

STRANGER READS

Turn down the lights Grab a candle. Fall into something spooky.

BOOKS

BY KRISTEN KEMP

THE MERCIFUL CROW BY MARGARET OWEN

HENRY HOLT BFYR, \$19

Fie, a Crow, is born to the wrong caste. Meanwhile, the Crown Prince Jasimir has faked his own death. He comes to Fie for help, but she'll only protect the prince from the ruthless queen if he safeguards the Crows once he reigns. Underdogs unite in this beastly fantasy novel.

GUEST: A CHANGELING TALE BY MARY DOWNING HAHN

CLARION BOOKS, \$17

Mollie gushed too much about her beyond-cute baby brother Thomas, so the changelings swapped him for a hellion named Guest. In her quest to reclaim Thomas from the anything-but-kind Kinde Folke, Mollie must overcome dangerous obstacles, encountering a few evil (and good!) fantastical creatures along the way.

THE TENTH GIRL BY SARA FARING

IMPRINT, \$19

In this twisty, turny dark tale, Mavi is a young teacher at a finishing school for Argentina's elite girls. Isolated at the very tip of South America, the area surrounding the school is steeped in lore of evil mythological Patagonian spirits. When a student goes missing and people start acting like they're possessed, Mavi faces the haunting forces to save her student—and herself.

THE LIGHT IN THE LAKE BY SARAH BAUGHMAN

LITTLE, BROWN BFYR, \$17

After 12-year-old Addie's twin brother, Amos, drowns at Maple Lake, she's supposed to stay far, far away. But Amos left behind a notebook with clues about a mysterious creature in the water—and Addie feels pulled to go back. A chance to join a science research team gives her even more reason to spend all her time there. What she discovers is magic, and a new closeness to Amos.

RED SKIES FALLING BY ALEX LONDON

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX BFYR, \$19

The sequel to Black Wings Beating doesn't disappoint! Twins Kylee and Brysen have been torn apart—and now they're preparing for war. But will they be on the same side? Kylee is battling her dark side and training in Sky Castle while Brysen, a healer, is in the Six Villages, expecting an attack. And wait until you meet The Ghost Eagle, who attempts to sink his claws into everyone's hearts.

WILDER GIRLS BY RORY POWER

DELACORTE PRESS, \$19

Hetty goes to the remote Raxter School for Girls, which is under quarantine after a deadly virus known as the Tox threatens their lives. As the teachers die, the girls have to stay on the island together until the cure comes. But when a friend goes missing, Hetty must walk beyond the grounds, where unknown horror—and possible help—await.

SPEAK NO EVIL BY LIANA GARDNER

SUVIAN BOOKS, \$20

Melody hasn't spoken in two years. After she's arrested for attacking high school sports star Troy, she's court-ordered to see a therapist twice a week. Expect a paranormal twist, spooky mountain folklore, rattlesnake handling and much soul searching as Melody makes peace with herself—and the trauma she has endured.

SCOUTS

BY SHANNON GREENLAND

JAMES PATTERSON, \$17

Things go awry when Annie, Beans, Rocky and Fynn decide to climb Old Man Basinger's silo to watch a meteor shower in 1985. Their questionable decisions come back to haunt them. The scares—and the laughs— never stop in this fun read.

