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The Beast Is an Animal Peternelle van Arsdale 2017-02-28 Raised by strict, devout people after soul eaters attacked her village and spared only the children, Alys grows up longing for the freedom of the forest while hiding a gift that would mark her as a witch.

Red Glove Holly Black 2011-04-05 The cons get twistier and the stakes get higher in Red Glove, the sequel to White Cat.

Through the Woods Emily Carroll 2014-07-15 Discover a terrifying world in the woods in this collection of five hauntingly beautiful graphic stories that includes the online webcomic sensation “His Face All Red,” in print for the first time. Journey through the woods in this sinister, compellingly spooky collection that features four brand-new stories and one phenomenally popular tale in print for the first time. These are fairy tales gone seriously wrong, where you can travel to “Our Neighbor’s House”—though coming back might be a problem. Or find yourself a young bride in a house that holds a terrible secret in “A Lady’s Hands Are Cold.” You might try to figure out what is haunting “My Friend Janna,” or discover that your brother’s fiancée may not be what she seems in “The Nesting Place.” And of course you must revisit the horror of “His Face All Red,” the breakout webcomic hit that has been gorgeously translated to the printed page. Already revered for her work online, award-winning comic creator Emily Carroll’s stunning visual style and impeccable pacing is on grand display in this entrancing anthology, her print debut.

Strange Grace Tessa Gratton 2019-09-17 “Gloriously dark and romantic.” —Roshani Chokshi, New York Times bestselling author of *The Star-Touched Queen* “An alluring and seductive fairy tale.” —Justina Ireland, New York Times bestselling author of *Dread Nation* “Horrifying, heartbreaking, and heartwarming, a lush fairy tale rooted in a moral quandary.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “An eerie, consuming tale of sacrifice and faith. Haunting and unique.” —Booklist “Evocative.” —BCCB Once, a witch made a pact with a devil. The

legend says they loved each other, but can the story be trusted at all? Find out in this lush, atmospheric fantasy novel that entwines love, lies, and sacrifice. Long ago, a village made a bargain with the devil: to ensure their prosperity, when the Slaughter Moon rises, the village must sacrifice a young man into the depths of the Devil's Forest. Only this year, the Slaughter Moon has risen early. Bound by duty, secrets, and the love they share for one another, Mairwen, a spirited witch; Rhun, the expected saint; and Arthur, a restless outcast, will each have a role to play as the devil demands a body to fill the bargain. But the devil these friends find is not the one they expect, and the lies they uncover will turn their town—and their hearts—inside out.

Valiant Holly Black 2006-10-01 When she runs away to New York, seventeen-year-old Valerie Russell finds that escape from her own reality is impossible as she encounters colorful, desperate, and strange new friends who end up giving her the surprise of her life.

The Modern Faerie Tales Holly Black 2019-06-04 Holly Black's acclaimed Modern Faerie Tales series is now available in this special bind-up edition featuring all three books! Sixteen-year-old Kaye is a modern nomad. Fierce and independent, she travels from city to city with her mother's rock band until an ominous attack forces Kaye back to her childhood home. There, amid the industrial, blue-collar New Jersey backdrop, Kaye soon finds herself as an unwilling pawn in an ancient power struggle between two rival faerie kingdoms—a struggle that could very well mean her death. This special bind-up edition includes *Tithe*, *Valiant*, and *Ironside*.

Zombies Vs. Unicorns Holly Black 2010-09-21 Twelve short stories by a variety of authors seek to answer the question of whether zombies are better than unicorns.

Black Heart Holly Black 2012-04-03 In book three of the *Curse Workers* series, “the perfect end to this gem of a trilogy” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review), trust is a priceless commodity and the lines between right and wrong become dangerously blurred. Cassel Sharpe knows he's been used as an assassin, but he's trying to put all that behind him. He's trying to be good, even though he grew up in a family of con artists and cheating comes as easily as breathing to him. He's trying to do the right thing. And he's trying to convince himself that working for the government is the right choice, even though he's been raised to believe they are the enemy of all curse workers. But with a mother on the lam, the girl he loves about to take her place in the Mob, and all new secrets coming to light, what's right and what's wrong become increasingly hard to tell apart. When the Feds ask him to do the one thing he said he would never do again, he starts to wonder if they really are the good guys, or if it's all a con. And if it is, Cassel may have to make his biggest gamble yet—on love. Love is dangerous and trust is priceless in Holly Black's “powerful, edgy, dark” fantasy series (Publishers Weekly).

