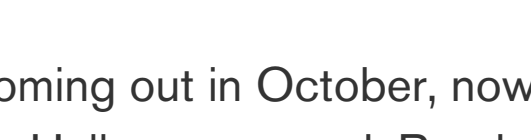


# Your Basic Witch Reading List | 17 Titles To Read and Share

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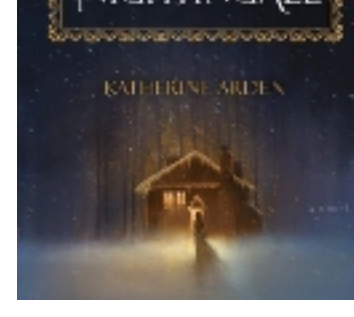
With *The Book of Magic*, Alice Hoffman's sequel to *Practical Magic*, coming out in October, now is the perfect time to round up some witchy fiction to get readers in the Halloween mood. Read on for both adult fiction and young adult works with crossover appeal.



**Hoffman, Alice. *Practical Magic*. Penguin. 2003. ISBN 9780425190371.**  
The Owens women have been blamed for everything that has gone wrong in Salem, MA, for more than 200 years. But who wouldn't blame every wrong thing on the local witches? Get ready for *The Book of Magic* by revisiting the novel that started it all and introduced readers to sisters Sally and Gillian and their aunts Fran and Jet. Grab the prequels, *The Rules of Magic* (about Franny and Jet in the 1960s) and *Magic Lessons* (family matriarch Maria's story starting in the 1660s), to round out your reading experience.

**Aguirre, Ann. *Witch Please*. Sourcebooks. 2021. ISBN 9781728240169.**

Danica Waterhouse, co-owner of Fix-It Witches, can fix almost anything except her family's long-running feud over witches interacting with mundanes. Titus Winnaker wishes someone could fix his rotten luck when it comes to love. When the two meet, Danica thinks she's found Mr. Right Now, but Titus won't settle for anything less than being Danica's Mr. Right.



**Arden, Katherine. *The Bear and the Nightingale*. Random. 2017. ISBN 9781101885932.**  
In the Russian wilderness, where winter lasts most of the year, Vasya grows up immersed in the magic of the surrounding woods and the chyerti (spirits) who call it home. When crops begin to fail and misfortune threatens the entire village, Vasya must embrace her unique perspective and her magical gifts to save everything she holds dear—even if it means singling herself out as a witch.

**Chupeco, Rin. *The Bone Witch*. Sourcebooks. 2018. ISBN 9781492652786. [YA]**

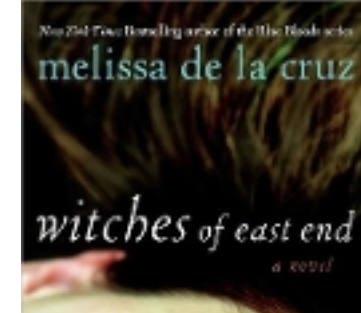
Tea never meant to raise her brother Fox from the dead, nor did she expect to become a dark asha—a bone witch, feared and reviled by many. But that is exactly what happens when Tea comes into her powers, setting her life on a dramatically different course.



**Córdova, Zoraida. *Labyrinth Lost*. Sourcebooks. 2017. ISBN 9781492623168. [YA]**  
When Alex's spell to get rid of her magic on her Deathday (a bruja's coming-of-age ceremony) backfires, her entire family disappears from their Brooklyn home. She'll have to travel to the world of Los Lagos to get them back, with help from her best friend Rishi and a brujo boy with his own agenda.

