



## Waves of YA, Ep. 25, It's Supernatural!

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Summer

[SUMMER] Hello and welcome to Waves of YA, a podcast focused on YA literacy brought to you by the Ocean County Library's Teen Literacy Workgroup. My name is Summer. I am the teen librarian at the Long Beach Island branch. Joining me today, we have...

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I'm Lindsay. I'm also a teen services librarian.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] And I'm Courtney, another teen services librarian.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Today's episode, we will be focusing on supernatural reads. For our first question, what is supernatural as a genre? Is it the same as paranormal? And how does it differ from fantasy books overall? In my opinion, I use the words supernatural and paranormal interchangeably. They kind of mean the same thing in my brain, but it differs from fantasy in my opinion, because fantasy usually takes place in its own world or universe, its own fantasy world, whatever that looks like. Where the rules are different than our world. And there's a degree of worldbuilding around those rules. Whereas supernatural or paranormal is usually set in our world. But there are creatures that inhabit our world with their own kind of society hidden from us. And again, there are exceptions to every rule. There could be books where the line between fantasy and paranormal is kind of thin. But for the most part, that's how I categorize supernatural.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Yeah, I think that that's probably about how I would draw that line too. I mean, it's in the name supernatural. It's like natural is the start of it, and paranormal you've got normal and then you've got the adjacent whatever para means. I don't remember, but I know it's not exactly normal, but it's got

that base where you've got the familiar world that we live in and then some added stuff. I think sometimes for me I'll say paranormal more if I mean specifically ghosts and maybe vampires. That's arbitrary though. That's just my brain doing a thing where I feel like supernatural is a little bit broader. And paranormal for me is more specifically maybe ghosts or like, the undead.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah, like ghost hunters type of thing. What kind of creatures you guys think constitute paranormal? I have my list. You said ghosts, vampires. I would also say shapeshifters of any kind. Most commonly werewolves. Also witches. Various forms of the undead. And also, Courtney, you brought up cryptids. Do you have some examples of cryptids for those who might not know what they are?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Cryptids are like, locally for us, we've got the Jersey Devil, Bigfoot, Mothman, all these creatures of local myth and legend.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] So like the Loch Ness Monster.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yes. Do you have a favorite cryptid?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I mean, I've just got to root for the home team. Jersey Devil's got to be top of my list.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I think mine is the Jackalope because for the longest time as a kid, I thought they were real because in my mind it wasn't that out of the ordinary. It's basically a rabbit with large antelope-like antlers. So in my brain I was like, "Yeah, deers have antlers. A rabbit could have antlers too. Why not?" So that's why I think Jackalope was my favorite.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] That's funny. I think I like Bigfoot. I read a book recently called "Patricia Wants a Cuddle." It's not YA, but it was pretty good. It was about, like, a... I think it was a dating show. All the contestants go camping in this place, and, like, people keep disappearing, and it ends up being Bigfoot. That's not really a spoiler, but it was really fun and I enjoyed it.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I don't know if teens would like it, but when I read it, I was like, "Bigfoot's fun." I want to read more about Bigfoot.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I remember seeing that and I saw the cover and it really intrigued me. Now that you said you liked it, you enjoyed it, then I definitely would like it too.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Yeah, I thought it was pretty good.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah. There's also a short story collection by Kelly Barnhill. She writes a lot of middle grade, but she also writes adult. Her most recent publication was "When Women Were Dragons." But she has a short story collection, and one of the short stories is about this widow who ends up dating a Bigfoot, or like a Sasquatch. And that's basically it. It's like a short story, but it was really funny. But this podcast is not about cryptids only. They just fell into the category of paranormal. So what are some paranormal or supernatural books that you guys have read and enjoyed?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] It's called "Into the Sublime." The author is Kate A. Boorman. And the premise, you know right from the beginning, it's like in the blurb: four girls went into a cave, three come out, two of them go right to the hospital, the other one's covered in blood and like soot. So the story hops back and these four girls were part of a thrill seekers club. The club itself, at some point before the story got disbanded because someone got hurt, but one of the girls found a lead on the sublime, which is supposed to be this underground lake, and it's supposed to have the magical power to basically almost like grant a wish. It's a little bit bigger than that, like make your deepest need come true or whatever it is. Anyway, you have to go down into a cave to get to this, and they decide that they're going to do it because they were thrill seekers and the narrator is unreliable.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Oh.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] But stuff definitely happens. And some of the stuff seems pretty paranormal, but I feel like it wasn't. And I guess this is spoilers. I feel like it wasn't necessarily confirmed. They could have just been getting really, really creeped out and suffering from exposure or whatever.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Okay. I think we could classify that as paranormal because what you said about the underground cave, it sounds like a local legend. And I feel like that gives me the same feeling as the whole cryptid conversation does. Like a local legend, a local horror story. Like the girls went into the woods and they didn't come out. I think that does have an aura of paranormal to it. My list for supernatural, one that I read recently was called - by "recently" I mean in 2022 - "Belladonna" by Adalyn Grace. And I do feel like this could straddle the line between fantasy and paranormal, but it is set in our world. It's historical. I think it's set in the Victorian era, but I don't know for certain. I'm not even sure if they specify the year. But it's about this girl who, when she was a child, her whole family died, but she did not. And as she grows up, she sort of gets shuffled around from extended family member to extended family member, and she finds out as she gets older - this is not a spoiler, this is like in the first chapter and on the cover - she finds out she cannot die. Like if she eats poisonous berries, she will, well, she'll die, but she'll come back. It's sort of like she physically dies, but she'll snap out of it. Or if she falls down the stairs and breaks the bone, it will heal. She'll still feel the pain, but it'll heal. And during those moments, she will see the figure of death, kind of like a grim reaper type, shadowy person. And as she gets older, she gets embroiled in kind of like a mystery. At her latest place she's living and she starts actively talking to death and trying to figure out the mystery. So that's one that I enjoyed.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Is that new? It sounds so familiar.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Well, it came out last year, and there's a sequel called "Foxglove" that's coming out this year. And there is a romance element as well.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I read a really good graphic novel, but it does have mixed reviews on Goodreads. But I enjoyed it a lot. It's called "Blackwater" and it's kind of - they write that it's like Riverdale meets Stranger Things, but I guess a little bit vague.

