

CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS...

Pet

by Akwaeke Emezi

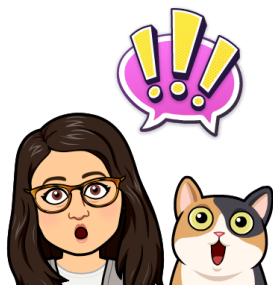
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All the the monsters were vanquished from the city of Lucille years ago by the "angels" (the founders of the city). So teenager Jam is extra shocked when a creature named Pet emerges from a painting and says he is there to hunt a monster. Specifically, a monster in the house of Jam's best friend. How could that be?

This book is about the danger of ignoring the hidden ills of society and expecting monsters to look a certain way. It gives you a lot to think about, but it's also just extremely cool and weird. A 7-foot

tall horned beast with an eyeless face? With severed human hands and golden feathers? I promise you've never met a character like Pet and you've never read a book like *Pet*.



The Babysitters Coven

by Kate M. Williams

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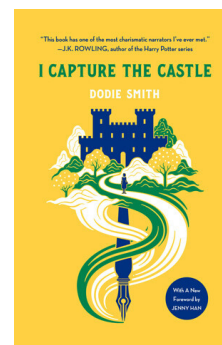
Esme runs a babysitters club. She likes it & it's a good way to pay for all the damage she causes (she moves things with her mind when she's angry). When cool, gorgeous new girl Cassandra is suddenly determined to be a part of the club, Esme knows something's up. Here's what it is: Cassandra's mom left her a note that simply said "Find the babysitters. Love, Mom." Huh. You can probably tell from the title that the story takes a supernatural turn from there. Find out about the noble history of The Sitters in this funny, quick, witchy adventure.

JULIE RECOMMENDS...

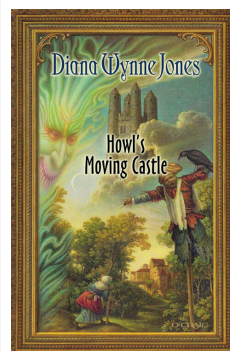
I Capture the Castle

by Dodie Smith

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This week I wanted to highlight a couple of my favorite 'cozy' reads, both of which have 'castle' in the title! This one is about a teenager Cassandra who lives with her eccentric and penniless family in a dilapidated castle in England. Cassandra is a writer who chronicles her family's misfortunes in her journal. She longs for adventure and gets some of it when two wealthy American brothers move into a nearby mansion. A heartwarming story about family, friendship, and first love, this book always makes me feel super cozy, like I'm curled up by a fire in an ancient castle. Fun fact: both Jenny Han (author of *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*) and J.K. Rowling name this as one of their favorite books!



FOR EXTRA COZINESS,
FIND A FLUFFY ANIMAL
TO SIT WITH YOU
WHILE YOU READ



Howl's Moving Castle

by Diana Wynne Jones

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audiobook on the Libby app

Howl's Moving Castle is quite possibly my favorite book of all time. A lot of people have heard of the Studio Ghibli movie with the same name but don't realize that the film is based on a book! This book is truly one of the coziest reads out there. It takes several familiar fairy tale tropes and turns them upside down to create a story that is whimsical, hilarious, and truly one of a kind.

When 17-year-old Sophie Hatter accidentally angers a powerful witch, she is cursed to look like an old woman. She ends up becoming the cleaning lady to a melodramatic wizard who lives in a moving castle with his fire demon, Calcifer. Shenanigans ensue!

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