The Empire’s Ghost by Isabelle Steiger

The Elesthene empire once spanned a continent, but its rise heralded the death of magic and it tore itself apart from within. When a band of insignificant but skilled alley-dwellers are pressed into service for a mission of greatest secrecy, they find an unexpected opportunity to alter the balance of power in a war.

FIC STEIGER

The Women’s War by Jenna Glass

In a feminist fantasy epic, a revolutionary spell gives women the ability to control their own fertility—with consequences that rock their patriarchal society to its core. Two women in particular find themselves at the liberating crossroads of change.

FIC GLASS

The Way of Kings by Brandon Sanderson

An ambitious fantasy epic in a unique, richly imagined setting. Roshar is a world relentlessly blasted by awesome tempests, where emotions take on physical form, and terrible secrets hide deep beneath the rocky landscape. Speak again the ancient oaths Life before death. Strength before weakness. Journey before destination and return to men the Shards they once bore. The Knights Radiant must stand again!

FIC SANDERSON

The City of Brass by S.A. Chakraborty

Nahri has never believed in magic. Certainly, she has power; on the streets of eighteenth-century Cairo, she’s a con woman of unsurpassed talent. But when she accidentally summons an equally sly, darkly mysterious djinn warrior to her side during a con, she questions all she believes.

FIC CHAKRABORTY

Penric’s Progress by Lois McMaster Bujold

On his way to his betrothal, young Lord Penric comes upon a riding accident with an elderly lady on the ground. As he approaches to help, he discovers that the lady is a Temple divine and a sorcerer. With her dying breath she bequeaths her demon to Penric. From that moment on, Penric’s life is irreversibly changed, and his life is in danger from those who envy or fear him.

FIC BUJOLD

Going Postal by Terry Pratchett

Moist von Lipwig was a con artist, a fraud and a man faced with a life choice: be hanged, or put Ankh-Morpork’s ailing postal service back on its feet. It was a tough decision. In the mad world of the mail, can a criminal succeed where honest men have failed and died? Perhaps there’s a shot at redemption for man who’s prepared to push the envelope...

FIC PRATCHETT

House of Earth and Blood by Sarah J. Maas

Half-Fae, half-human Bryce Quinlan loves her life. By day, she works for an antiquities dealer, selling barely legal magical artifacts, and by night, she parties with her friends, savoring every pleasure Lunathion—otherwise known as Crescent City—has to offer. But it all comes crumbling down when a ruthless murder shakes the very foundations of the city-and Bryce’s world.

FIC MAAS

Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James

Engaged to track down a mysterious boy who disappeared three years ago, Tracker breaks his own rule of always working alone when he finds himself part of the hodgepodge group that comes together to search for the boy, including a shape-shifting man-animal known as Leopard.

FIC JAMES