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Summer

[SUMMER] That's kind of like a big thing to live up to right there.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Yeah, which I think is probably why the reviews are mixed because they're like two huge shows, but it's about two boys. One's really popular and he's an athlete and one is kind of nerdy and like a loner and he suffers from an autoimmune disease. So he's in and out of school because he's just kind of sick a lot. And they start becoming friends. And then there's a little bit of a romance going on

between them. And it takes place in Blackwater, Maine, which is the name of the book Blackwater. All of these things are happening like these mysterious things. There's like this - I don't want to give anything away, but there's this one character that's taunting them a little bit, and then there's something happening to one of our main characters. So it's really good and I don't want to spoil it.

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Summer

[SUMMER] As far as paranormal graphic novels, I also really enjoyed "Squad" by Maggie Tokuda-Hall. I feel like a lot of reviews have the blank-meets-blank, where this one says, "Pretty Little Liars meets Teen Wolf." I can kind of see that it's about this girl. She moves to a new town. She starts becoming friends with this group of three popular girls. And then she finds out that - this is not a spoiler - they're in a werewolf pack. And they target people their age that are predators, they target human predators who would have prey on them, but they are actually the predators. Turn the tables. But the main girl, she kind of has a problem with the way they're doing it. She kind of just wants to be a normal teenager and she may or may not have a crush on one of the girls in the group. And it's short and it's intriguing and they're werewolves, which is fun. So I like that one, too. Do you guys have, like, a favorite paranormal creature to read about?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Werewolves. I really like the possibilities of the pack mentality and like, it sounded like Squad gets into that maybe a little bit with the way they do their hunting. I like this idea of rage and this beast, the whole idea, you know, like you've got this monster that you can let out sometimes, whether willingly or unwillingly, with werewolves.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah, I think I heard - I'm not sure if it was on another bookish podcast - but someone talking about how werewolf fiction is really relatable when you're young because when you're an adolescent, you are going through a lot of changes, which I know sounds cliché, but you have a lot of pent up feelings, whether it be sadness or rage or confusion, and your body is changing as well. So the werewolf is a really great metaphor for all of that. And I think that's why we find werewolf fiction so relatable, especially when we're a young person.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Plus, it's easy to get into there from being like a wolf girl when you're a little bit younger than that.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Yeah.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Big dogs are cool.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I never experienced that, like, when I was a kid. Was being a wolf kid a thing?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I think it's more like really, really getting into the idea of having a wolf companion, at least for me. There's a lot of books written with wolf main characters and stuff like that.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Because I know that there's being a horse girl, but there's also, I guess, a wolf girl. If you really like wolves or I guess you could be in anything.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Yeah. Listen, I never howled that any of my classmates. But if you if you had told me at ten that I was destined to have a wise wolf companion who I would go on adventures with, I probably would have been like, "Yeah, that sounds about right."

