

book list lust

Yesterday, I got an email from my editor that included these two words: "cover meeting." OH, HOW MY HEART PITTER-PATTERED. I don't think I'll be seeing a cover for *Some Girls Are Like*, tomorrow, or anything but I've flicked the cover-anticipation switch AWN.

Eee.

FYI, I updated my Novels page. It now includes a master list of reviews and interviews for *Cracked Up to Be*. While I was compiling the list, I got a little overwhelmed in a very good way.

Dear Book Blogging community,
you have been so sweet to me.
If we ever meet in person, sparkles are on me.
~*Courtney*~

So today's blog entry is going to be about books I'm looking forward to re-reading. If you recall, I threatened to write this blog entry when I made my return to regular blogging and I always make good on my threats. Also, given how much I love talking about books and how much I love anticipating things (see paragraph one), I think marrying the two topics is pretty genius on my part. Give me a gold star!

Anyway, this is not one of those Strictly Upcoming Releases Lists. Some of these books are already out. It's a books I'm looking forward to re-reading that MAY OR MAY NOT ALREADY BE OUT list, because I feel that adds an element of suspense. WHICH ONES ARE OUT? WHICH ONES ARE COMING OUT?

DUM DUM DUM.

This is too much segue for an entry that is supposed to be a list, isn't it.

So, without further ado (and in alphabetical order by title!):

BOOKS I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO RE-READING



[The Boys are Back in Town by Christopher Golden](#)

Well. I have a feeling once you read one Christopher Golden novel, you'll want to read them all. I read his awesome YA zombie novel [Soulless](#) last year, thanks to [Little Willow](#), and I couldn't leave it at that. *The Boys Are Back in Town* is not a YA novel, but the summary sounds awesome. It's about a guy named Will, who is prepping for his tenth high school reunion. When he gets there, he finds out one of his friends died a few years ago. THE VERY SAME FRIEND WHO CONTACTED HIM JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE. And that's not all that's changed; the present conflicts with the past, new memories are replaced by old ones--so what's real and what's not? I wouldn't know because I haven't read it yet, but I can't WAIT to find out and I bet you can't either unless you already know. *The Boys are Back in Town* is OUT NOW, so if you need to know what the deal is with Will ASAP, it only takes one trip to your local indie! Go, go, go!

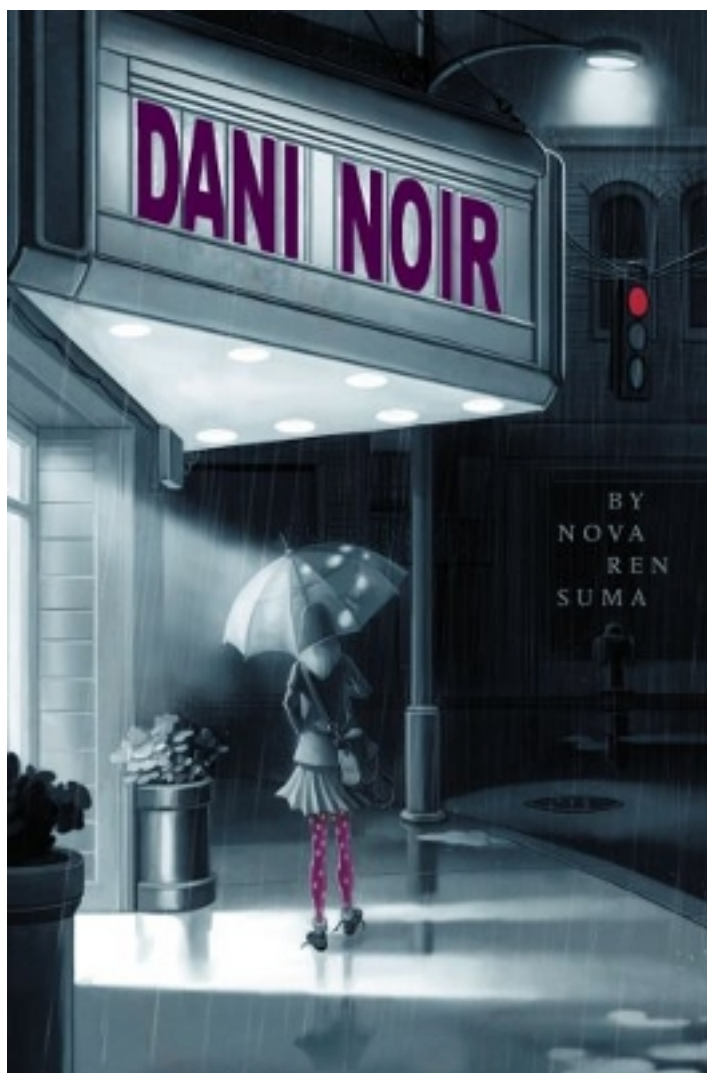


[Dani Noir by Nova Ren Suma](#)

First, check out this summary from the amazing [Dani Noir](#) website:

"Fade-in on thirteen-year-old Dani Callanzano. It's the summer before eighth grade, and Dani's stuck in her nowhere mountain town with only her favorite noir mysteries at the Little Art Movie Theatre to keep her company. But when a big secret invades the scene in real life, Dani decides to bring the truth to light. Armed with a vivid imagination, a flair for the dramatic, and her knowledge of all things Rita Hayworth, Dani sets out to solve the mystery, and learns more about herself than she ever thought she could. All she knows is someone's been lying and thinks they can get away with it. And it all has something to do with a girl in polka-dot tights..."