**De la Cruz, Melissa. *Witches of East End*. Hachette. 2012. ISBN 9781401310912.**

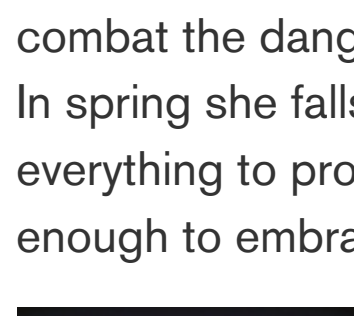
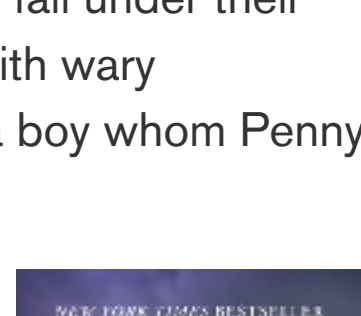
Joanna Beauchamp and her daughters, Freya and Ingrid, have lived quietly in North Hampton, Long Island, for years. That changes when Freya's upcoming wedding forces all three women to reveal the truth—and embrace the magical powers they've been banned from using for centuries.



**Earnshaw, Shea. *The Wicked Deep*. S. & S. 2019. ISBN 9781481497350. [YA]**  
Two hundred years ago in the town of Sparrow, three sisters were drowned as witches. Every year since, the Swan sisters have returned to Sparrow, claiming the bodies of unwitting local girls and using them to wreak their vengeance on the town by drowning boys foolish enough to fall under their sway. Penny is used to watching the Swan season unfold with wary detachment, but this year there is a new outsider in town—a boy whom Penny is determined to protect.

**Griffin, Rachel. *The Nature of Witches*. Sourcebooks. 2021. ISBN 9781728229423. [YA]**

Clara is the first Everwitch in a century—her magic tied to every season. In autumn, Clara fears her magic. In winter she accepts that she might be the only one strong enough to help the dwindling numbers of witches who combat the dangerous effects of climate change on the weather they control. In spring she falls for Sang, the witch training her and the witch she'll risk everything to protect. In summer Clara will have to decide if she's brave enough to embrace her magic no matter the danger.

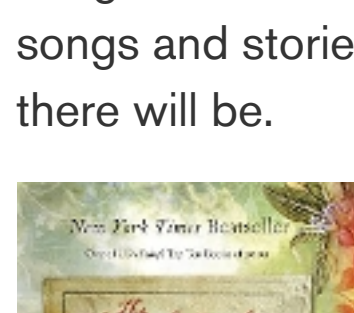


**Harkness, Deborah. *A Discovery of Witches*. Penguin. 2011. ISBN 9780143119685.**

Diana Bishop would much rather be a scholar than a witch. After she discovers a magical manuscript in Oxford's Bodleian Library, she finds herself at the center of a magical awakening as daemons, witches, and vampires are drawn to the library and the treasure the book offers—provided someone can break its spell.

**Harrow, Alix E. *The Once and Future Witches*. Orbit. 2021. ISBN 9780316422048.**

There's no such thing as witches in New Salem in 1893. But there used to be. You can still catch traces of them in the witch tales collected by the Sisters Grimm. You can see them in the second name every mother gives her daughter. You can hear them in the special words shared only in whispered songs and stories. In the beginning, there's still no such thing as witches. But there will be.

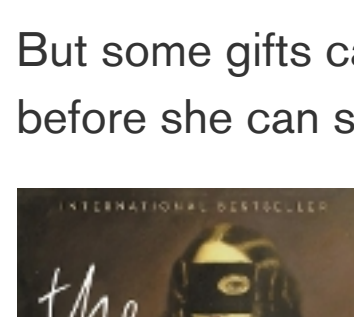
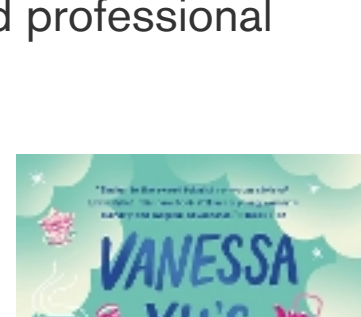


**Howe, Katherine. *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*. Hachette. 2010. ISBN 9781401341336.**

Connie's search for a new primary source for her dissertation is derailed when she has to clean out her grandmother's long-vacant house in Salem, MA. When a mysterious key leads Connie to the name Deliverance Dane and mention of an elusive "physick book" that could change everything previously known about witchcraft in colonial America, her personal and professional lives merge in pursuit of the book.