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Summer

[SUMMER] I really like vampires. Ever since I was a kid, were, like, my fascination. We can't have a supernatural podcast without mentioning "Twilight," of course.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Oh, yeah. That's the first thing I read that was supernatural ever.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah, and it's having a renaissance now for whatever reason. I'm not really sure why. I think it's because "Midnight Sun" came out a couple of years ago and I think it's just come around again like a new generation of people are reading it and enjoying it. This mom asked me if I had read Twilight because her daughter wanted to read it, and I was like, "Yeah." And I asked how old the daughter was, and she said, 13 or 14. And I said, "I think that's a really good age to read it," because the mom had said, not in a derogatory way, but the mom had said that she had read it recently and just kind of didn't get it. It didn't sink in for her. And I'm like, "Yeah, I think you have to read it when you're younger for it to capture you the same way." So it's cool that a new generation of teenager is reading Twilight and enjoying it. You can't take it too seriously. It's a fun time. That's about it. I also really liked the "Vampire Academy" books by Rochelle Meade. It's a boarding school for vampires, basically. That's the premise.

Vampire fiction in general is having a comeback. I think back when Twilight was popular, most of the vampire fiction was vampire romance, which I do enjoy. But I think now there's a lot more variety in the vampire fiction, some of it's romance, but some of it is horror, some of it is just an analysis on what it would mean to be immortal and what that means and how that power translates into the modern world and stuff like that, which is really cool.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] That new series, I think the first one is called "Crave" and it looks very similar vibe to Twilight either if you read that.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I have not read it, but I've heard you will get Twilight vibes from it, although who knows? I have not read it yet though, because it is very, very thick. It's a thick book.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Is it? Okay.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah, it's a chunky book, but I would definitely give a try. I think we have it on Hoopla and Libby, if you wanted to try the audio version,

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I actually am not into vampires, like, I don't know, a lot of vampire fiction seems to me almost immortal, and it's almost like a lot of it seems too fancy for me to get into. I didn't watch Buffy when it was on TV, but I watched it a few years after the series wrapped up and watched it several times in a row. And I feel like a lot of vampires in fiction are the Angel archetype. I thought Angel was boring. Spike, on the other hand, I thought was actually an interesting character, an interesting take on "Oh, what if you're a monster but you could be redeemed or whatever?" A lot of the vampire romantic interests always seemed like Angel to me, and it just didn't do it for me.

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Summer

[SUMMER] But anyone listening definitely try watching Buffy the Vampire Slayer. It's having a resurgence. Multiple Buffy the Vampire Slayer books have come out in the past couple of years. There was "Slayer" and "Chosen" and by Kiersten White, and then there's "In Every Generation" by Kendare Blake and a Spike standalone called "Bloody Fool for Love."

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Yes, which I'm in the middle of. I have not finished it yet.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Are you enjoying it?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I feel like they got the voice right. I mean, people make fun of the Buffy speak in the super quippy like no teenagers ever actually speak like this thing. But I mean, I mean, I enjoy it so much.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I like Buffy speak. It's silly and it's fun. And that's what I'm here for. I'm here for silliness and fun.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I was just wondering in my little brain about mermaids, what do they fall under?

