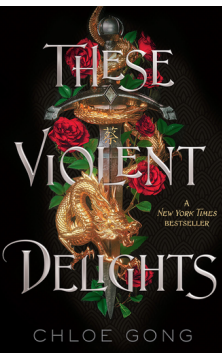


# These Violent Delights

by Chloe Gong

An imaginative Romeo and Juliet retelling set in 1920s Shanghai, with rival gangs and a monster in the depths of the Huangpu River.



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# Flume

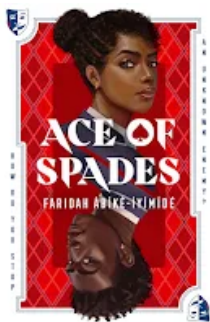
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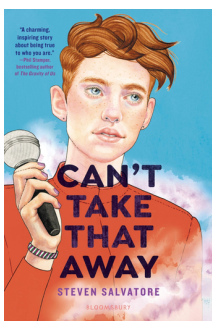


## Ace of Spades



by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé  
An incendiary and utterly compelling thriller with a shocking twist that delves deep into the heart of institutionalized racism.

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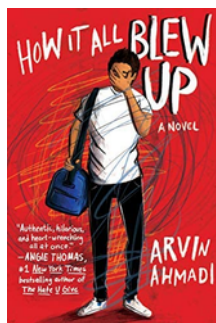
by Angeline Boulley  
As a biracial, unenrolled tribal member and the product of a scandal, eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. Daunis dreams of studying medicine, but when her family is struck by tragedy, she puts her future on hold to care for her fragile mother.

## Girl's I've Been



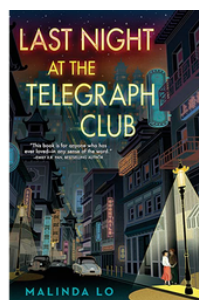
by Tess Sharpe  
Nora O'Malley's been a lot of girls. As the daughter of a con-artist who targets criminal men, she grew up as her mother's protégé. But when mom fell for the mark instead of conning him, Nora pulled the ultimate con: escape.

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by Arvin Ahmadi  
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America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father—despite his hard-won citizenship—Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

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Can you be a hero...if society doesn't see you as a person?

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