



# DARK ACADEMIA





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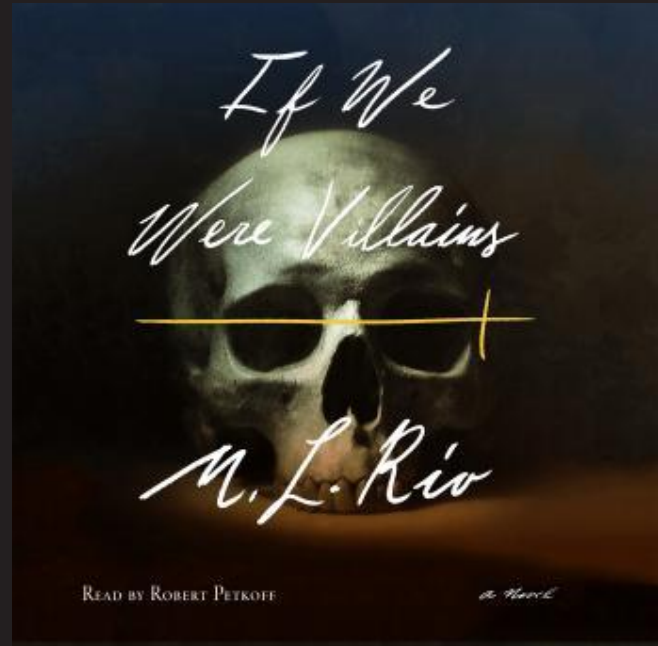
[If We Were Villains](#)

## AUTHOR:

M.L. Rio

## DESCRIPTION:

Oliver Marks has just served ten years in jail – for a murder he may or may not have committed. On the day he's released, he's greeted by the man who put him in prison. Detective Colborne is retiring, but before he does, he wants to know what really happened a decade ago.



**TITLE:**

[Ninth House](#)

**AUTHOR:**

Leigh Bardugo

**DESCRIPTION:**

The mesmerizing adult debut from Leigh Bardugo, a tale of power, privilege, dark magic, and murder set among the Ivy League elite.



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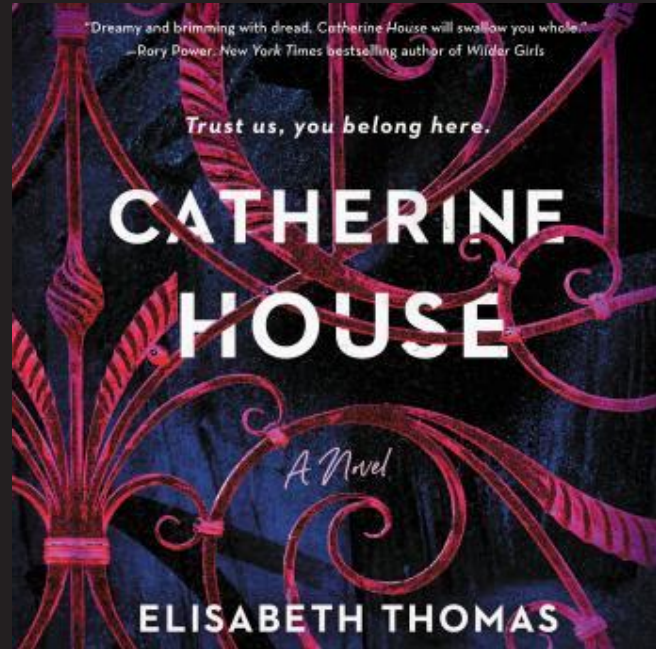
Catherine House

## AUTHOR:

Elisabeth Thomas

## DESCRIPTION:

A seductive, gothic-infused tale of literary suspense, set within a secluded, elite university and following a dangerously curious, rebellious first-year student who uncovers a dark secret beneath the school's promise of prestige-and the debut of a spectacular new voice.