**Lim, Roselle. *Vanessa Yu's Magical Paris Tea Shop*. Penguin. 2020. ISBN 9781984803276.**

Tired of her unerring ability to read fortune (and misfortune) in tea leaves, Vanessa Yu tries switching to coffee and running away to Paris with her aunt. But some gifts can't be ignored, and Vanessa will have to embrace hers before she can start living on her own terms.

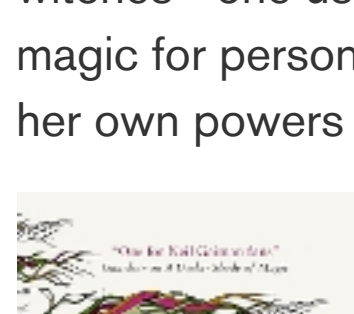


**McKay, Ami. *The Witches of New York*. HarperCollins. 2017. ISBN 9780062359926.**

Spiritualism is gaining popularity in New York in 1880. When Beatrice Dunn answers an ad reading "Respectable Lady Seeks Dependable Shop Girl. Those averse to magic need not apply," her fate is tied to that of tea shop owners Adelaide and Eleanor as the three women confront dark forces converging throughout the city. Librarians should be aware the book uses slurs when referring to Romani people.

**Morgan, Louisa. *The Age of Witches*. Orbit. 2021. ISBN 9780316419543.**

In Gilded Age New York, Annis becomes the pawn in a feud between two witches—one using magic to help others like herself and one using dark magic for personal gain. To preserve control of her fate, Annis must awaken her own powers before it's too late.

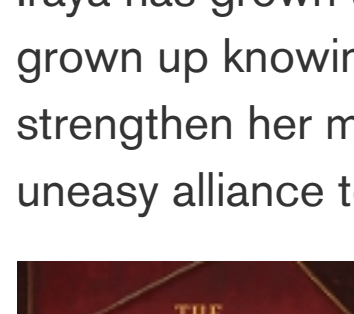


**Schwab, Victoria. *The Near Witch*. Titan. 2019. ISBN 9781789091120. [YA]**

The Near Witch is an old story to frighten children, nothing more; the wind is lonely and always looking for company; there are no strangers in the town of Near. Her whole life, Lexi has taken these truths for granted, but what happens when two of them turn out to be wrong?

**Smart, Ciannon. *Witches Steeped in Gold*. HarperCollins. 2021. ISBN 9780062945983. [YA]**

Iraya has grown up a prisoner waiting for her chance at revenge. Jazmyne has grown up knowing she could become her mother's heir or be killed to strengthen her mother's magic. Always meant to be enemies, the two form an uneasy alliance to fight a common enemy in this Jamaican-inspired fantasy.



**Szaulan, Chrysler. *The Hawley Book of the Dead*. Random. 2014. ISBN 9780345545039.**

When Revelation "Reve" Dyer's husband dies under mysterious circumstances during their magic act in Vegas, Reve flees to her childhood home in the forest of Hawley Five Corners, where she uncovers the mysterious Hawley Book of the Dead, an ancient tome that might hold the truth of her own past and a path toward her future.

