# **CLEAN READS**

Stories with no sex, drugs, profanity, or graphic violence

## **EVEN IN** THE **FUTURE** THE STORY **BEGINS** WITH ONCE **UPON A** TIME

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#### Solo

Kwame Alexander (T ALEXANDER, K) Seventeen-year-old Blade endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past and navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own



Walk On Earth a Stranger Rae Carson (T CARSON, R) A young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers, so when her best friend heads out across Gold Rush-era America to stake his claim, she disguises her own dangerous journey.

Twin Daggers

MarcyKate Connelly (T CONNELLY, M) Aissa and her twin sister, Zandria, are Magi spies, magic users most believe to be extinct. By day they are normal young Technocrats eager to fulfill the duties of their new apprenticeships. By night they plot their revenge to retake their city from the Technocrats. Then Aissa is given a new mission: find the heir to the Technocrat throne, who is rumored to be one of the Heartless, and kidnap her. Born without a working heart, the Heartless survive with a mechanical replacement. The hunt is complicated by a kind Technocrat researcher who is determined to find a cure for the Heartless.

#### Etiquette & Espionage

Gail Carriger (T CARRIGER, G) In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen- year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where, she is suprised to learn, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

#### I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You Ally Carter (T CARTER, A)

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance

#### The Fairest Beauty

Melanie Dickerson (TDICKERSON, M) Sophie is trying desperately to escape her stepmother's jealousy, when a young man named Gabe arrives from Hagenheim Castle announcing that she is betrothed to his older brother. As Gabe, who is also betrothed, fulfills his mission to find Sophie, emotional conflict ensues as they realize that their feelings for each other have developed into romance, though they are both promised to other partners.

#### Slathbog's Gold

Mark Forman (T FORMAN, M)

When fifteen-year-old orphan Alex Taylor sees an odd sign in a shop window and goes inside to investigate, he is sent on a quest to defeat an evil dragon, and in the process he confronts his fears and learns about his future and his past.

#### The Henna Wars 🔀

Adiba Jaiairdar (T JAIGIRDAR, A)

Nishat doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is, and it only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life. Flávia is beautiful and charismatic. and Nishat falls for her instantly. But when a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flávia and Nishat decide to showcase their talent as henna artists. In a fight to prove who is the best, their lives become more tangled--but Nishat can't quite get rid of her crush, especially since Flávia seems to like her back. As the competition heats up, Nishat has a decision to make: stay in the closet for her family, or put aside her differences with Flávia and give their relationship a chance.

#### Tweet Cute

Emma Lord (T LORD, E)

High schoolers and potential heirs to their family deli and burger franchises, Jack and Pepper are not exactly friends. Jack is living in the shadow of his popular and somehow more handsome identical twin brother, while Pepper, a Nashvilleto-NYC transplant, quickly becomes a chameleon at their fancy private high school. Instead of installing a social media team to keep their businesses on the up-and-up, both sets of parents insist that the teens handle it all. It's not long before a Twitter war between the two companies starts and, unknowingly to Jack and Pepper, they are each on the other side of the kevboard.

#### Tash Hearts Tolstoy

Kathryn Ormsbee (T ÓRMSBEE, K) Natasha "Tash" Zelenka suddenly finds herself and her obscure, amateur web series, Unhappy Families, thrust in the limelight: She's gone viral. Her show is a modern adaptation of Anna Lev Nikolavevich "Leo" Tolstov. And when Unhappy Families is nominated for a Golden Tuba award, Tash's cyber-flirtation with a fellow award nominee suddenly has the potential to become something IRL--if she can figure out how to tell said crush that she's asexual.

The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight New York to London, but after a cinematic kiss they lose track of each other at the airport until fate brings them back together on a very momentous day.

#### The Ivory Key

Akshava Raman (T RAMAN, A) Since the murder of the maharani of Ashoka-the country that controls all magic--the relationships between the royal siblings have fractured. At only 18, Vira has ascended to the throne, a role few in her council believe her capable of. Meanwhile, her twin brother, Ronak, is plotting to break free from a tactful marriage and taking their half-brother, Kaleb, (wrongfully imprisoned for the maharani's assassination) with him. The siblings' unease comes to a head when their sister Riya returns to the palace after two years of running with a group of rebels. As Ashoka's quarry runs out of magic, the only option left is to find fragments of an old map leading to an ivory key rumored to unlock the lost quarries of Ashoka. Legend or not, all the siblings want a piece of it.

### LOVE & GFLATO O JENNA EVANS WELCH OO

Love and Gelato Jenna Evans Welch (T WELCH, J) After her mother dies. Lina travels to Italy where she discovers her mother's journal and sets off on an adventure to Suddenly Lina's uncovering a magical world of secret romances, art, and hidden

bakeries. A world that inspires Lina, along with the ever-so-charming Ren, to follow in her has been kept from Lina for far too long.