this book. "A mind-exploding, bone-shivering gothic nightmare wrapped in Japanese mythology, samurai legacy, and time-bending terror--this book is an exquisitely strange, intoxicating, and utterly original experience. It's the kind of story that freezes your blood like black ice while melting your last remaining brain cells with its wild, labyrinthine twists. If you're open to something daringly unique, unsettling, and beautifully crafted, this novel delivers a literary punch straight to the soul."

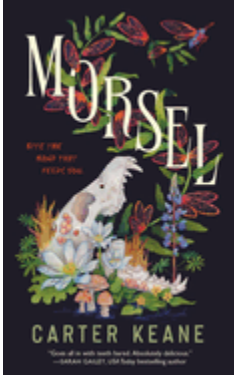
Morsel

by Carter Keane

release date: 04/14/2026

genre: Horror, monsters & creatures, occult & supernatural, fairy tales

shelved in: Fiction



Lou did what the children of parents with backbreaking, poorly paying jobs are supposed to do: pulled up her bootstraps, went to college, and got an office gig with coworkers who won't stop talking about their multilevel marketing scheme disguised as self-betterment.

When Lou accepts a property appraisal assignment in the rural hills of Ohio, she knows it's her last chance to save her job and keep making rent. But she quickly finds herself stranded in the middle of nowhere with a sabotaged truck, her dog, and someone--or something--stalking her through the ancient Appalachian woods.

If she can't escape the woods in time, she'll see firsthand that her job isn't the only thing that wants to eat her alive.

Amber's why: This is not a cannibal book. I think. Maybe. Probably. I could be wrong.

Witch Queen Rising

by Savannah Stephens

release date: 04/21/2026

genre: Fantasy, dark fantasy, contemporary, paranormal

shelved in: Science Fiction



For New Orleans witchkin, there is no greater honor than to become the Prime--chosen to rule. But the title is meant to pass between two rival Houses of magic, not to the wayward daughter of the former Prime who died under mysterious circumstances.

As a girl, Seraphine Barreau was dubbed the Tick Witch for her ability to feed on magic and make it her own. Even among those who alter fate and manipulate reality, she was a powerful outcast feared and misunderstood by her people. Now dragged back to continue the legacy that nearly destroyed her, Phine has her work cut out for her. She must earn the respect of her people, navigate the politics of the paranormal communities residing in her city, and heal a broken heart, all the while battling a parasitic curse poisoning witchkin. Between her werewolf ex, power-hungry vampires, and the skeletons in her family's closet, Phine must learn to make peace with her past to save her--and all of witchkin's--future.

Amber's why: I miss urban fantasy. On a semi-related note, New Orleans witches! Werewolves! Vampires! IT'S A NEW SERIES! Does anyone remember Anita Blake? Mercy Thompson? Kate Daniels? I am quite excited.

Teen

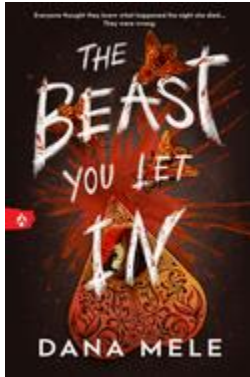
The Beast You Let In

by Dana Mele

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Horror, thrillers & suspense, supernatural, siblings, LGBTQ+

shelved in: Teen Horror



Everyone in the rural town of Ashling knows the tale of Veronica Green, a teen who was murdered in the woods. But did a party trick bring her back to claim her revenge?

There is no one Hazel trusts less than her self-centered twin, Beth. So when Beth abandons her at a party she didn't want to attend in the first place, Hazel decides not to let it ruin her night. She throws herself into flirting and telling ghost stories over a Ouija board. Hazel might not be the popular twin, but she is going to have fun if it kills her.

Except Beth doesn't come home that night, and Hazel's anger morphs into anxiety. It only sharpens when Beth reappears a day later, disoriented and claiming to be Veronica Green, a teen who was murdered in their small town years before. If it isn't a possession, Beth is really good at faking it. Did they accidentally release a vengeful horror during the party?