Valiant Holly Black 2020-10-20 Winner of the Andre Norton Award Return to New York Times bestselling author Holly Black's enthralling realm of faerie in the second Modern Faerie Tales novel, where danger and magic come hand-in-hand in the dark underground of New York City. When seventeen-year-old Valerie runs away to New York, she's trying to escape a life that has utterly betrayed her. Sporting a new identity, she takes up with a gang of squatters who live in the city's labyrinthine subway system. But there's

something eerily beguiling about Val's new friends that sets her on edge. When Val is talked into tracking down the lair of a mysterious creature, she must strike a bargain to make it out with her life intact. Now drawn into a world she never knew existed, Val finds herself torn between her affection for an honorable monster and her fear of what her new friends are becoming.

Ice Sarah Beth Durst 2012-12-11 When Cassie was little her grandmother would tell her stories about the Arctic... stories about snow and ice, about a beautiful castle made of ice, and about her mother, who made a deal with the Polar Bear King and was swept away to the ends of the earth to become a prisoner of the trolls. Cassie is older now and has no time for fairytales and talking animals, or lies about her dead mother. Living with her father at the Arctic research centre, she is determined to become a leading scientist and researcher. But when Cassie comes face to face with a mysterious polar bear, one that defies all scientific fact or knowledge, she begins realise that the fairytales could actually be true. Armed with the knowledge that her mother might be alive, Cassie makes a deal with the Polar Bear King, and embarks on a dangerous journey against time to save her. But her agreement with the Polar Bear King comes with consequences she never bargained for, and before her journey's end Cassie will discover the true meaning of love and family, and loss. A compelling romantic fantasy set in the beautiful frozen Arctic.

The Nose Tree 1981 Because of their kindness to a small, ugly man who come to their forest campfire one night, three down-on-their-luck soldiers are each rewarded by a special gift.

Night Shine Tessa Gratton 2022-06-21 "An orphan girl undertakes a dangerous journey to rescue her friend the prince from a powerful sorceress." --

Goblin Secrets William Alexander 2013-07-23 Hoping to find his lost brother, Rownie escapes the home of the witch Graba and joins a troupe of goblins who perform in Zombay, a city where humans are forbidden to wear masks and act in plays. A National Book Award finalist.

Ironside Holly Black 2020-10-20 As bonds of love threaten to break forever, the faerie courts will never be the same in the stunning conclusion to New York Times bestseller Holly Black's critically acclaimed Modern Faerie Tale series. As the darkest day of the year approaches, the time has come for Roiben's coronation. Uneasy in the midst of the malevolent Unseelie Court, pixie Kaye is sure of only one thing—her love for Roiben. But love in the realm of faerie is no simple matter, and when Kaye declares herself to Roiben during the celebration, he sends her on a seemingly impossible quest to find a faerie who can tell a lie. Unable to see Roiben until she has fulfilled his quest, Kaye calls upon her friends to help her. Their adventure will take them on a dangerous path, where Kaye finds herself at the center of the battle of wits and weapons being waged over Roiben's throne.

The Demon's Lexicon Sarah Rees Brennan 2010-02-18 Nick and his brother Alan are on the run with their mother, who was once the lover of a powerful magician. When she left him, she stole an important charm - and he will stop at nothing to reclaim it. Now Alan has been marked with the sign of death by the magician's

demon, and only Nick can save him. But to do so he must face those he has fled from all his life - the magicians - and kill them. So the hunted becomes the hunter... but in saving his brother, Nick discovers something that will unravel his whole past...

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One Starry Night Lauren Thompson 2011-10-04 One starry night, a cow watches over her calf, a nanny goat watches over her kid, and a pig watches over her piglet. For this one moment, every family in the animal kingdom is peaceful, just like Mary and Joseph watching over their own newborn nearby. This simple yet profound book perfectly captures the universal nighttime vigil of parents everywhere while gently alluding to the presence of a nurturing creator who watches over all of us. Lauren Thompson is at her lyrical best, while Jonathan Bean's rich illustrations are the perfect match for this beautifully serene story of a truly Peaceable Kingdom.

The McElderry Book of Greek Myths Eric A. Kimmel 2008-02-05 The story of Pandora and her box, snake-haired Medusa, and the greedy King Midas are three of the twelve myths presented in a colorfully illustrated collection of Greek myths.

