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## Buzz Books 2018

Welcome to Buzz Books 2018: Young Adult Spring/Summer. These substantial pre-publication excerpts reflect a broad spectrum of today's young adult writing, from fantasy and romance to suspense and humor. You will discover debut writers to put on your radar, while enjoying early samples from some of the biggest authors in the field and even a memoir for younger readers. Readers will be happy to see included Stephanie Garber's sequel to her New York Times bestselling debut novel *Caraval*, a previous Buzz Books. Other fantasies are *Furyborn* by Claire Legrand, *Fawkes* by Nadine Brandes, and *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young. Then come back to the present with Boston Globe advice columnist Meredith Goldstein's YA debut about a teen science whiz who tries to crack the chemical equation for lasting love or Buzzfeed writer Farrah Penn's *Twelve Steps to Normal*, about a father's recovery from alcoholism. Start reading the bestsellers of tomorrow right now to see why reviewers rave with comments like these: Love Buzz Books! They are so helpful for librarians. This YA sampler is particularly great for any librarian with a sizable teen population. Some very interesting titles highlighted here, in a wide variety of genres. Then spread the word: your friends and family can download this free edition of Buzz Books at any major ebookstore or at [buzz.publishersmarketplace.com](http://buzz.publishersmarketplace.com). For broader reading, check out Buzz Books 2018: Spring/Summer, also available now, for 40 excerpts from top forthcoming adult fiction and nonfiction titles.

Aha! I have been wondering lately when this would be due out - I knew it was pretty close to the release date from last years issue and voila! Here it is! As YA books are one of my top two genres this is a must-read for me so I can get accustomed to some of the best upcoming spring/summer releases in the YA genre!

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Once again, another great packed edition that helps me add to my already large and looming TBR!!  
Bravo!

I would like to thank Publishers Lunch, Other Contributors and NetGalley for providing me with a copy

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## Bea Buzz Books 2018

I usually look forward to Buzz Books to add items to my wish list and/or preorder but was disappointed that the majority of the books listed in his edition were fantasy, a genre I don't read. For the first time, I neither added to my wish list nor preordered. I hope the Fall/Winter version has a wide range of genres. I gave 4 stars because reviewing lower would be unfair as most of readers enjoy fantasy.

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The Boy from Tomorrow by Camille DeAngelis

The synopsis of this story was really interesting and despite not being in a genre I'd normally read it would be something I'd try. Josie and Alec both live at 444 Sparrow Street. They sleep in the same room, but they've never laid eyes on each other. They are twelve years old and a hundred years apart. The children meet through a hand-painted talking board "Josie in 1915, Alec in 2015" and form a friendship across the century that separates them. But a chain of events leave Josie and her little sister Cass trapped in the house and afraid for their safety, and Alec must find out what's going to happen to them. Can he help them change their future when it's already past? Seeing Josie and Alec's first interaction through what I can assume is a Ouija board is funny and intriguing and maybe I'll pick this one up.

Brightly Burning by Alexa Donne

The next story in this collection is one I have seen everywhere and heard nothing but good things

about. So, from the synopsis: Seventeen-year-old Stella Ainsley wants just one thing: to go somewhere—anywhere—else. Her home is a floundering spaceship that offers few prospects, having been orbiting an ice-encased Earth for two hundred years. When a private ship hires her as a governess, Stella jumps at the chance. The captain of the Rochester, nineteen-year-old Hugo Fairfax, is notorious throughout the fleet for being a moody recluse and a drunk. But with Stella he's kind. But the Rochester harbours secrets: Stella is certain someone is trying to kill Hugo, and the more she discovers, the more questions she has about his role in a conspiracy threatening the fleet. This definitely seems like something I would read almost like Jane Eyre in space, so I'm down for that. I really enjoyed the introduction to Stella and her life in space and how unsatisfied with her life she is but that seems set to change when she is accepted as a governess on a private ship. Definitely buying.

Unbreakable by Sara Ella

Now, this book is the final instalment in a trilogy, so I didn't read it because if I do want to read this series I don't want to be spoiled, but from the cover it looks quite interesting.

Legendary by Stephanie Garber

So much like Unbreakable I haven't read Caraval yet, so I didn't want to get spoiled for Legendary, so I also skipped over this excerpt, but I have heard some amazing things about both books and will be reading them as soon as I am able.