Hazel must uncover what happened to Veronica all those years ago if she's going to save Beth. But the truth may destroy them both--if they don't destroy each other first.

Amber's why: An unreliable narrator, an "evil" twin, and a possible possession. This book is an exploration of gaslighting, trauma, queerness, and small towns. Also murder. And bees.

Burn the Kingdom Down

by Addie Thorley

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Fantasy, dark fantasy, thrillers & suspense, mystery & detective stories, romance

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



One year ago, Rowenna Harrack, the crown princess of Tashir, left her homeland in a wedding dress of chains--sent away to the enemy nation of Vanzador as a captive bride.

Now, Rowenna is dead. Brought home in a coffin after an alleged fall from a cliff.

Second-born princess, Indira, knows her sister's death was no accident. Desperate for truth and vengeance, Indira agrees to wed the prince so she can infiltrate Vanzador, find Rowenna's murderer, and burn their kingdom to the ground.

Indira's plan is simple, she will make nice until she can find out how to avenge her sister and free her country from the rival nation's stranglehold. But when Indira arrives, nothing is as terrible as Rowenna described. As Indira grows closer to her new husband, Prince Alaric, and uncovers more about Vanzador, the source of its powers, and what happened during Rowenna's final days, she's no longer sure what--and who--to believe. Because everyone, even her sister, has secrets. Deadly ones.

Amber's why: After her sister (who was forced into a political marriage) dies, a princess agrees to marry her sister's widower in order to investigate what she believes to be her sister's murder.

Deathly Fates

by Tesia Tsai

release date: 04/14/2026

genre: Fantasy, dark fantasy, romance, royalty

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



As a priestess paid to guide the deceased home, Kang Siying has never feared death. However, when her beloved father collapses, Siying realizes that even she is not free from the cruel grasp of mortality. Desperate to provide her father with the medical aid he needs, Siying accepts a dangerous job that promises a generous commission, and travels to a hostile state to retrieve the corpse of a missing prince.

But the moment Siying places her reanimation talisman on the dead prince's head, rather than make the corpse obedient to Siying's commands, the talisman brings the prince back to life. Worse, he won't stay alive for long--not unless he absorbs enough qi, or life force, to keep his soul anchored to his body.

In return for a reward worth twice her original commission, Siying agrees to aid the frustratingly handsome prince in finding and purifying evil spirits for their qi. As they journey across the countryside, encountering vengeful ghosts and enemy spies alike, they gradually uncover dark secrets about the prince's death--secrets that could endanger both Siying's father and their entire kingdom.

Amber's why: Chinese folk necromancy! I mean, any type of necromancy is rad, but I've been really into Asian fiction recently and have always had a special place reserved in my heart for China. So, yay! Chinses folk necromancy! And I guess also romance... because how else is necromancy going to be socially acceptable?

The Demonic Inventions of Aurelie Blake

by Mara Rutherford

release date: 04/14/2026

genre: Fantasy, dark fantasy, romance, monsters, survival stories, supernatural, technology

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



In Wisteria, the very act of innovation is forbidden. Any creation--art, music, engineering--conjures a demon from the other side. The greater the innovation, the more dangerous the demon.

This has never stopped **Aurelie** from inventing--but it has made it more difficult. Her inventions are small by necessity, producing demons that she is capable of dispatching alone. But she knows she's meant for something greater, and each day has her chafing more at the boundaries of her society.

Destrier lost his parents to demons as a child, and has devoted his life to preventing more senseless murder at the hands of demons. He was young when he joined the hunters, and each year he's grown stronger. But it's never enough.

When a mysterious figure offers Aurelie a job she can't refuse--an impossible, magnificent invention--her decision to accept sets off a chain of events that will alter every aspect of their world... and sparks the connection that will change both Aurelie and Des irrevocably.

Amber's why: Innovation is forbidden. Do you think this is a craftily disguised critique of technological progress in modern America? Anyway, there's, like, magic and stuff in this book and teens making decisions that will change their world.

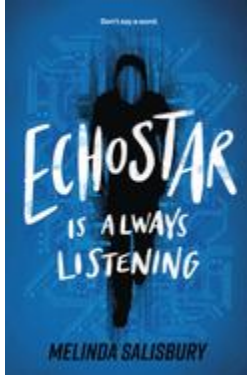
EchoStar Is Always Listening

by Melinda Salisbury

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, technology, friendship

shelved in: Teen Fiction



Ruby and her best friend Deva have won free places at the Ash Tree Foundation Performing Arts Camp over the summer. There's just one problem: they won't be able to attend unless their grades seriously improve. When Deva suddenly starts getting high marks in all their subjects, a confused and hurt Ruby feels left behind. Then she finds out Deva's success is due to EchoStar, a new app that's helping her get ahead.

Ruby is desperate to start using it too, but there is much more to EchoStar than she has imagined. Because EchoStar is always watching and listening.

Amber's why: Gross.

Girl Reflected in Knife

by Anica Mrose Rissi

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Fairy Tales & Folklore, high school, teenage pregnancy, mental illness

shelved in: Teen Fiction



Destiny can't count on anyone but herself. Her mother has struggled with addiction for all of Destiny's life, moving them from town to town, bad boyfriend to bad boyfriend--including a particularly dark period in Texas, where Destiny ended up in a psychiatric hospital. But Destiny's mother is newly sober and stable. And Destiny is falling in love.

Destiny never believed in happily ever after, but that doesn't stop her confidence from fraying when the first guy she ever trusted casually shatters her heart. Spiraling hard, she tells a tiny, desperate lie to buy herself a moment of hope. But as the lie grows and the pressures tangle, she gets lost in her own deception, and the line between truth and fantasy starts to blur.

With time untethered and her perception in knots, Destiny must find a way to reclaim her story and weave a new ending--before its beginnings unravel.

"Be careful of the story you tell yourself. It might become the one you believe."

Amber's why: Sad.

Gods & Comics

by Kat Cho

release date: 04/21/2026

genre: Romance, fantasy, fairy tales & folklore

shelved in: Teen Fantasy



Seventeen-year-old junior class vice president Grace Bak has her entire future all mapped out with plans to become a doctor like her parents. But the weight of Grace's own daunting expectations leads to debilitating panic attacks that have made her a virtual outcast at school, even to her longtime friend and crush. To make matters worse, her grandmother and only real support system has just died. Halmeoni was the glue that kept Grace's little family together, especially after she and her dad lost her mother to cancer when Grace was too little to have many memories of her. To cope with the grief of another loss, Grace starts a webcomic inspired by the Korean myths her halmeoni used to tell her as a child.

In *Sun God*, Grace spins the tale of Korean god Haemosu and his love Yuhwa, but with a twist--the two gods are trapped in the bodies of teenagers and, worst of all, cursed to attend high school. Grace never expected her comic to go viral, but it has, and the new fandom has somehow conjured the real Haemosu. Now it's up to Grace to get him back home. But when she starts to fall for Hae, sending him home is the last thing she wants to do. More troubling,

Hae isn't the only god to suddenly reappear. Hae's sworn enemy--also brought back to the mortal realm by Grace's comic--is set on destroying Hae, all while infecting humanity with a deadly disease.

As an epic battle between gods looms, Hae is without his powers, so it may fall to Grace to fight back against a vengeful god hell-bent on punishing anyone who gets in his way.

Amber's why: It's like a reverse-isekai where the teenage author of a webcomic accidentally summons the main character of her work and must fix it.

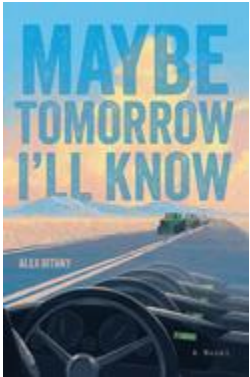
Maybe Tomorrow I'll Know

by Alex Ritany

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: LGBTQ+ | Transgender, romance, science fiction, time travel

shelved in: Teen Science Fiction



Laurie wakes up in a girl's body with no memories, driving down an unknown highway, and promptly crashes the car. Thankfully, a handsome stranger named Gideon comes to his rescue. It's awkward for Laurie to pretend that he's a girl, but at least this is the scariest thing he'll ever have to deal with.

