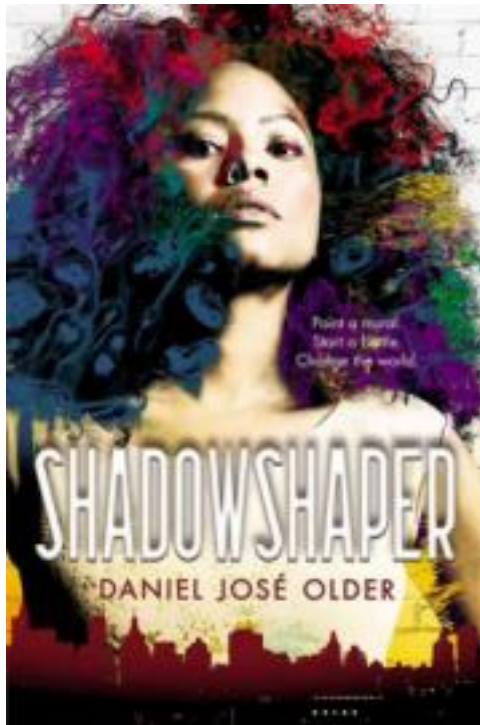


## Fantasy August 2015



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### New in August 2015

*Mechanica* by Betsy Cornwell

—This inventive and subversive "Cinderella" retelling features Nicolette "Nick," who at 16 discovers the existence of a basement workshop, complete with a furnace, glassblowing apparatus, and other mechanical tools powered partly by fey magic. In secret, she makes mechanical steampunk creatures and devices, skills learned as a child while helping her inventor mother.

### New in July 2015

*The Witch Hunter* by Virginia Boecker

Elizabeth Gray is a witch hunter for King Malcolm, able to track down the most powerful sorcerers in the kingdom and bring them to justice. When she is discovered to have witch herbs—to prevent the king from impregnating her—she is arrested and sentenced to being burned at the stake. Elizabeth is promptly rescued, however, by wizards aligned with notorious wizard Nicholas Perevil.

*Shadowshaper* by Daniel Jose Older

Summer has just started, and Sierra plans to enjoy it, hanging out with her friends in their Brooklyn neighborhood and painting a mural at the local junklot. Then things start to get weird. While she is talking to fellow artist Robbie at the first party of the summer, a zombielike creature disrupts things, Robbie disappears, and she is left to discover that she lives in a world full of magic that she knows nothing about.

### New in June 2015

*Ian Quicksilver* by Alyson Peterson

Sixteen years after Ian was flushed down a massive obsidian cosmic toilet and sent to Earth as a three-month-old infant, the skinny, nerdy kid discovers who he really is thanks to his coach: a warrior from the planet Bankhir. He's told that he has only a few weeks to find the princess of a neighboring planet, fall in love, and save his planet from

a fearsome wizard who intends to rule both their home worlds.

*A Book of Spirits and Thieves* by Morgan Rhodes

Two parallel worlds collide in this first installment of Rhodes' new series when 15-year-old Becca Hatcher is left in a catatonic state after her spirit is snatched back to the ancient world of Mytica from modern-day Toronto. Her older sister, Chrys, is guilt-ridden, having witnessed the entire event, and vows to do whatever is necessary to save her... but from what?

*City of Lost Souls The Mortal Instruments #5* by Cassandra Clare

Clary joins Team Evil to be near her beloved Jace, who has been bound in body, will, and soul to Clary's demonic brother Sebastian. If her friends can't divide them, can Clary sacrifice Jace to save the world?

*To Hold the Bridge* by Garth Nix

The title novella, set in Nix's Old Kingdom, is the gem of this collection of 19 stories, all previously published in recent years. It concerns Morghan, a penniless young man determined to win a job as a cadet for the Bridge Company, a corporation dedicated to the construction of a gigantic bridge. To do so, Morghan must demonstrate his talents with both weapons and magic.

*Midnight Thief* by Livia Blackburne

Seventeen and long orphaned, Kyra has grown up using her natural speed and stealth to thief her way through life on Forge's streets. James, the Assassins Guild's attractive and politically minded young leader, recruits Kyra with handsome rewards for herself and her friends, but at what cost? Kyra's dangerous new job turns deadly, and she finds her mission entangled with that of a Palace knight, Tristram, who seeks vengeance for his friend killed by Demon Riders, barbarians who ride on the backs of vicious wildcats.

**New in May 2015**

*The Novice* by Taran Matharu (Summoner, book 1)

When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy where must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands.

*Maximum Ride Forever* (Maximum Ride, book 9)

"Maximum Ride and her broken flock roam a postapocalyptic world, searching for answers to what happened"--Provided by publisher.

*Dangerous Deception* by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl (Sequel to *Dangerous Creatures*)

"When Ridley goes missing after a car crash, Link, his bandmates, and Lennox Gates, joined by Liv and John Breed, embark on a search for the Siren, taking them to Mississippi, where they encounter legendary blues guitarist Robert Johnson, and then to New Orleans, where an evil threatens to destroy them all."--Provided by publisher.

*Off the Page* by Jodi Picoult and Samantha Van Leer

"When Delilah is united with Oliver, a prince literally taken from the pages of a fairytale, the line between what is on the page and what is possible is blurred, and all must be resolved for the two to live happily ever after"--Provided by publisher.

*Dreamfire* by Kit Alloway

Seventeen-year-old Joshlyn Weaver's doubting her ability to serve as a member of a secret society whose members enter the Dream universe and battle nightmares, when strangers with impossible powers begin appearing in the Dream, endangering her apprentice, Will, and the whole World.

*Undertow* by Michael Buckley

A sixteen-year-old girl is caught in an epic clash of civilizations when a society of undersea warriors marches out of the ocean into modern-day Coney Island.

*The Wrath and the Dawn* by Renee Ahdieh

In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.

*The Boys of Fire and Ash* by Meaghan McIsaac

Urgle and two other Brothers of the Ikkuma Pit, where boys are abandoned at birth and learn to fend for themselves and rear their younger brothers, embark on a quest to rescue Urgle's brother, Cubby, who has been carried off by monsters into the forest from which no one has ever returned.

*Crimson Bound* by Rosamund Hodge

"Rachelle must protect the king's bastard son while searching for the weapons that will save her world from endless night"--Provided by publisher.

*Iced Kissed* by Amanda Hocking (The Kanin Chronicles, book 2)

Having failed in her mission to locate the missing Skojare Queen, and capture the ex-tracker Konstantin, tracker Bryn Aven returns to Doldastam to help prepare the kingdom for war against Viktor Dalig--but dark secrets lurk in the halls of the crystal palace, and uncovering them will threaten the half-Skojare tracker and change her life and the Kanin Kingdom forever.

*An Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir

"Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution"--Provided by publisher.

*Rogue* by Julie Kagawa (Talon Saga, book 2)

Unable to forget the human boy who saved her from a Talon assassin, Ember is determined to save him from execution with the help of rebel dragon Cobalt and his crew of rogues.

*The Girl at Midnight* by Melissa Grey

"A girl who's adopted and raised by a race of creatures with feathers for hair and magic in their veins becomes involved in an ancient war and a centuries-old love, discovering startling truths about the world she lives in"--Provided by publisher.

*Dorothy Must Die* by Danielle Paige

When Dorothy returns to Oz and becomes a tyrant, another traveler to Oz is tasked with defeating her.

*The Wicked Will Rise* by Danielle Page (Sequel to *Dorothy Must Die*)

Amy Gumm's plans for overthrowing Dorothy don't work, and her mission becomes that much more difficult as alliances in Oz constantly change.

## **New in April 2015**

*Dream a Little Dream* by Kerstin Gier (first in the Silver Trilogy)

Mysterious doors with lizard-head knobs. Talking stone statues. A crazy girl with a hatchet. Yes, Liv's dreams have been pretty weird lately. Especially the one where she's in a graveyard at night, watching four boys conduct dark magic rituals.

The strangest part is that Liv recognizes the boys in her dream. They're classmates from her new school in London, the school where she's starting over because her mom has moved them to a new country (again). But what's really scaring Liv is that the dream boys seem to know things about her in real life, things they couldn't possibly know--unless they actually are in her dreams?

*The Orphan Queen* by Jodi Meadows

Princess Wilhelmina, living a pauper's existence in exile since her kingdom was overthrown, returns to infiltrate the palace using stealth, deceit and magic to free her kingdom.

## **New in March 2015**

*Bone Gap* by Laura Ruby

Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town

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favorite Roza, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation, and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying.

*In the Time of Dragon Moon* by Janet Lee Carey (Dragon's Keep, book 3)

"In AD 1210, Uma, a healer raised by a tribe of people native to Wilde Island, must complete an impossible task for the English queen or be burned alive, and her only ally is the part dragon, part fairy Pendragon prince who is struggling with a secret of his own"--Provided by publisher.

*Prairie Fire* by E.K. Johnston (Sequel to *The Story of Owen*)

When Dragon slayer Owen Thorskard is called for duty at the notorious Oil Watch, his bard and best friend Siobhan goes with him but has a difficult time proving herself.

*Half Wild* by Sally Green (The Half Bad Trilogy, book 2)

In modern-day England where two warring factions of witches live amongst humans, seventeen-year-old Nathan has come into his own unique magical Gift, but he is on the run with the Hunters close behind, and they will stop at nothing until they have captured Nathan and destroyed his father.

*The Door in the Moon* by Catherine Fisher (Obsidian Mirror, book 3)

While Jake and Sarah are pulled through the Obsidian Mirror, landing in the violent, unpredictable time of the French Revolution, Oberon Venn must decide between staying mortal or losing his soul in the faerie realm"--Provided by publisher.

*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.

*The Sin Eater's Daughter* by Melinda Salisbury

For four years sixteen-year-old Twylla has lived in the castle of Lormere, the goddess-embodied, whose touch can poison and kill, and hence the Queen's executioner--but when Prince Merek, her betrothed, who is immune to her touch returns to the kingdom she finds herself caught up in palace intrigues, unsure if she can trust him or the bodyguard who claims to love her.

*Woven* by Michael Jensen and David Powers King

A princess and a ghost set out on a journey to find a magic needle that can sew the ghost back to his life.

*Shadow Scale* by Rachel Hartman (Sequel to *Seraphina*)

"Seraphina, half-dragon and half-human, searches for others like her who can make the difference in the war between dragons and humans in the kingdom of Goredd"-- Provided by publisher.

*Death Marked* by Leah Cypress (Sequel to *Death Sworn*)

After killing the leader of a clan of assassins and falling in love with his heir, a young sorceress discovers she is the one person to bring down the evil Empire that has been oppressing her people for centuries, and now, in the heart of the Empire, Ileni herself is the deadliest weapon the assassins have ever had.