Sorcery of Thorns Margaret Rogerson 2020-06-30 A New York Times bestseller! “A bewitching gem...I absolutely loved every moment of this story.” —Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Caraval* series “If you loved the *Hogwarts Library*...you'll be right at home at *Summershall*.” —Katherine Arden, New York Times bestselling author of *The Bear and the Nightingale* From the New York Times bestselling author of *An Enchantment of Ravens* comes an “enthraling adventure” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review) about an apprentice at a magical library who must battle a powerful sorcerer to save her kingdom. All sorcerers are evil. Elisabeth has known that as long as she has known anything. Raised as a foundling in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among the tools of sorcery—magical grimoires that whisper on shelves and rattle beneath iron chains. If provoked, they transform into grotesque monsters of ink and leather. Then an act of sabotage releases the library's most dangerous grimoire, and Elisabeth is implicated in the crime. With no one to turn to but her sworn enemy, the sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn, and his mysterious demonic servant, she finds herself entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy. Not only could the Great Libraries go up in flames, but the world along with them. As her alliance with Nathaniel grows stronger, Elisabeth

starts to question everything she's been taught—about sorcerers, about the libraries she loves, even about herself. For Elisabeth has a power she has never guessed, and a future she could never have imagined.

An Enchantment of Ravens Margaret Rogerson 2017-09-26 An instant New York Times bestseller! An Indie Next Top 10 Pick A Parents' Choice Silver Honor Winner "A funny, action-packed, and sweet romance." —School Library Journal (starred review) "A phenomenal read." —RT Book Reviews A skilled painter must stand up to the ancient power of the faerie courts—even as she falls in love with a faerie prince—in this gorgeous bestseller that's "an ideal pick for fans of Holly Black, Maggie Stiefvater, and Laini Taylor" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Isobel is an artistic prodigy with a dangerous set of clients: the sinister fair folk, immortal creatures who cannot bake bread or put a pen to paper without crumbling to dust. They crave human Craft with a terrible thirst, and Isobel's paintings are highly prized. But when she receives her first royal patron—Rook, the autumn prince—she makes a terrible mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes—a weakness that could cost him his life. Furious, Rook spirits her away to his kingdom to stand trial for her crime. But something is seriously wrong in his world, and they are attacked from every side. With Isobel and Rook depending on each other for survival, their alliance blossoms into trust, then love—and that love violates the fair folks' ruthless laws. Now both of their lives are forfeit, unless Isobel can use her skill as an artist to fight the fairy courts. Because secretly, her Craft represents a threat the fair folk have never faced in all the millennia of their unchanging lives: for the first time, her portraits have the power to make them feel.

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White Cat Holly Black 2015-09-29 The first installment in The Curse Workers series from New York Times bestselling author Holly Black: "Urban fantasy, con story—whatever you call it, read it" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). Cassel comes from a family of con artists and grifters, all of them curse workers but him. On top of that, Cassel is plagued by guilt that he killed his best friend, Lila, years ago. When Cassel begins to have strange dreams about a white cat and people around him are losing their memories, he starts to wonder what really happened to Lila, and what that means about his actions. In Cassel's search for answers about Lila and himself, he realizes that his brothers have been conning him for years, and that the final piece in their quest for power is about to fall into place. Cassel has other ideas. He's going to create an even more elaborate trap and, with Lila's help, con a bunch of magic using conmen. This "beautifully realized dark fantasy...with prose that moves from stark simplicity to almost surreal intensity in a moment" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) is rife with the unexpected. "Readers will be hooked" (Booklist) on *White Cat*.

Daughters of Ruin K. D. Castner 2016-04-05 As a war begins, four princesses of enemy kingdoms who were

raised as sisters must decide where their loyalties lie: to their kingdoms, or to each other.

The Emperor's New Clothes Demi 2000-05 Two rascals sell a vain Chinese emperor an invisible suit of clothes.

Doll Bones Holly Black 2015-04-14 Playing an endless make-believe game about pirates, mermaids and warriors under the rule of a formidable Great Queen china doll, best friends Zach, Poppy and Alice find their bond tested when Zach is compelled to give up their shared adventures and Poppy begins having dreams about the doll. By the co-author of the best-selling *Spiderwick Chronicles*.

