# **Second Chance Summer**

#### By Morgan Matson

Sandwiched between two exceptional siblings, Taylor Edwards never felt like she stood out—except for her history of running away when things get too complicated. Then her dad receives unexpected, terrible news, and the family makes the last-minute decision to spend the summer together in the cramped quarters at their old lake house.

# The Hero and the Crown

## By Robin McKinley

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the blue sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.

## Within These Lines

## By Stephanie Morrill

Italian-American Evalina and Japanese-American Taichi's vow to be together, although interracial marriage is illegal in 1941 San Francisco, is tested when Taichi's family is sent to Manzanar internment camp. Includes historical notes.

# For Darkness Shows the Stars

## By Diana Peterfreund

Elliot North fights to save her family's land and her own heart in this post-apocalyptic reimaging of Jane Austen's PERSUASION.

# Wings

## By Aprilynne Pike

When a plant blooms out of fifteen-year-old Laurel's back, it leads her to discover the fact that she is a faerie and that she has a crucial role to play in keeping the world safe from the encroaching enemy trolls.

# An Acquaintance with Darkness

#### By Ann Rinaldi

When her mother dies and her best friend's family is implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln, four-teen-year-old Emily Pigbush must go live with an uncle she suspects of being involved in stealing bodies for medical research.

# The Queen's Game

## By Evelyn Skye

Vika Andreyeva can summon the snow and turn ash into gold. Nikolai Karimov can see through walls and conjure bridges out of thin air. They are the only enchanters in Russia.

# The Storyspinner

## By Becky Wallace

The Keepers, a race of people with magical abilities, are seeking a supposedly-dead princess to place her on the throne and end political turmoil but girls who look like the princess are being murdered and Johanna Von Arlo, forced to work for Lord Rafael DeSilva after her father's suspicious death, is a dead-ringer.

# **Variant**

## By Robison Wells

After years in foster homes, seventeen-year-old Benson Fisher applies to New Mexico's Maxfield Academy in hopes of securing a brighter future, but instead he finds that the school is a prison and no one is what he or she

# **Pivot Point**

## By Kasie West

A girl with the power to search alternate futures lives out six weeks of two different lives in alternating chapters. Both futures hold the potential for love and loss, and ultimately she is forced to choose which fate she is willing to live through.

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# The Finisher

## By David Baldacci

When Quentin Herms is chased from his village into the Quag, a dark forest filled with terrifying beasts and murderous Outliers, Vega uses her skills as a talented decoder to uncover dangerous secrets.

## Of Poseidon

## By Anna Banks

Galen, prince of the Syrena, is sent to land to find a girl he's heard can communicate with fish and after several encounters with her Galen becomes convinced Emma holds the key to his kingdom.

# Prisoner of Night & Fog

# By Anne Blankman

In 1930s Munich, the favorite niece of rising political leader Adolph Hitler is torn between duty and love after meeting a fearless and handsome young Jewish reporter.

# **Tangerine**

## By Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

## Code Talker

## By Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

# **Heist Society**

## By Ally Carter

A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteenyear-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.

# **Artemis Fowl**

## By Eoin Colfer

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

# The Naming

# By Alison Croggon

A manuscript from the lost civilization of Edil-Amarandah chronicles the experiences of sixteenyear-old Maerad, an orphan gifted in the magic and power of the Bards, as she escapes from slavery and begins to learn how to use her Gift to stave off the evil Darkness that threatens to consume her world.

## Incarceron

## By Catherine Fisher

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape.

# Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow

# By Jessica Day George

A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.

# **Book of a Thousand Days**

## By Shannon Hale

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteenyear-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both

## The Princess and the Hound

## By Mette Ivie Harrison

George has always felt burdened by the need to hide his ability to speak with animals, but when he is betrothed to the princess of a neighboring kingdom, his secret, and the persecution of people like himself, must come to an end.

# **Howl's Moving Castle**

## By Diana Wynne Jones

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

# **Keeping the Castle**

# By Patrice Kindl

In order to support her family and maintain their ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems.

# Stalking Jack the Ripper

## By Kerri Maniscalco

A gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper.