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# *Young Adult Newsletter!*

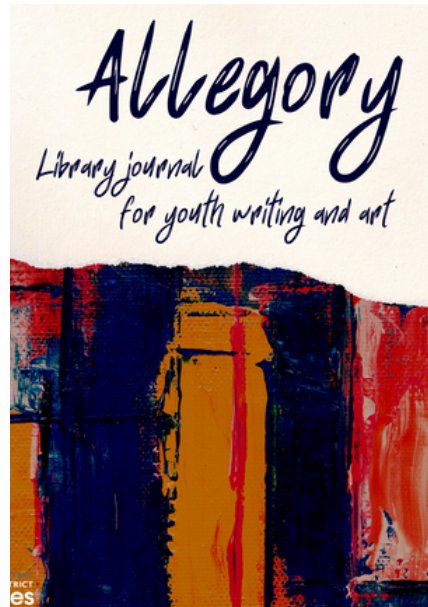
# JUNE



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# what's on AT THE LIBRARY



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<https://library.waitaki.govt.nz/>

# PRIDE!

Out on the Shelves campaign fortnight is a chance for libraries to promote and build their rainbow collections, celebrate these stories and help connect rainbow young people with their stories and with each other.



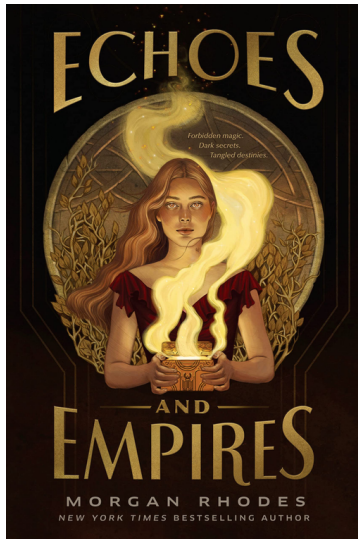
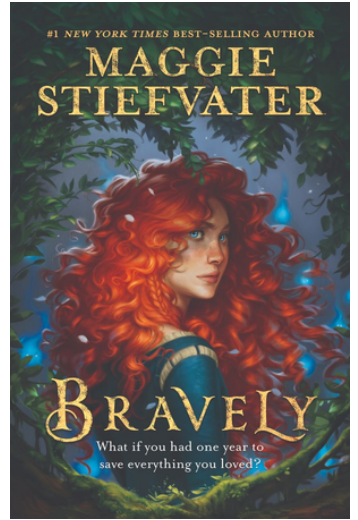
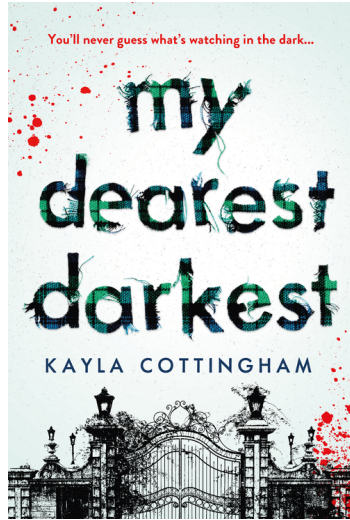
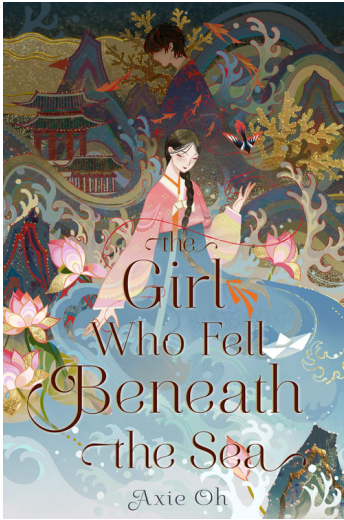
Keep an eye out for our display and book recommendations from the 13th to the 20th June!

Head over to this link to find out more or enter the Rainbow Writing Competition!

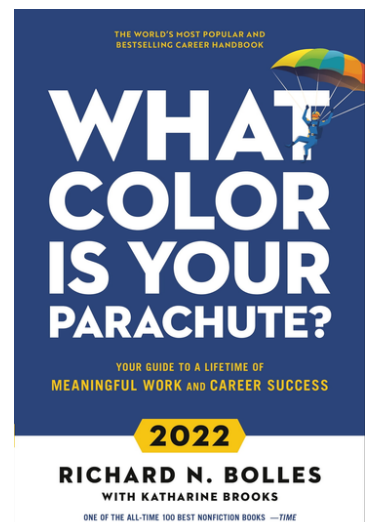
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# FANTASY

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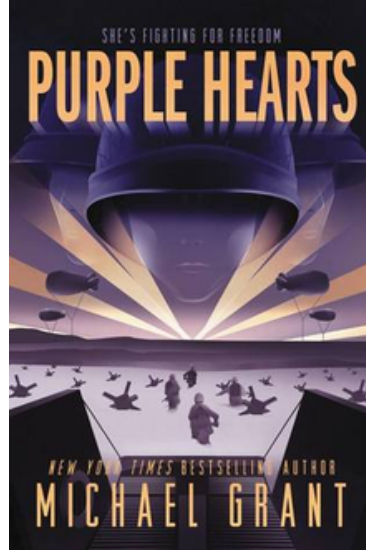
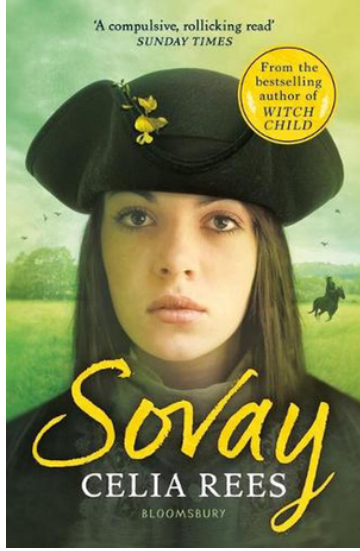
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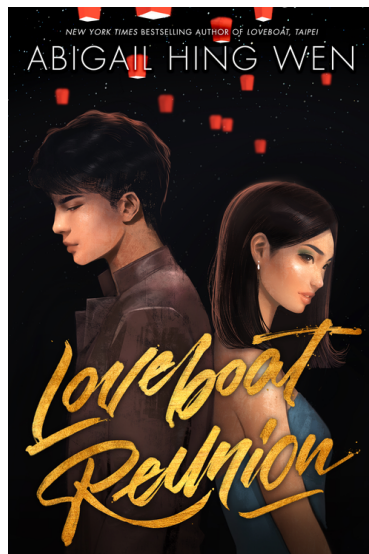
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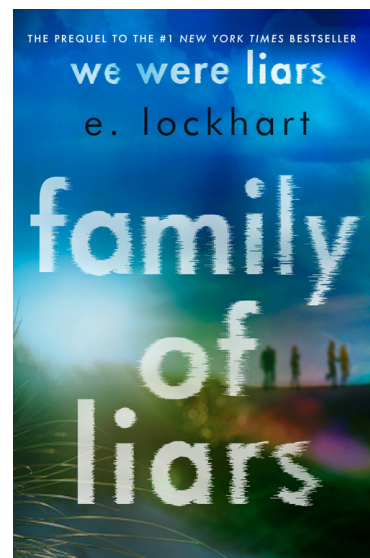
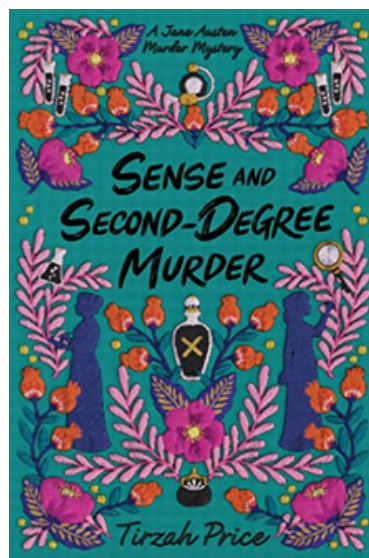
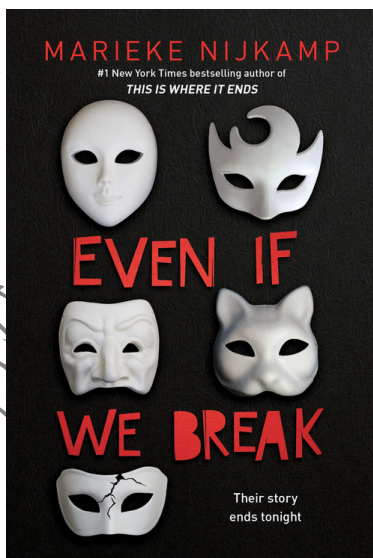
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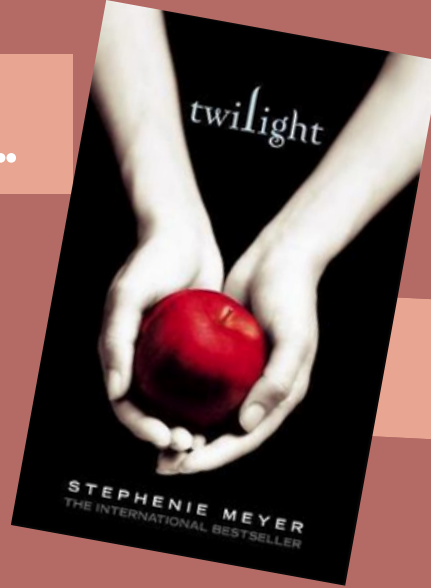
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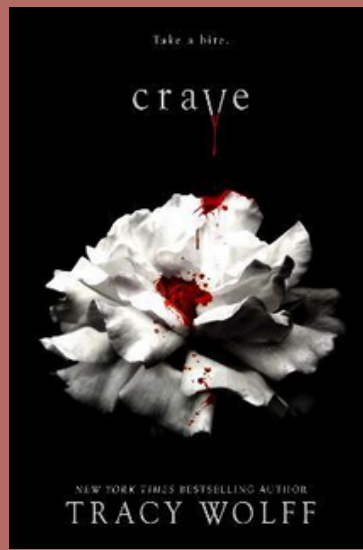
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IF YOU LIKED THIS...



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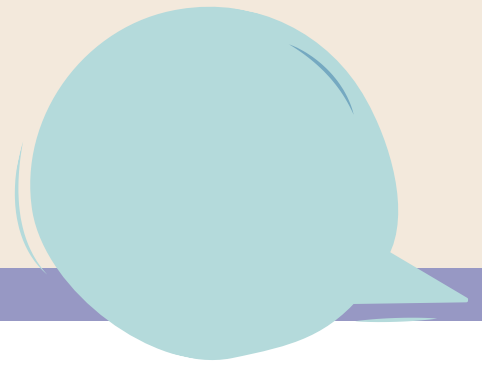
## Book of the month...

On the eve of her divining, the day she'll discover her fate, seventeen-year-old Lil and her twin sister Kizzy are captured and enslaved by the cruel Boyar Valcar, taken far away from their beloved traveller community.



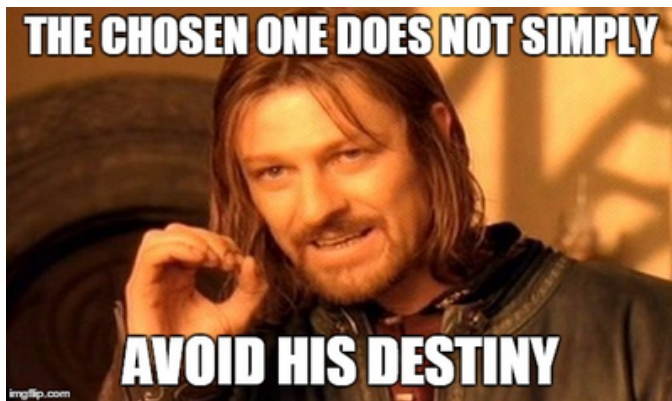
"Gothic, intoxicating, feminist, darkly provoking and deeply romantic - this is the breathtakingly imagined untold story of the brides of Dracula"

# Trope Talk



## The 'Chosen One'

The Chosen One archetype is a trope used in writing where a single character is in charge of saving the world or society they live in. Whether by a seer, some higher power or force, or simply because of their bloodline, characters are chosen for some great destiny that often includes a fight between the forces of good and evil.



## Thoughts...

Works within the 'Chosen One' trope can be really fun - there are reasons series like Harry Potter and Percy Jackson are so popular! However, the Chosen One protagonist can often seem unbelievable if they are presented as the 'perfect person' or the most powerful. Sometimes it's nice to see everyday characters who *choose* their own path, rather than have destiny thrust upon them. Katniss from the Hunger Games is an interesting example. Does she choose her own destiny by volunteering for the reaping? Or is she a traditional 'Chosen One'? What do you think?

# CHOSEN ONE

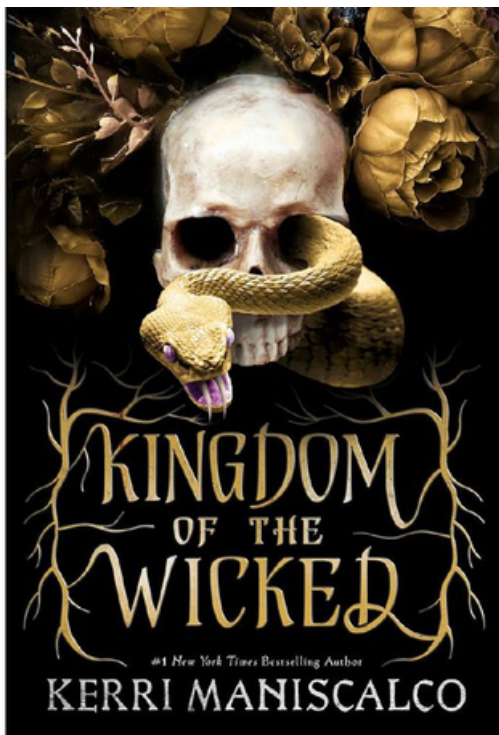
**Examples of the Chosen One: Percy Jackson (Percy), Divergent (Triss), Shadow and Bone (Alina), Harry Potter (Harry).**

**Can you think of any more? \_\_\_\_\_**

Examples of books that subvert (or twist) the Chosen One trope:  
The Chosen Ones, Dark Rise, Unchosen.

## BOOK REVIEW!

Thanks to K for submitting this review!



A mysterious fantasy that will grip you from the first page. Plot twists abound with witty banter and a slow burning romance this book is a must have for any fantasy and mystery fans.

The characters are sassy, bold and utterly charming. Emilia is headstrong and opinionated which is nicely balanced by her down to earth nature. Her personality also takes a realistic turn as she is grief stricken over her sisters' death. Emilia's focus driven actions are nicely balanced in the character of Wrath who you can't help but fall in love with. A sarcastic creature with heart makes the banter and tension fun to read. Be warned this book ends on a cliff-hanger that will have you grabbing the next instalment



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## *Reviewers wanted!*

Read a good YA book recently? We'd love to hear about it! From a few lines to a full page, email [selliffe@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:selliffe@waitaki.govt.nz) with your thoughts on a book so we can share it with your peers!



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