

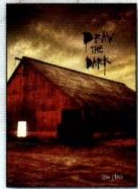


# SCIENCE FICTION, FANTASY, HORROR

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VOYA is pleased to present our annual compilation of science fiction, fantasy, and horror books for teens to which our reviewers have given top honors. These books have earned 5Q or 5P ratings for literary excellence and popular appeal among teen readers and would serve as an excellent source for updating your collection. All titles have been reviewed in VOYA between June 2010 and April 2011.

Bick, Ilsa J. **Draw the Dark**. Carolrhoda, 2010. 344p. \$16.95. 978-7613-5686-8. VOYA December 2010. 5Q 5P S



In this unique action-packed tale, Christian draws dark images of the memories stored in his head of a "sideways" place where he believes his missing parents have disappeared. Able to see the dreams of those around him, his bewildering skill grows to connect the past and the present of his small town.

Black, Jenna. **Shadowspell**. St. Martin's, 2010. 304p. \$9.99 Trade pb. 978-0-312-57594-6. VOYA April 2011. 4Q 5P J S

In **Shadowspell**, the second installment of the *Faeriewalker* series, Dana's life is further complicated by the arrival of the Erlking and his enslaved motorcycle gang, the Wild Hunt. The Erlking is dangerously beautiful and dangerously ruthless, and he immediately takes an interest in Dana and her Faeriewalker powers.



Brennan, Sara Rees. **The Demon's Covenant**. Margaret K. McElderry/ Simon & Schuster, 2010. 440p. \$17.99. 978-1-4169-6381-3. VOYA October 2010. 4Q 5P S



In the second volume of *The Demon's Lexicon* trilogy, Jamie is sought for recruitment by the Obsidian Circle magicians. Jamie's sister, Mae, seeks the assistance of Nick and Alan to protect him and in return, Mae would help Nick act more human.

Bunce, Elizabeth C. **Star Crossed**. Arthur A. Levine /Scholastic, 2010. 400p. \$17.99. 978-0-545-13605-1. VOYA February 2010. 4Q 5P J S

In the world of Llyvraneth, a world that outlaws magic and does away with all who do not conform to the king's religion and beliefs, Digger is a thief hiding as Meri's maid in a wealthy home. When preparing for Meri's coming-of-age party, Digger becomes aware of many of the guests' ulterior motives.



Cast, P. C., and Kristin Cast. **Burned**. St. Martin's Press, 2010. 384p. \$17.99. 978-0-312-60616-9. VOYA October 2010. 4Q 5P J S

After witnessing Heath's murder, soul-shattered Zoey must piece together her soul in the Otherworld and reunite with her body within a week or she will die in this installment of the *House of Night* series.



Chima, Cinda Williams. **The Exiled Queen**. Disney Hyperion, 2010. 586p. \$17.99. 978-1-4231-1824-4. VOYA October 2010. 5Q 5P M J S



In this sequel to the *Demon King* (Hyperion, 2009/VOYA October 2009), Princess Raisa travels to Oden's Ford with Amon, fleeing a forced marriage in hopes of receiving military training. She meets an aspiring wizard, Han, who she is also attracted to, but Amon and Han are forbidden to her.

Clare, Cassandra. **Clockwork Angel: The Infernal Devices**. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, 2010. 496p. \$19.99. 978-1-4169-7586-1. VOYA October 2010. 5Q 5P J S

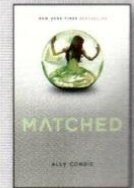
A prequel to the steampunk *Mortal Instrument* series (McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster), this first of a planned trilogy sends sixteen-year-old Tessa to Victorian England to meet her brother, only to be captured by the Dark Sisters.

Collins, Suzanne. **Mockingjay**. Scholastic, 2010. 390p. \$17.99. 978-0-439-02351-1. VOYA December 2010. 5P 5Q J S

Katniss, shattered by the games and war, is redesigned to be the Mockingjay, a symbol for Panem's justice in this unpredictable final installment in the *Hunger Games Trilogy*. This title follows *The Hunger Games* (Scholastic, 2008/VOYA October 2008) and *Catching Fire* (Scholastic, 2009/VOYA December 2009).

