



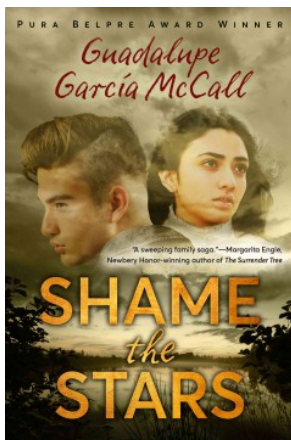
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Readalikes for *The Downstairs Girl*

Dundee Library Book Club, May 2022

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Shame the Stars

by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

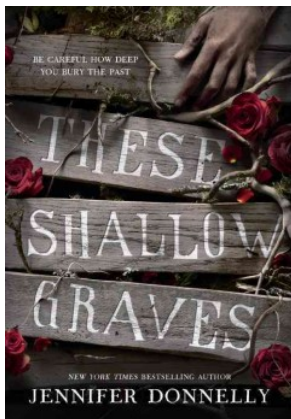
"In the midst of racial conflict and at the edges of a war at the Texas-Mexico border in 1915, Joaquín and Dulceña attempt to maintain a secret romance in this reimagining of Romeo and Juliet."



So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix

by Bethany C. Morrow

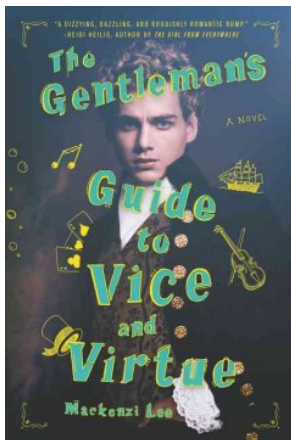
In this powerful retelling of the classic novel, four young Black sisters, coming of age during the American Civil War, face first love, health issues, heartbreak and new horizons.



These Shallow Graves

by Jennifer Donnelly

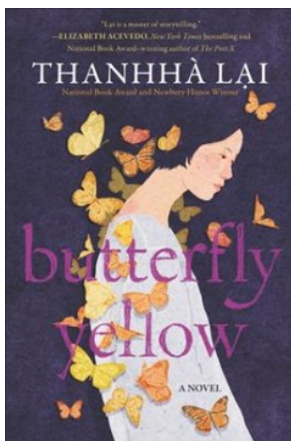
A young woman in 19th-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide that she believes is more than meets the eye, but in order to uncover the truth, she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.



The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue

by Mackenzi Lee

Two friends on a Grand Tour of 18th-century Europe stumble across a magical artifact that leads them from Paris to Venice in a dangerous manhunt shaped by pirates, highwaymen and their growing attraction to one another.



Butterfly Yellow

by Thanhha Lai

A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy with rodeo dreams to track down the younger brother she was separated from six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

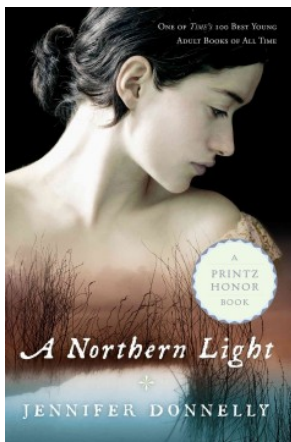


Everything within and in between

by Nikki Barthelmess

Forbidden by her strict Mexican grandma to learn Spanish, Ri Fernández decides to find her mother in an effort to understand her mixed heritage, but nothing goes as planned, forcing Ri to define who she really is.

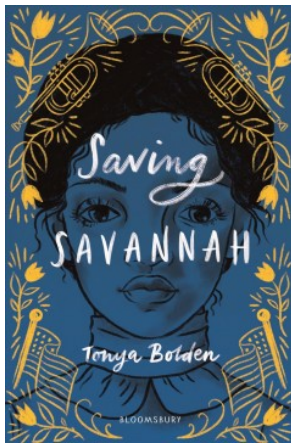
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A Northern Light

by Jennifer Donnelly

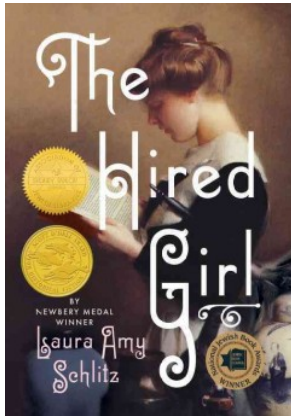
While working at the local hotel, the drowned body of a young woman washes onto the shore and gets Mattie thinking again of the loss of her mother, her family's struggles, and her unhappy life in her small community, but when she reads the girl's letters, Mattie is inspired and becomes determined to follow her dream of moving to New York City to become a writer.