The Curse Workers Holly Black 2021-12-14 From #1 New York Times bestselling author Holly Black comes the “dangerously, darkly gorgeous” (Cassandra Clare) *Curse Workers* trilogy, now together in one beautiful bind-up! Cassel Sharpe comes from a family of curse workers, people who have the power to change emotions, memories, and luck with the slightest touch of their hands. And since curse work is illegal, they’re also all criminals. Many become mobsters and con artists, but not Cassel. He doesn’t have magic, so he’s an outsider, the straight kid in a crooked family—except for the small detail that he killed his best friend, Lila, three years ago. Cassel has carefully built up a facade of normalcy, blending into the crowd. But his facade starts to crumble when he finds himself sleepwalking, propelled into the night by terrifying dreams about a white cat that wants to tell him something. He’s noticing other disturbing things, too, including the strange behavior of his two older brothers, who are keeping secrets from him. As Cassel begins to suspect he’s an unwitting pawn in a huge con game, he must unravel his past, and his memories. To find the truth, Cassel will have to out-con the conmen. This magical bind-up includes: *White Cat Red Glove Black Heart*

The Brixen Witch Stacy DeKeyser 2012-06-26 An enchanted coin. A witch’s curse. And rats, rats everywhere! What’s a boy to do? “Fresh and satisfying for middle grade readers” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). When Rudi Bauer accidentally takes a witch’s coin, he unleashes her curse. Accident or not, he knows he’s got to fix things, so he tries to return the coin, only to lose it on the witch’s magic mountain just as the snows come. Plagued all winter by terrible dreams, Rudi tries to find the coin again in the spring, but it has vanished—and a plague of rats has descended on his village. Then a stranger arrives and promises to rid the village of rats...for the price of the missing coin. Desperate to get rid of the rats, the villagers agree; but when they cannot pay, the stranger exacts a price too terrible for anyone to bear. Now Rudi is going to need all his courage—and some help from his savvy grandmother and a bold young girl—to set things right in this fast and funny adventure.

The Orchard Book of Grimm's Fairy Tales Saviour Pirotta 2015-09-03 Step into a magical world of beautiful princesses and handsome princes, wicked witches and good fairies. Here are ten of the best-loved fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm, retold in a friendly, accessible way that’s perfect for young children. From the magic of the *Sleeping Princess*, woken from her hundred-year sleep with a kiss, to the mystery of the *Twelve Dancing Princesses*, these are stories full of adventure and enchantment. Saviour Pirotta’s lively retellings of these classic fairy tales are perfectly complemented by Emma Chichester Clark’s rich, glowing illustrations, making this book a joy to share and a gift to treasure.

The Poison Eaters Holly Black 2013-10-18 A dark and fantastic collection of stories from the author of *Tithe* and *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

Zombies vs. Unicorns Holly Black 2015-07-28 It's the epic battle of brains against manes. Which side are you on? It's a question as old as time itself: which is better, the zombie or the unicorn? This all-original anthology edited by Holly Black (Team Unicorn) and Justine Larbalestier (Team Zombie) makes strong arguments for both sides in the form of spectacular short stories. Half of the stories portray the strengths—for good and evil—of unicorns, and half show the good (and really, really badass) side of zombies. Contributors include many bestselling authors, including Cassandra Clare, Libba Bray, Maureen Johnson, Meg Cabot, Scott Westerfeld, and Margo Lanagan. This anthology will have everyone asking: Team Zombie or Team Unicorn?

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White Cat Holly Black 2010-05-04 When Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them.

The McElderry Book of Mother Goose 2012-08-21 Mother Goose gets a makeover in this vibrant new collection of childhood classics. This innovative Mother Goose collection combines family favorites with less well-known rhymes in a bright, new package. Here Little Miss Muffet and her tuffet meet Gregory Griggs and his twenty-seven wigs, and the cat and the fiddle are not the only music-makers—there's also Terrence McDiddler the Three-Stringed Fiddler. From "Hickory, Dickory Dock" to "Higgelty, Piggelty Pop," Petra Mathers and her vivid, quirky illustrations capture the timeless joy and cleverness that are inherently Mother Goose. This modern collection of Mother Goose classics promises to enchant and delight a new generation of nursery rhyme readers.

Very Bad People Kit Frick 2022-04-05 In this dark academia young adult thriller for fans of *The Female of the Species* and *People Like Us*, a teen girl's search for answers about her mother's mysterious death leads to a powerful secret society at her new boarding school—and a dangerous game of revenge that will leave her forever changed. Six years ago, Calliope Bolan's mother drove the family van into a lake with her three daughters inside. The girls escaped, but their mother drowned, and the truth behind the "accident" remains a

mystery Calliope is determined to solve. Now sixteen, she transfers to Tipton Academy, the same elite boarding school her mother once attended. Tipton promises a peek into the past and a host of new opportunities—including a coveted invitation to join Haunt and Rail, an exclusive secret society that looms over campus like a legend. Calliope accepts, stepping into the exhilarating world of the “ghosts,” a society of revolutionaries fighting for social justice. But when Haunt and Rail commits to exposing a dangerous person on campus, it becomes clear that some ghosts define justice differently than others. As the society’s tactics escalate, Calliope uncovers a possible link between Haunt and Rail and her mother’s deadly crash. Now, she must question what lengths the society might go to in order to see a victory—and if the secret behind her mother’s death could be buried here at Tipton.