Condie, Ally. **Matched**. Dutton/Penguin Putnam, 2010. 384p. \$17.99. 978-0-525-42364-5. VOYA December 2010. 4Q 5P M J S

The Officials of the Society matched Cassia to Xander, a boy she has known all her life, but unbeknownst to her, she is now, at age seventeen, matched to Ky, who is unmatched. Society has eliminated disease and struggle, but also freedom and choice in this engrossing debut novel.



Dashner, James. **The Scorch Trials**. Delacorte/Random House, 2010. 368p. \$17.99. 978-0-385-73875-0. VOYA December 2010. 5Q 5P J S

The suspenseful sequel to *The Maze Runner* (Random House, 2009/VOYA December 2009) takes Thomas and the gladders through the Scorch, a land of solar flares, brutal weather, and

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Kramer, Stacy, and Valerie Thomas. **Karma Bites**. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010. 348p. \$6.99 Trade pb. 978-0-547-36301-1. VOYA October 2010. 5Q 4P M J

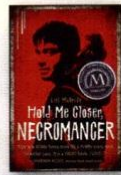


Franny Flanders' granny fixes her bad hair dye the day before school starts with a recipe from her magical box. Franny decides to change bad karma into good with more of her granny's curing recipes, such as "Brilliant Banana Bread" and "Make It Better Munches Mix".

LaFevers, R. L. **Theodosia and the Eyes of Horus**. Illus. by Yoko Tanaka. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010. 384p. \$16. 978-0-547-22592-0. VOYA June 2010. 5Q 4P M J

Theodosia Throckmorton continues her battle against the Serpents of Chaos in this third installment of the series. The Serpents intend to use the power of ancient Egyptian artifacts to unleash destruction on 1907 London, in particular, an emerald tablet at her archeological parents' museum.


McBride, Lish. **Hold Me Closer, Necromancer**. Henry Holt, 2010. 352p. \$16.99. 978-0-8050-9098-7. VOYA February 2010. 3Q 5P J S



Sam is getting by working in a fast food restaurant when he finds out he is a necromancer. In this action-filled tale, Sam ultimately faces a battle, with support from a variety of supernatural characters, against Douglas, a powerful necromancer who recognized Sam's dormant powers.

McBride, Regina. **The Fire Opal**. Delacorte Press/Random House, 2010. 304p. \$16.99. 978-0-385-73781-4. VOYA June 2010. 5Q 2P M J S

Maeve undertakes a perilous journey to find the Fire Opal which will save the souls of her loved ones, stolen by the evil goddess Uria, in this quest fantasy based on Celtic mythology.

O'Connor, George. **Athena: Grey-Eyed Goddess**. First Second Books, 2010. 79p. \$16.99. 978-1-59643-649-7. \$9.99 Oversize pb. 978-1-59643-432-5. VOYA August 2010. 5Q 3P M J 



This full-color graphic novel, highlighting the best tales about the Greek goddess Athena, is the second volume of the *Olympians* series.

Pauley, Kimberly. **Still Sucks to Be Me: The All-True Confessions of Mina Smith, Teen Vampire**. Mirrorstone, 2010. 384p. \$15.95. 978-0-7869-5503-9. VOYA October 2010. 4Q 5P J S



In the sequel to *It Sucks To Be Me: The All-True Confessions of Mina Hamilton, Teen Vampire* (Mirrorstone, 2009/VOYA October 2008), Mina has been relocated by the Vampire Relocation agency to start a new life in the south. Juggling homework and boyfriends adds to the already difficult tasks of learning how to shapeshift and protecting her friend Serena.

Paver, Michelle. **Chronicles of Ancient Darkness: Ghost Hunter**. HarperCollins, 2010. 304p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-072840-3. VOYA October 2010. 5Q 5P M J S



In the sixth and final entry in this series set six thousand years ago, Torak must face the evil forces of the Eagle Clan Mage, Eostra, and defeat her before she becomes immortal.