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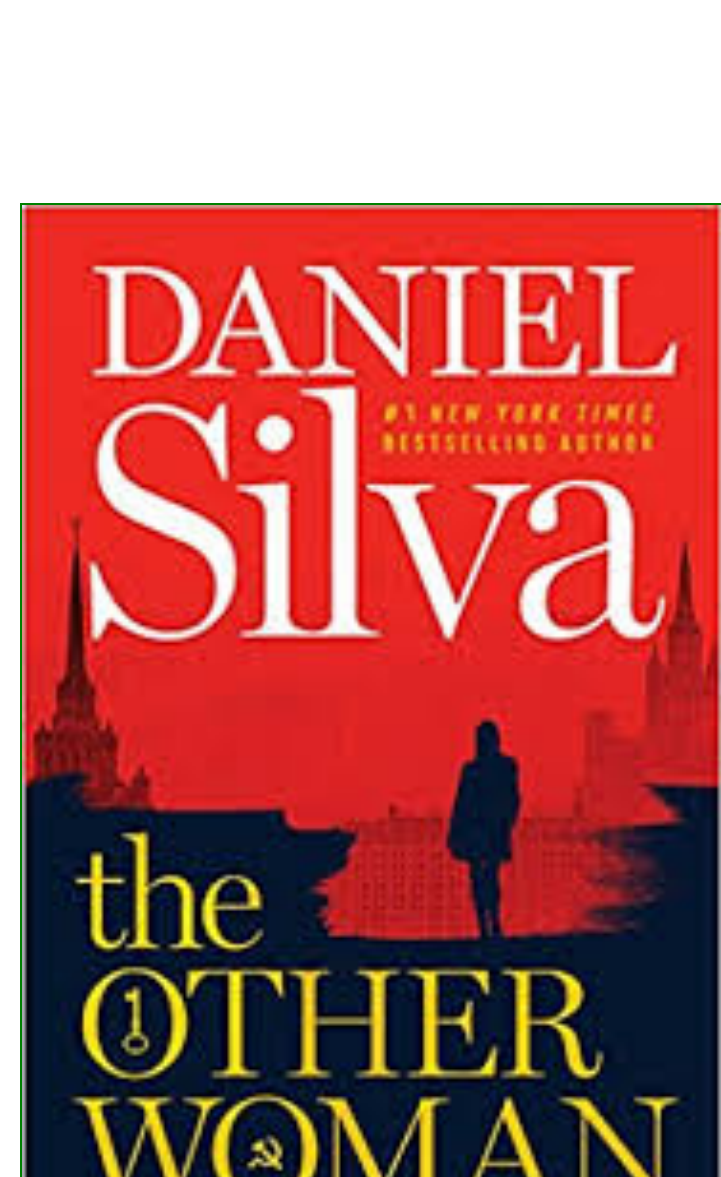
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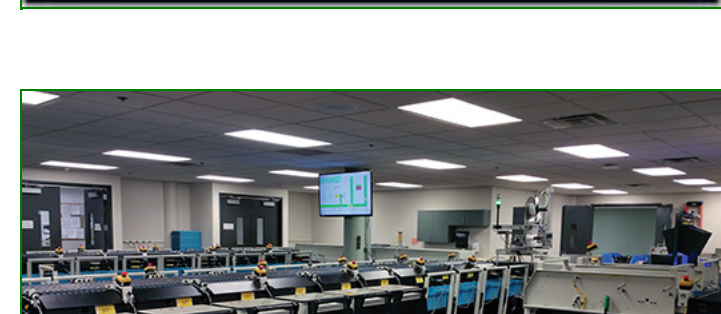
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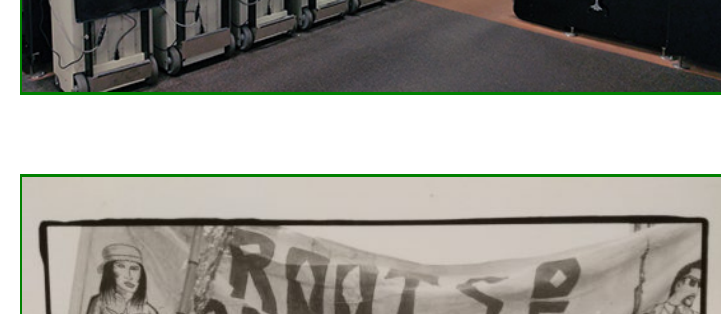
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