A Dark and Hollow Star Ashley Shuttleworth 2021-02-23 “Beautifully written and deliciously complex...I couldn’t get enough.” —Nicki Pau Preto, author of the Crown of Feathers series The Cruel Prince meets City of Bones in this thrilling urban fantasy set in the magical underworld of Toronto that follows a queer cast of characters racing to stop a serial killer whose crimes could expose the hidden world of faeries to humans. Choose your player. The “ironborn” half-fae outcast of her royal fae family. A tempestuous Fury, exiled to earth from the Immortal Realm and hellbent on revenge. A dutiful fae prince, determined to earn his place on the throne. The prince’s brooding guardian, burdened with a terrible secret. For centuries, the Eight Courts of Folk have lived among us, concealed by magic and bound by law to do no harm to humans. This arrangement has long kept peace in the Courts—until a series of gruesome and ritualistic murders rocks the city of Toronto and threatens to expose faeries to the human world. Four queer teens, each who hold a key piece of the truth behind these murders, must form a tenuous alliance in their effort to track down the mysterious killer behind these crimes. If they fail, they risk the destruction of the faerie and human worlds alike. If that’s not bad enough, there’s a war brewing between the Mortal and Immortal Realms, and one of these teens is destined to tip the scales. The only question is: which way? Wish them luck. They’re going to need it.

The Modern Faerie Tales Collection Holly Black 2020-10-20 Discover the dangerous world of the faerie courts in Holly Black’s acclaimed, New York Times bestselling Modern Faerie Tales trilogy—all three beautifully repackaged paperbacks are now in one boxed set! When Kaye saves the life of a strange, injured young man in the woods near her New Jersey home, she has no way of knowing that her life is forever changed. For she will soon become an unwilling pawn in an ancient power struggle between two rival faerie kingdoms—a struggle that might very well mean her death. Elsewhere, Valerie is a runaway who has taken up with a gang of squatters in New York City. When one of them talks Val into tracking down the lair of a mysterious creature, she finds herself torn between her affection for an honorable monster and her fear of what her new friends are becoming. As Kaye and Valerie delve deeper into the realm of faerie, can they save themselves from the dark magic of the fey courts—and protect their hearts? This boxed set includes: *Tithe* *Valiant* *Ironside*

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Tithe Holly Black 2002-10-01 Welcome to the realm of very scary faeries! Sixteen-year-old Kaye is a modern nomad. Fierce and independent, she travels from city to city with her mother's rock band until an ominous attack forces the sixteen-year-old back to her childhood home. There, amid the industrial, blue-collar New Jersey backdrop, Kaye soon finds herself an unwilling pawn in an ancient power struggle between two rival faerie kingdoms -- a struggle that could very well mean her death. Newcomer Holly Black's enormously powerful voice weaves teen angst, riveting romance, and capriciously diabolical faerie folk into an enthralling, engaging, altogether original reading experience.

Recommended for You Laura Silverman 2021-09-07 Shoshanna Greenburg loves her job at the bookstore, Once Upon, until Jake Kaplan joins the staff, a handsome non-reader who challenges her for a bonus she needs.

Shimmer and Burn Mary Taranta 2017-08-08 To save her sister's life, Faris must smuggle magic into a plague-ridden neighboring kingdom in this exciting and dangerous start to a brand-new fantasy duology. Faris grew up fighting to survive in the slums of Brindaigel while caring for her sister, Cadence. But when Cadence is caught trying to flee the kingdom and is sold into slavery, Faris reluctantly agrees to a lucrative scheme to buy her back, inadvertently binding herself to the power-hungry Princess Bryn, who wants to steal her father's throne. Now Faris must smuggle stolen magic into neighboring Avinea to incite its prince to alliance—magic that addicts in the war-torn country can sense in her blood and can steal with a touch. She and Bryn turn to a handsome traveling magician, North, who offers protection from Avinea's many dangers, but he cannot save Faris from Bryn's cruelty as she leverages Cadence's freedom to force Faris to do anything—or kill anyone—she asks. Yet Faris is as fierce as Bryn, and even as she finds herself falling for North, she develops schemes of her own. With the fate of kingdoms at stake, Faris, Bryn, and North maneuver through a dangerous game of magical and political machinations, where lives can be destroyed—or saved—with only a touch.