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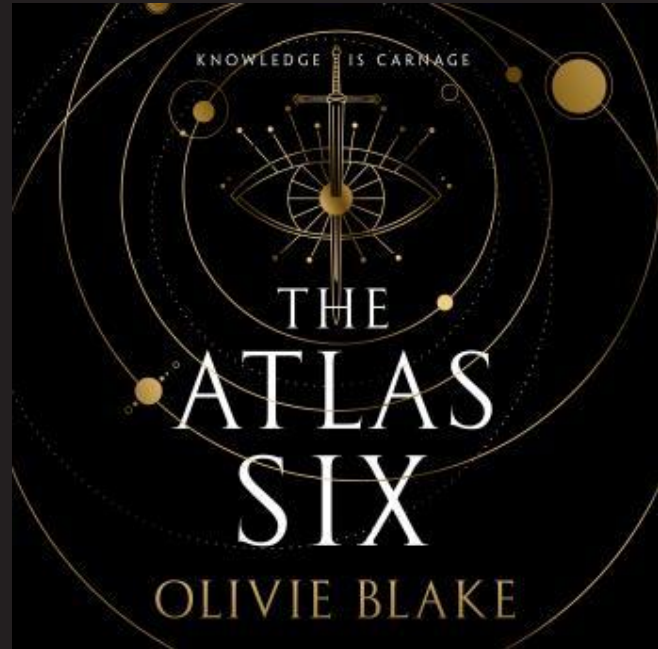
The Atlas Six

## **AUTHOR:**

Olivie Blake

## **DESCRIPTION:**

The Alexandrian Society, caretakers of lost knowledge from the greatest civilizations of antiquity, are the foremost secret society of magical academicians in the world. Those who earn a place among the Alexandrians will secure a life of wealth, power, and prestige beyond their wildest dreams, and each decade, only the six most uniquely talented magicians are selected to be considered for initiation.



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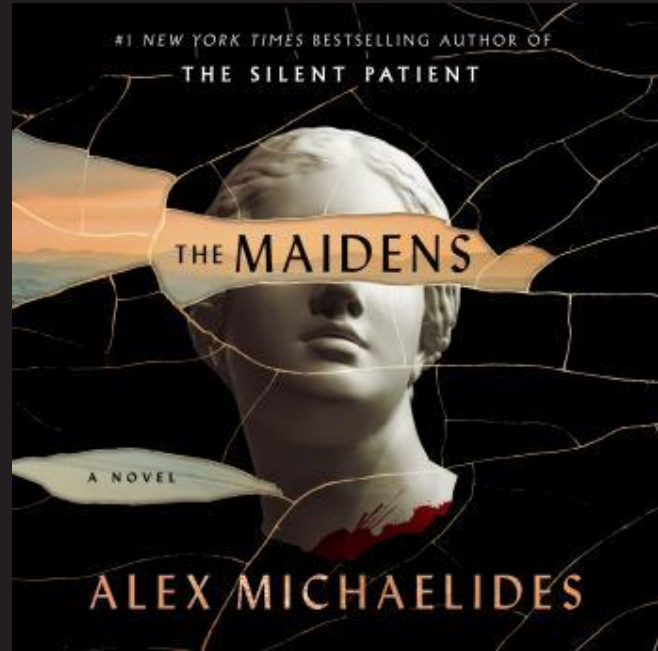
The Maidens

## **AUTHOR:**

Alex Michaelides

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Edward Fosca is a murderer. Of this Mariana is certain. But Fosca is untouchable. A handsome and charismatic Greek tragedy professor at Cambridge University, Fosca is adored by staff and students alike—particularly by the members of a secret society of female students known as The Maidens.





