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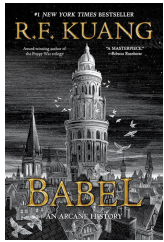
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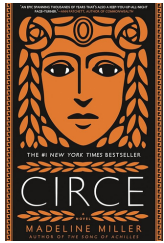
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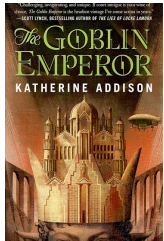
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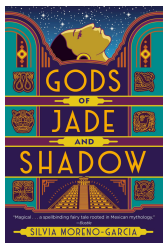
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A retelling of the Greek myth focusing on Circe, a powerful witch, as she grapples with isolation and transformation.



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by Katherine Addison

A young, inexperienced emperor navigates a treacherous political court while discovering his own strengths and leadership potential.



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by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

A young woman's encounter with the Mayan god of death leads her on a journey through mythology and power.



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A woman cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets grapples with loneliness and the weight of immortality.



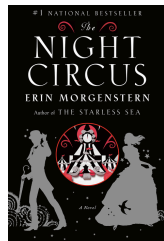
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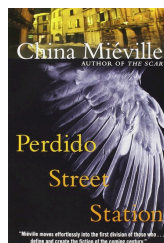
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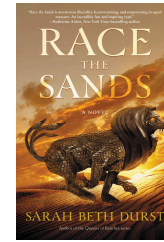
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In a steampunk city, a scientist must solve a deadly mystery involving monsters, politics, and strange magic.



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A sprawling epic about dragons, magic, and political intrigue set in a world on the brink of war.



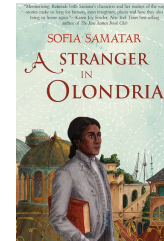
Race the Sands
by Sarah Beth Durst

In a desert world, a former warrior trains magical beasts for dangerous races, uncovering conspiracy and survival struggles.



Spinning Silver
by Naomi Novik

A young woman, with her cunning ability to turn silver into gold, navigates magical forces and dangerous bargains.



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