Saving Savannah

by Tonya Bolden

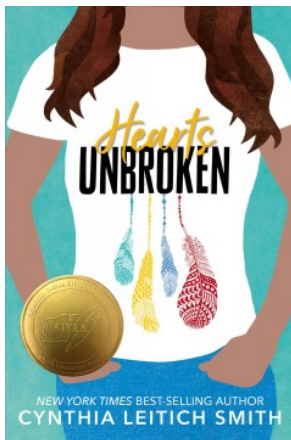
Savannah Riddle feels suffocated by her life as the daughter of an upper class African American family in Washington, D.C., until she meets a working-class girl named Nella who introduces her to the suffragette and socialist movements and to her politically active cousin Lloyd.



The Hired Girl

by Laura Amy Schlitz

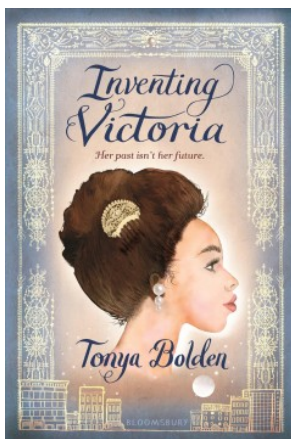
Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs chronicles her life in a journal when she leaves her family's farm in Pennsylvania to work as a hired girl in Baltimore in the summer of 1911.



Hearts Unbroken

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Breaking up with her first real boyfriend when he makes racist remarks about her Native American heritage, high school senior Louise Wolfe teams up with a fellow school newspaper editor to cover a multicultural casting of the school play and the racial hostilities it has exposed.



Inventing Victoria

by Tonya Bolden

Trapped between the life she dreams of and the reality of post-Reconstruction Savannah, a young black woman with a troubled past is made over by a wealthy, cultured sponsor who opens doors to the upper echelons of black society in late 19th-century Washington, D.C. By the award-winning author of *Maritcha*.



Miss Fortune Cookie

by Lauren Bjorkman

Erin, a non-Chinese teenager living in San Francisco's Chinatown, ghostwrites a popular advice blog, Miss Fortune Cookie, but when a reply to her ex-best friend backfires, Erin's carefully constructed life takes a crazy turn.

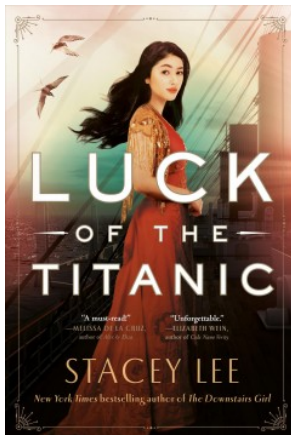


Strands of Bronze and Gold

by Jane Nickerson

After the death of her father in 1855, 17-year-old Sophia goes to live with her wealthy and mysterious godfather at his gothic mansion, Wyndriven Abbey, in Mississippi, where many secrets lie hidden, in a debut novel retelling of the Bluebeard fairy tale.

Also by Stacey Lee



Luck of the Titanic

by Stacey Lee

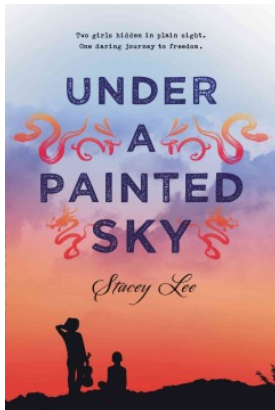
Stowing away aboard the Titanic on its ill-fated maiden voyage when her British-Chinese heritage bars her from joining her twin in America, a young acrobat struggles to hide and then survive when the unthinkable happens



Outrun the Moon

by Stacey Lee

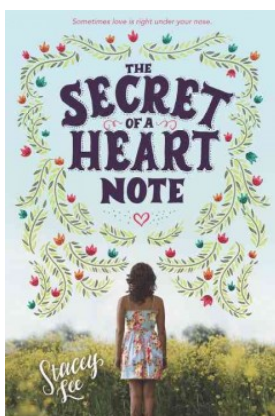
Gaining admittance into an elite school usually limited to white girls, 15-year-old Mercy Wong, who strives to escape from her disadvantaged life through education, endures harsh conditions in a park encampment when the 1906 San Francisco earthquake destroys her home and school.



Under a Painted Sky

by Stacey Lee

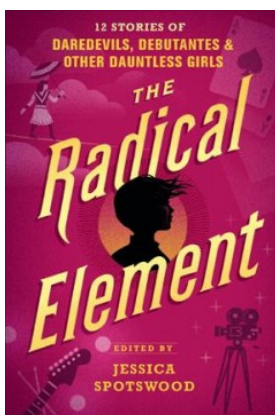
In 1845 Missouri, Sammy, a Chinese girl, and Annamae, a runaway slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California, facing countless dangers together and forging an unforgettable bond of friendship.



The Secret of a Heart Note

by Stacey Lee

A rare aroma expert embarks on what she fears will be a life of solitude and dreams of a normal high school existence before an accident leads to an unexpected forbidden romance. By the author of Under a Painted Sky.



The Radical Element: 12 Stories of Daredevils, Debutantes, and Other Dauntless Girls

by Jessica Spotswood

An anthology of historical short stories features a diverse array of girls standing up for themselves and their beliefs, forging their own paths while resisting society's expectations.

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