Chemistry Lessons by Meredith Goldstein

For seventeen-year-old Maya, the equation for happiness is simple: a dream internship at MIT + two new science nerd friends + a perfect boyfriend = one amazing summer. Then Whit dumps her out of the blue. Maya is miserable until she discovers that her scientist mother, before she died, was conducting research on manipulating pheromones to enhance human attraction. If Maya can finish her mother's work, maybe she can get Whit back. But when her experiment creates chaos in her love life, she realizes that maybe love and loss can't be understood using the scientific method. Can she learn to trust the unmeasurables of love and attraction instead? This synopsis sounds so interesting to me especially since I am aiming to do a chemistry degree, I was excited to see how accurate this book would be. For the first couple of chapters we are introduced to Maya and her boyfriend Whit as they break up because he has met someone else. In her sadness her aunt suggests taking a look at her mother's private research which was left to Maya after her mother's death which may hold the answers to why people break up and how science can keep them together and it may just hold the secret to getting Whit back.

Furyborn by Claire Legrand

Now Furyborn along with Sky in the Deep have been on my TBR since they came out and I have heard nothing but absolutely amazing things about both of these books. All I can say from this excerpt is wow and I will definitely be bumping this up my TBR as soon as I can.

Reclaiming Shiloh Snow by Mary Weber

Much like some of the other excerpts I have not read in this collection Reclaiming Shiloh Snow is a sequel and I don't want to be spoiled for the series so again I skipped over this one.

Sky in the Deep by Adrienne Young

Now this is the final excerpt in the collection and it is a book I have wanted to read for quite a while. Eelyn's world is war. Raised to fight in a generations-old blood feud, her life changes forever when she sees her brother on the battlefield, fighting side by side with the enemy. The brother she watched

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die five years ago. This premise alone is so intriguing I couldn't wait to get into the excerpt. Holy hell, this excerpt was great, and I will definitely be reading it soon.

I only gave this collection 3 stars despite the great excerpt in it there were a few I couldn't read and several that had been in previous collections.

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## Buzzfeed Books 2018

I was gifted an ebook via Netgalley.

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Fawkes by Nadine Brandes [4 stars]: Son of Guy Fawkes? Sold. I don't read enough stories from a male POV. I really enjoyed what I read. Added to my TBR.

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Brightly Burning by Alexa Donne [5 stars]: Loved this couple chapters of sci fi goodness. I like the sci fi trope of the spaceship failing. Added to my TBR.

Unbreakable by Sara Ella [skipped]: Third book in a trilogy I haven't read.

Legendary by Stephanie Garber [skipped]: Sequel to a book I didn't like.

Chemistry Lessons by Meredith Goldstein [5 stars]: Chemistry/science-y nerd stuff - YASSSSSSSSSS! Added to my TBR.

Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen [4 stars]: Younger kid me enjoyed any stories about WW2, the Titanic, and the Oregon Trail, so I'm not sure why this wasn't on my radar. I enjoyed the short bit I read :) Added to my TBR.

Furyborn by Claire Legrand [5 stars]: I already had this book on my TBR and now I am even more excited for its release. This is what I wanted Roar to be like and was disappointed when it wasn't!

Twelve Steps to Normal by Farrah Penn [4 stars]: I have to say that I was weary with it being a Patterson presents book and written by a BuzzFeed writer but don't judge a book by its cover (and by that I mean its publisher/author's resume?). I liked what I read so far even though it was the shortest excerpt so far - or at least it certainly seemed that way. Added to my TBR.

Frat Girl by Kiley Roache [3 stars]: Not sure how to feel about the little bit that I read. Depending on the reviews it gets when it's released, I may decide to give it a go. It wasn't awful or anything.

Reclaiming Shilo Snow by Mary Weber [skipped]: Sequel to a book I haven't read.

Sky in the Deep by Adrienne Young [5 stars]: HOLY CRAP! As if I couldn't get more hyped to read this novel, I get surprised with it being the last excerpt in this collection from Buzz Books. My heritage is Norwegian and I was raised celebrating Norwegian culture, so my obsession with Vikings will always be a thing. I have an ARC of this book on my desk. MUST READ ASAP. Easily my fave excerpt. ...more



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Thanks to Publishers Lunch for putting out a fascinating selection of YA book previews for Spring/Summer 2018. I will continue to request Buzz Books in the future to help me determine the next great YA read.

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