

Girl Power Book List

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***The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton**

This book's main character- Camellia Beauregard, is a Belle. In a small town called Orleans, Belles are groomed to be commodities and they have power over appearance, assisting ordinary people who are born gray in being stunning. Camellia aspires to be the Queen's favorite Belle, the most talented Belle in the land selected by the Queen to reside at the royal palace. Cam, on the other hand, quickly discovers a dark side. In this spellbinding romp of a fantasy tale that delves deep into beauty expectations and social constraints placed on females, they are forced to choose which side they want to be on.



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***Girls of Paper and Fire* by Natasha Ngan**

This novel contains a diverse cast of characters from the LGBTQ+ community. Lei, the main character, is from the Paper Caste, which is the lowest caste in her community. She is selected, along with eight other girls, to serve as courtesans to the King of Ikhara, and they are known as the "Paper Girls." However, things are not as they seem to the outside world, and Lei soon discovers that she has the strength to fight back and claim her freedom as well as the right to true love on her own terms.

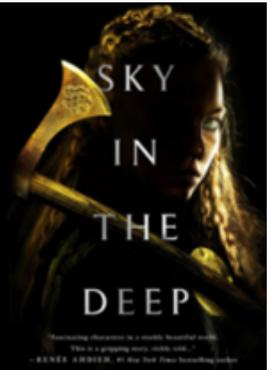


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***Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young**

Eelyn was trained as a warrior and understands how to fight in order to survive. When an enemy clan raids the village where she is living, she becomes desperate to protect her family at all costs. Eelyn is forced to trust and place her faith in the hands of others while still fighting for her family and neighbours.



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Furyborn by Claire Legrand

This amazing fantasy story follows Rielle and Eliana, two fervently independent women. Despite the fact that they are centuries apart, these two women have the power to save or kill the world in their possession. Their tales are beautifully intersected and demonstrate the strength of female friendships.

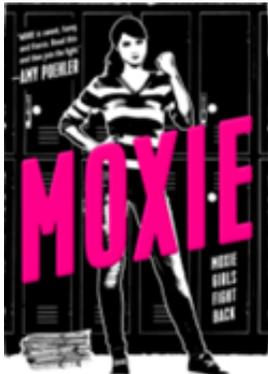


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Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu

Moxie is full of spunky, feminine, feminist, and empowering characters. The main character, Vivian, uses her voice to bring about reform in her Texas high school, speaking out against sexist dress codes and violence that goes unpunished on a daily basis. For so many people, especially for young adults, Vivian is a true inspiration. If you are looking for an imaginative, enjoyable, and inspiring story, I highly recommend this book!

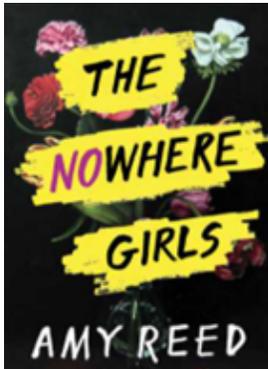


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The Nowhere Girls by Amy Reed

Key message from author: Never put limits on yourself! It is a super inspirational story that encourages young people to learn in a way that makes a difference by using their voice.



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Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand

This is another YA book about the power of friendship and girls' power, also connecting with magical elements. "Decades of dead girls. Poor girls and rich girls. Black and brown and white girls. All of them *Sawkill girls*" (ARC Review, 2018).

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