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Summer

[SUMMER] Would mermaids be supernatural? I think maybe.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Mermaids kind of make me... It gives me like a fantasy vibe, but based on the rules that we set out, mermaids can be supernatural.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] According to [realmermaids.net](http://realmermaids.net), they're considered supernatural aquatic creatures.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Okay. Yeah, because I was thinking it depends on the setting. In the middle grade area, there's a lot of mermaid books I'm trying to think of. Well, wait, what's that - "A Song Below Water," it's a mermaid book that I think came out a couple of years ago. It's like mermaids and sirens exist in our society. And there's drama. A series that, like by Seanan McGuire is called the "October Day" series. And it's this fairy community that lives in San Francisco, and October is half fairy and she's a private investigator and she, like, solves fairy-related mysteries.

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Courtney



[COURTNEY] I feel like her stuff in general strikes me as very crossover appealing. Like, there's a lot of her stuff and I think you and I somewhere, I think maybe even on a different episode, have ended up talking about "Every Heart a Doorway."

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Summer

[SUMMER] In the third one, "Beneath the Sugar Sky," you meet a girl, I forget her name... Cora. Cora. Do you remember Cora?

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I remember Cora.

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Summer

[SUMMER] She was a mermaid. She went to like a mermaid world and came back. I'm about to read another book with her in it. It's not the most recent. It's the second most recent one. It's called "Where the Drowned Girls Go," and that's going to be mainly Cora. All these books have great representation for like every kind of person. I love how we keep coming back. We come back to the series in, like, every podcast.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I know.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Because Seanan McGuire is an amazing author.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Yeah.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] So I have a graphic novel to recommend "Fly by Night" by Tara O'Connor, and this is set in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. The main character, her name is Dee, and she and her dad have come home. Her parents got divorced and her sister stayed with her mom in New Jersey and her and her dad moved elsewhere and now her sister has gone missing. I think her dad is or was in law enforcement or whatever, but they go back to try to support the mom. And I think the dad is trying to investigate. So Dee is doing her own investigation and talking to her sister's friends and learning about this environmental group that she was part of that's protesting a proposed pipeline kind of keeps ending up in the woods. And we're stuff is happening. So this is the one I was talking about that's got the Jersey Devil in it.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Sorry, but don't go exploring the Pine Barrens by yourself, like, I don't know for certain if I believe in the Jersey Devil but I don't want to risk it. That's some primal stuff.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I thought that it was really good. It's got some cute stuff that happens and some pretty spooky stuff that happens. I mean, I like that It highlights that we've got a very you know, we've got a unique type of land around us. We've got the Pine Barrens, and they're worth protecting and not just plowing down to put up a pipeline in.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Another question we had is do you have a subgenre of paranormal fiction that you like? For example, mystery, horror, romance, historical?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I will read the supernatural romance. And like most stories, if there's romance in it, I'm okay with that. I like to read straight up contemporary romance if I'm going for romance deliberately. Supernatural, I and anyone who's done a podcast with me, I'm sorry, I'm going to say small towns again. Like I just. I can't. It seems like you get these little towns and the people in this town all know something weird is up. And like...

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I am reading a book exactly like that right now.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Tell me about it.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] It's called "Dream to Me" by Megan Paasch. It's about this girl and her sister. Her father dies and they have - she's inherited this big old house from her aunt, and they move to this small town and they have to move into this house. But when they get there, the house is all boarded up and vandalized. And so they can't stay there yet. So they go to this hotel and everywhere they go in town, people are looking at them and are like, "Oh my gosh, they're going to move into that house." But it seems like her aunt who own this house was a witch. And the main character, Eva, not her sister, is maybe supposed to follow in her aunt's footsteps and people are scared of her and all these weird things keep happening.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I feel like there's always a big creepy house.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Yeah, always a house.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Another one of my favorite paranormal series that I want to mention, or one of my favorite paranormal authors is Gail Carriger. She is very brilliant and I love her. She mainly writes historical paranormal set in an alternate version of Victorian London where vampires and werewolves and ghosts exist. But everyone's aware of it. It's not a secret and they've kind of integrated into society and there's also very big steampunk elements to it. She has two series, one is an adult series, and then the young adult is called "Finishing School" series, the first of which is called "Etiquette and Espionage." And it's about a group of girls who attend a boarding school that on the surface is a finishing school for young ladies. But really, they're learning how to be spies and assassins. I like to describe it as a romp. It's a very fun and silly adventure book. So anyone else have any books to recommend?

