Fantasy

Bell, Hilari. The Last Knight. An anachronistic knight errant takes a criminal as squire, mistakenly frees a woman charged with murdering her husband (brother to his father’s liege), and becomes captive in her keep. FICTION BELL

Bray, Libby. Going Bovine. In an attempt to find a cure after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob’s (aka mad cow) disease, Cameron Smith, a disaffected 16-year-old boy, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital. FICTION BRAY

Carey, Janet Lee. Dragon’s Keep. In 1145 A.D., as foretold by Merlin, 14-year-old Rosalind, who will be the twenty-first Pendragon Queen of Wilde Island, has much to accomplish to fulfill her destiny, while hiding from her people the dragon’s claw she was born with that reflects only one of her mother’s dark secrets. YA CARE

Cashore, Kristin. Graceling. Katsa was born with ability to kill men with her bare hands but can she find moral courage to stand up to evil rulers and fight for what is right? FICTION CASHORE

Flinn, Alex. Beastly. A modern retelling of “Beauty and the Beast” from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love before he can return to his human form. TEEN FICTION FLINN

Hale, Shannon. Book of a Thousand Days. Themes of friendship and loyalty elevate this fairy-tale romance, in which sensible, loyal maid Dashú serves a harsh sentence alongside Lady Saren, who has refused an arranged marriage. FICTION HALE

Harrison, Kim. Early to Death, Early to Rise. When Madison Avery, 17, spunky, and technically dead, takes on the role of Dark Timekeeper, she struggles to figure out her place in the war between light and dark reapers. TEEN FICTION HARRISON

Jenkins, A.M. Repossessed. Even after escaping from hell, adolescence is a wild ride for this demon! A 2008 Printz Honor book. FICTION JENKINS

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Noël, Alyson. *Shadowland.* Ever and Damen have traveled through countless past lives and fought off the world’s darkest enemies to be together forever, but just as their long-awaited destiny is finally within reach, a powerful curse threatens them. TEEN FICTION NOEL

November, Sharyn, ed. *Firebirds Rising: An Anthology of Original Science Fiction and Fantasy.* Teens from different worlds and times populate these 16 short stories, which are as wildly inventive as they are relevant. SHORT STORIES FIREBIR

Peterfreund, Diana. *Rampant.* After 16-year-old Astrid Llewelyn survives a vicious unicorn attack, she learns that she is a descendant of the most famous unicorn hunter of all time and she must travel to Rome, Italy, to train in the ancient arts in order to carry on her family legacy and save the world from the threat posed by the reemergence of lethal unicorns. FICTION PETERFR

Pike, Aprilynne. *Spells.* Summoned to study at The Academy of Avalon, 16-year-old Laurel learns about the town with friend Tamani, while honing her long-forgotten skills as a Fall faerie in order to protect her human family and Avalon from trolls. TEEN FICTION PIKE

Showalter, Gena. *Intertwined.* Most 16-year-olds have friends. Aden Stone has four human souls living inside him: one can time travel, one can raise the dead, one can tell the future, and one can possess another human, and then he meets a girl who quiets the voices. FICTION SHOWALT