Except the next morning--and every morning after--Laurie wakes up barreling down that same highway. He re-meets Gideon every day, with no idea who this girl whose body he's inhabiting even is. Only one thing is clear: he's on a countdown. Laurie has been given only one hundred days to get back in the right body, break the time loop, and not fall for Gideon while he does it.

Amber's why: A very trippy Groundhog Day where a boy is stuck living the same day over and over again in the body of a girl he doesn't know. Maybe a little stressful, no? And the 100-day time limit doesn't help.

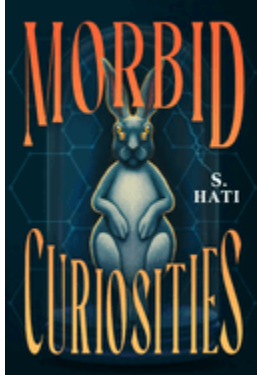
Morbid Curiosities

by S Hati

release date: 04/21/2026

genre: Thrillers & Suspense, mystery & detective stories, boarding school & prep school

shelved in: Teen Mystery



When the Institute's invitation arrived at my doorstep, it felt like it had been inked in my blood, sweat, and tears.

Aarya's life plan has been set for as long as she can remember: finish high school with a bang, attend the best college she can get into, then land a prestigious biology research job. Her ticket to this dream is a one-year program at the Elizabethan Institute, the preeminent organization for life sciences in the United States, currently on the cusp of revealing a major project that could transform the worlds of biology and medicine.

But as Aarya tries to settle in to a school with sky-high academic expectations and research cloaked in mystery, it becomes clear that someone doesn't want her there. As the scholarship student surrounded by rich, cutthroat peers who seem all too willing to torment her, she never expected to make friends, but the notes warning her to run rattle her to her core. She finds an ally in Sofia, a mysterious girl who claims to be the subject of closed-door Institute

experiments and begs for Aarya's help in discovering the Institute's true goal.

As rumors of mutated flora and fauna in the nearby city circulate and a murder investigation rocks the Institute, Aarya must navigate Sofia's growing paranoia and her own increasingly unreliable memory to determine which classmates she can trust—and which would rather see her dead.

Amber's why: Science nerd attempts to solve the mystery of the institute in which she studies in this non-fantasy dark academia gothic novel.

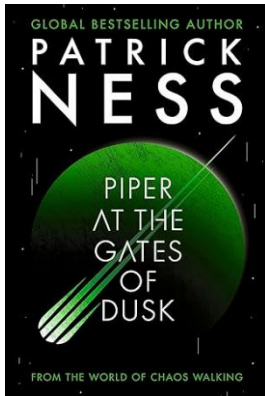
Piper at the Gates of Dusk

by Patrick Ness

release date: 04/07/2026

genre: Action & Adventure, survival stories, dystopian

shelved in: Teen Science Fiction



It's been twenty years since the monstrous war that almost tore New World apart, and there's a new generation on the planet. Todd and Viola's sons Ben and Max have known only peace growing up on the family farm outside a bustling human settlement. They dream of the usual things, like school and adventure, until the nightmares begin . . .

A sudden sickness has infected the young people of New World with Noise in the form of their worst thoughts about themselves. Some suspect the Spackle, the indigenous people with whom humans have a very uneasy truce. Others wonder about a connection to a mysterious object looming in the sky. And then, one by one, the children of New World begin to disappear.

Ben, with his mother's logical mind, and Max, with his father's courageous heart, become caught up in separate quests for answers, journeys that will test their beliefs in their parents, each other, and in their very existence on the planet.

Amber's why: The first book of the sequel series to Chaos Walking. Todd and Viola are all grown up! This series follows their kids.