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I don't know what the series is called, but the first one is called "Shiver."

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Summer

[SUMMER] Oh, that's "The Werewolf" by Maggie Stiefvater.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] Have either of you read that?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I love that series.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I only read "Shiver" and I liked it.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I really appreciated the trilogy. I read it when it came out. The books were beautiful. Each one was a different color and, like, everything was printed. And in a sea of love triangle trilogies in YA, it avoided that.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] I like the romance with the wolf and in Twilight I loved the werewolves and I loved that part. But I didn't like Jacob. I wanted Edward to be a werewolf instead of a vampire. I totally love a werewolf romance. I liked it. I thought Shiver was good. Wasn't my favorite, but I think it was very enjoyable. And I think if I read it when I was younger, I would have probably loved it.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I think you should read "The Raven Cycle" if you liked it, because the Raven Cycle, same author, but it's different. The summary on the back makes it seem like it's a romance, which there are romantic elements, but they don't happen until like the fourth book. It's more like this group of unlikely friends investigating weird occurrences in this town they live in. The main girl, her family are all psychic, but she's not. There are romantic elements, but they're very subtle.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I've got more books. There's "The Devouring Gray" by Christine Lynn Herman. A girl and her mom move back to the town where her mom grew up, and she discovers that her family is one of the founding families of the town. And there are other kids her age who are members of the other founding families. And this creepy little town is still weirdly into the founding families. And there's some sort of violent nonsense happening in the woods. And it comes down to it's the job of the descendants of the town's founders to protect the rest of the town. So she, like, makes friends, falls in love and tries to fight an ancient evil. I read the second one, too, and I thought that it wrapped up really well. I'm going again because I've got another small town with a creepy forest. "The Dead and the Dark" by Courtney Gould. The main character, her name is Logan, her dads are like famous internet TV show ghost hunters, travel around and they filmed their show and they had ghost and right at first, it's not even necessarily clear if they believe it's real or if she believes it's real. It seems clear that the dads believe it's real. It's not clear if Logan believes it, but then they end up back at the dads' hometown and kids are disappearing and Logan makes friends with the popular girl whose boyfriend disappeared. And they're trying to investigate and figure out what's going on in this town and why everyone's shady about her dad. At first she's like, Is this small town homophobia? And then it's like, No, wait, something weird really did go on here and it seems like one of her dads was maybe, like, involved with it decades before. I'd say it's more on the spooky and coming of age story than like the horror side.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Another book that's on like the cusp of fantasy and paranormal is "A Far Wilder Magic" by Allison Saft, which I think I talked about before. It was good. It was set in our world, but slightly different, almost like in a speculative fiction way. Like society is slightly different, but it's definitely

supposed to be like 1940s maybe or 1930s and this girl, her mom is a famous alchemist and she's currently away on some kind of traveling thing. And so the girl is left at home alone, but she's really disliked in the town and I think it's because of her ethnicity. But the ethnicity isn't like one that we have in our world. It's one unique to this world. There's this competition to catch this magical creature that has something to do with alchemy. And they enter into the competition because you need an alchemist and you need a sharpshooter. And the girl is the sharpshooter. And this boy that comes into town is the alchemist. It was good. I have a couple that I have not read myself, but I know of that are paranormal, "The Babysitter's Coven" by Kate Williams, "The Cemetery Boys" by Aiden Thomas, which is a Latin X, witchcraft and ghosts. And there's a new book coming out soon. I'm not sure if it's teens or adults, but it's called "Vampire Weekend" by Mike Chen. And it is about a vampire girl who wants to join a punk band.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] One that I haven't read that I know a lot of people like is Holly Black's "The Coldest Girl in Cold Town." Yeah, so many good books we talked about today.

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Summer

[SUMMER] Yeah, we listed a lot. Do we have any final comments or thoughts to add?

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] I want more werewolf books now.

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Summer

[SUMMER] I don't know if you like Teen Wolf or Supernatural or Vampire Diaries. These are some books that you might want to check out.

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Courtney

[COURTNEY] Thanks, it was fun talking to you guys.

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Lindsay

[LINDSAY] You too.

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Voiceover

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