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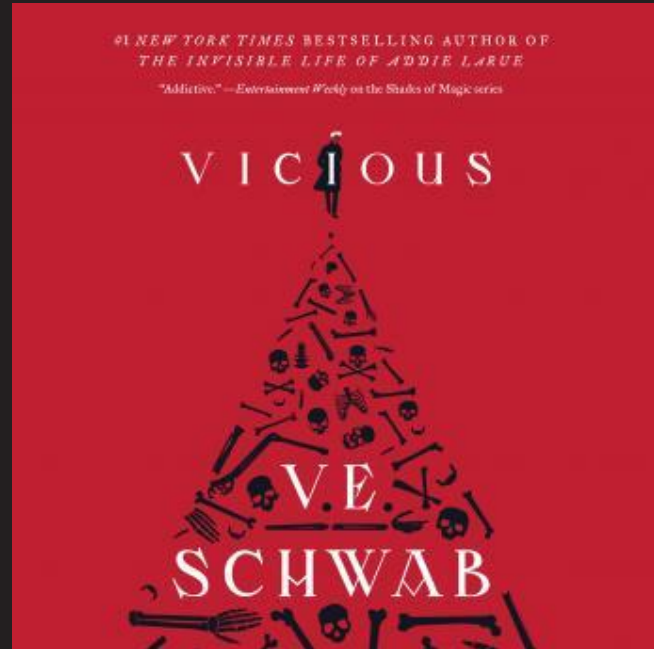
Vicious

## AUTHOR:

V. E. Schwab

## DESCRIPTION:

Victor and Eli started out as college roommates-brilliant, arrogant, lonely boys who recognized the same sharpness and ambition in each other. In their senior year, a shared research interest in adrenaline, near-death experiences, and seemingly supernatural events reveals an intriguing possibility: that under the right conditions, someone could develop extraordinary abilities. But when their thesis moves from the academic to the experimental, things go horribly wrong.



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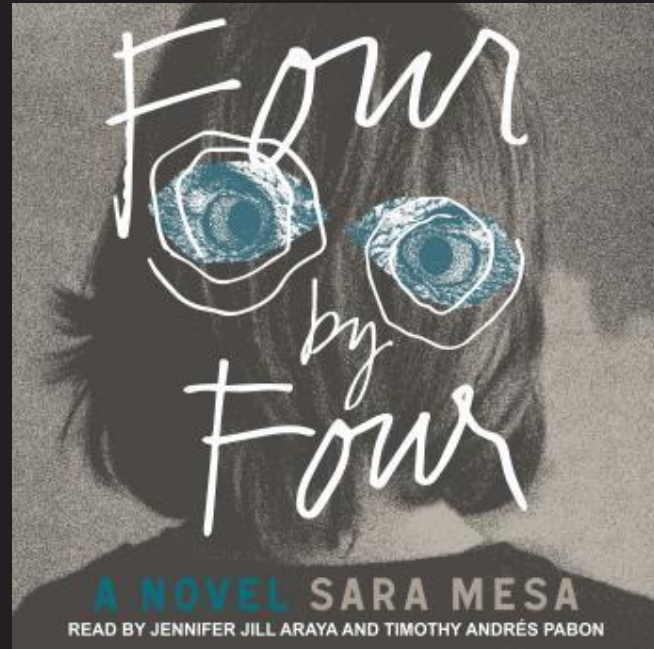
Four by Four

## AUTHOR:

Sara Mesa

## DESCRIPTION:

Set entirely at Wybrany College—a school where the wealthy keep their kids safe from the chaos erupting in the cities—*Four by Four* is a novel of insinuation and gossip, in which the truth about Wybrany's "program" is always palpable, but never explicit. The mysteries populating the novel open with the disappearance of one of the "special," scholarship students. As the first part unfolds, it becomes clear that all is not well in Wybrany, and that something more sordid lurks beneath the surface.



## TITLE:

[Ace of Spades](#)

## AUTHOR:

Faridah Abike-Iyimide

## DESCRIPTION:

Gossip Girl meets Get Out in Ace of Spades, a YA contemporary thriller by debut author Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé about two students, Devon and Chiamaka, and their struggles against an anonymous bully.