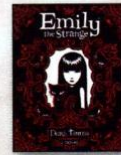
Pratchett, Terry. **I Shall Wear Midnight**. HarperCollins, 2010. 368p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-143304-7. VOYA December 2010. 5Q 4P M J S A/YA

In possibly the final adventure of Tiffany Aching, she is now sixteen, and is *the* witch of the Chalk region. Busy taking care of people, she is confused when they begin to turn on her when the Cunning Man, an evil spirit, is awakened.

Raven, Nicky, adapter. **Dracula**. Illus. by Anne Yvonne Gilbert. Candlewick Press, 2010. 96p. \$19.99. 978-0-7636-4793-3. VOYA August 2010. 5Q 5P J S A/YA

A lushly illustrated remake of the traditional Dracula story with a few alterations and a twist at the end.

Reger, Rob. **Emily the Strange: Dark Times**. HarperCollins, 2011. 248p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-145235-2. VOYA December 2010. 4Q 5P M J S



Emily time-travels to the 1790s to save her Aunt Lilly and replenish her supply of the dark elixir, outsmarting Boris, the 1790s version of Attikol, Emily's ancestral enemy.

Scott, Elizabeth. **Grace**. Dutton/Penguin Putnam, 2010. 208p. \$16.99. 978-0-525-42206-8. VOYA December 2010. 5Q 2P S

Grace gradually reveals the story of her life in a dystopian future. Trained as a suicide bomber, she must flee to the border when she fails to kill a member of the city's government.

Scott, Michael. **The Necromancer**. Delacorte Press/Random House, 2010. 416p. \$18.99. 978-0-385-73531-5. VOYA August 2010. 4Q 5P M J



In the fourth title of *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flanel* series, twins, Sophie and Josh, have magical powers that hold the key to humanity's survival. They begin to realize their mentor, the magician Nicholas Flanel, may be manipulating them for his own purposes.

Shan, Darren. **Birth of a Killer: The Saga of Larten Crepsley**. Little, Brown, 2010. 272p. \$16.99. 978-0-316-07863-4. VOYA February 2011. 4Q 5P M J

In this prequel to the *Cirque Du Freak* series, readers learn how Larten became a vampire to escape his human life that had been shattered when he killed the factory foreman that killed his cousin.

Shields, Gillian. **Betrayal**. HarperCollins, 2010. 368p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-137584-2. VOYA October 2010. 4Q 5P M J



Sixteen-year-old Evie returns to her English boarding school, Wyldcliff, in this sequel to *Immortal* (Katherine Tegen Books, 2009/VOYA October 2009). Wearing her grandmother's pendant, which holds secrets that can only be unlocked by the power of fire, Evie strives to defeat the demons who seek the servitude of her beautiful and mysterious love, Sebastian.

Stiefvater, Maggie. **Linger**. Scholastic, 2010. 368p. \$17.99. 978-0-545-12328-0. VOYA August 2010. 5Q 5P J

The sequel following *Shiver* (Scholastic, 2009/VOYA December 2009) has werewolf Sam in human form helping Grace, the only victim of an attack to not yet turn, while Cole relishes his wolf form as the ultimate high, and Isabelle fights her attraction to him.

Whalen Turner, Megan. **A Conspiracy of Kings**. Greenwillow/HarperCollins. 336p. \$16.99. 978-0-06-0187093-4. VOYA August 2010. 5Q 4P J S



Book four in *The Queen's Thief* series focuses on Sophos, former companion to the king of Attolia, who reluctantly studies to be king of Sounis until he is kidnapped and sold into slavery. Sophos waits for an opportunity to escape and claim his rightful place as king.

Williamson, Jill. **To Darkness Fled: Blood of Kings**. Marcher Lord Press, 2010. 696p. \$17.99 Trade pb. 978-0-9825987-0-2. VOYA June 2010. 5Q 4P M J S

In the second title of the *Blood of Kings* series, Achan and Vrell continue their journey through the darkness, knowing now that Arman, the one true God, has chosen Achan to be king. Gathering strength and numbers, Achan accepts his fate while dreading the war that is to come. ■