

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Rachelle McPhillips

Supernatural young adult fiction

Thirsty for more supernatural creature fiction but don’t know where to hunt for it? Sink your teeth into these juicy monster stories from our young adult fiction collection.

Cassandra Clare’s “The Mortal Instruments” trilogy is a meaty place to start. All three books have been wildly popular with teens as well as adults. It’s no surprise since the author started her rise into the publishing world writing fan-fiction for another crossover YA series, “Harry Potter.”

This series currently has three titles, and is rumored to have more story left to tell. The young people in this action-packed urban fantasy battle a host of supernatural creatures including demons, vampires, werewolves and faeries. We may see this set on the big screen. In the meantime, you can give it a try in print or audio book format.

If you’ve already devoured the Mortal Instruments series, try the author’s latest novel, “A Clockwork Angel.” This is the first title in “The Infernal Devices” series. This planned trilogy is set in the same universe as the Mortal Instruments series, but takes place in the Victorian era. Call and put a hold on a copy for yourself today.

Another author to try is Annette Curtis Klause. Two of her books in our YA collection deal with the supernatural. In “Blood and Chocolate,” 16-year old Vivian loves being a shape-shifter, but life struggles make her yearn for some normalcy. She falls in love with a human boy and struggles to find her place in either world. “Blood and Chocolate” won the Young Adult Library Services Association award for Best Book for Young Adults in 1998.

In Klause’s, “The Silver Kiss,” sixteen-year old Zoe’s life is being turned upside down. Her father is distant, her mother is dying, and her best friend is moving far away. Alone and shrinking into herself, she meets Simon, a beautiful vampire who is seeking revenge for his own mother’s death. They work together to find the supernatural being who killed Simon’s mother. Through their journey, Zoe and Simon find some much-needed healing. Columbus Public Library offers this title in print and audio book format.

Alyson Noel wrote “Evermore,” the first in her Immortals series. In this story, Ever is a young woman dealing with the aftermath of a car accident that took her family and left her with psychic abilities. Having been a popular cheerleader, the personal turmoil has changed her and left her feeling like a freak. She meets and falls in love with a boy who she can’t “read” with her new abilities. Why can’t she read his thoughts, see his aura, or know his life with a touch?

Readers can feel free to fall in love with Ever and her supporting cast. There are four more books in this series, three of which are available at CPL. The last book, “Night Star,” is due in November.

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