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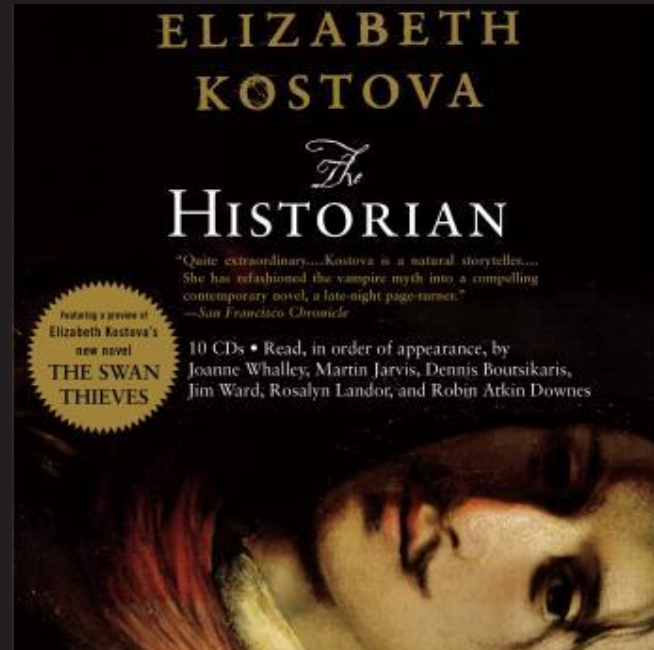
[The Historian](#)

## AUTHOR:

Elizabeth Kostova

## DESCRIPTION:

Breathtakingly suspenseful and beautifully written, *The Historian* is the story of a young woman plunged into a labyrinth where the secrets of her family's past connect to an inconceivable evil: the dark fifteenth-century reign of Vlad the Impaler and a time-defying pact that may have kept his awful work alive through the ages.



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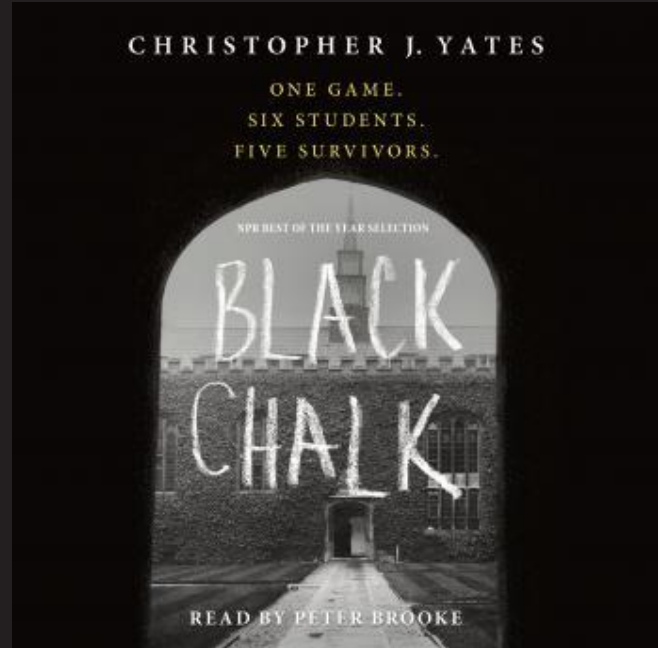
[Black Chalk](#)

**AUTHOR:**

Christopher J. Yates

**DESCRIPTION:**

A breathless psychological thriller set in New York and at Oxford University in which a group of six students play an elaborate game of dares and consequences with tragic results.



## TITLE:

The Raven Boys

## AUTHOR:

Maggie Stiefvater

## DESCRIPTION:

Every year, Blue Sargent stands next to her clairvoyant mother as the soon-to-be dead walk past. Blue herself never sees them-not until this year, when a boy emerges from the dark and speaks directly to her. His name is Gansey, and Blue soon discovers that he is a rich student at Aglionby.



## TITLE:

Babel

## AUTHOR:

R. F. Kuang

## DESCRIPTION:

From award-winning author R. F. Kuang comes *Babel*, a thematic response to *The Secret History* and a tonal retort to *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* that grapples with student revolutions, colonial resistance, and the use of language and translation as the dominating tool of the British empire.