Polka-dots? A protagonist who loves noir mysteries *and* Rita Hayworth? YES. I AM SO THERE. It had me at 'fade-in', to be honest. Okay, now check out the cover, bigger, because--oh my God, you guys, I would frame and hang it on my wall. I think it's gorgeous and full of atmosphere. You can FEEL the scene. Fittingly cinematic.



Okay, someone else tell me they can see the rain moving if they see this cover in their periphery, because I swear I do. I need to know if it's not just me. And if it is just me, I have to say I rock for bringing covers to a whole nothah level with my eyes and all of you should be jealous.

And I have to fangirl Nova here, for a second. She's a talent, one of the most inspiring and hard-working writers that I know. I feel very privileged to be able to call her a friend. Dani Noir is her debut tween novel and it's coming out (mark your calendars) **September 22, 2009**. I cannot WAIT to have a copy of this book on my shelves. I also can't wait to have another copy I can put on my wall.

Yeah, that's right. I didn't say "could" hang on my walls--I said WOULD.



[Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer](#)

Do I really need to say anything about this one?



I am just that dazzled.



[Evermore by Alyson Noel](#)

The first in Alyson's new Immortals series, Evermore, is about a girl named Ever with a tragic past who can see auras and hear people's thoughts. Then she meets a mysterious, gorgeous guy named Damen Auguste (insert character name love here), who seems to know more about Ever's gifts than she does herself. Who is he? *What* is he?

I cannot WAIT to read this one. I have it! It's out! I am staring at it right now. Has anyone ever talked about the cover? I mean, people have--but the tulip is glossy! I spent an embarrassing amount of time running my hand over it in the bookstore but it's SO COOL! Even more cool: Evermore hit #3 on the NYT Bestseller list AND it's been optioned for a television series. Alyson Noel is an amazing writer--[Saving Zoe](#) is one of my favourite novels--and this, coupled with the rave reviews I've been hearing, leaves me no doubt I'm going to enjoy this book.

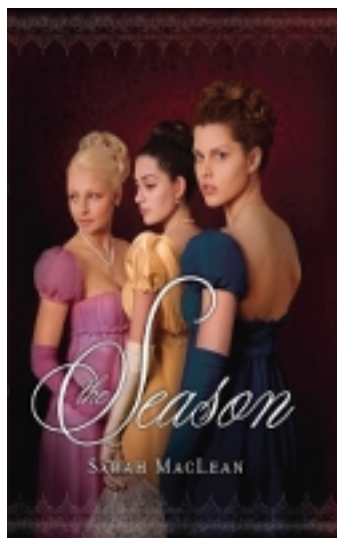


[One Lonely Degree by C.K. Kelly Martin](#)

C.K.'s debut novel, I Know It's Over, [blew me away](#). I think she offers a new and important voice in YA literature and she's one of my favourite YA authors. I've been looking forward to this book for so long I'm surprised the anticipation hasn't rendered me comatose. I seriously am. Thank God it didn't, though, because then I would've missed a peek [at the \(amazing\) first two chapters](#). Check out the summary:

"Finn has always felt out of place, but suddenly her world is unraveling. It started with The Party. And Adam Porter. And the night in September that changed everything. The only person who knows about that night is Audrey—Finn's best friend, her witness to everything, and the one person Finn trusts implicitly. So when Finn's childhood friend Jersey moves back to town—reckless, beautiful Jersey, all lips and eyes and hair so soft you'd want to dip your fingers into it if you weren't careful—Finn gives her blessing for Audrey to date him. How could she possibly say no to Audrey? With Audrey gone for the summer, though, Finn finds herself spending more and more time with Jersey, and for the first time in her life, something feels right. But Finn can't be the girl who does this to her best friend...can she?"

WANT! I want to read this so badly! It's coming out **May 26th, 2009**. And check out that beautiful cover. C.K.'s covers are among my favourites in the YA scene.



[The Season by Sarah MacLean](#)

This book comes out **March 1st, 2009**. That is like FIVE DAYS FROM NOW. You know what is really unfair, though? It's been out for most of February in The States. I've been unable to find an early copy in Canada. God, my life is cruel. Anyway, I am super-excited for The Season. That cover is so lush and gorgeous. Set in Regency London, it's about Lady Alexandra Stafford, who is preparing for the London Season so she can get married. Alex is so not into romance, but sign her up for adventure, please! And me too! From the summary:

"Between sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties and country weekends, Alex, along with her two best friends, Ella and Vivi, manages to get entangled in her biggest scrape yet. When the Earl of Blackmoor is killed in a puzzling accident, Alex decides to help his son, the brooding and devilishly handsome Gavin, uncover the truth. It's a mystery brimming with espionage, murder, and suspicion. As she and Gavin grow closer, will Alex's heart be stolen in the process?"

I'm always up for reading about male characters who are described as 'devilishly handsome', I must say. And I'm looking forward to immersing myself in this book as soon as Canada gets it. And, lucky me: I will be reviewing The Season and interviewing Sarah after I've read it! Which means you guys should totally read it too and we can book club it, oh yeah.

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And there you have it! A lifetime of books to read! Unless you are a faster reader than I am, which I am 99% sure most of the world's population is, in which case, maybe that there is just a week's worth. What books are you looking forward to reading? Let me know in the comments! I'm always up for compiling multiple lifetime's worth of reading material.

Aaand, please note, all of the book titles are linked to their GoodReads page (which also have various purchase links). I love [GoodReads](#), and if I might get on ~*my soapbox*~ for a minute, word-of-mouth is a great way to support the authors you dig, online and offline. Sooo if any of these books interest you in the way they've interested me, consider adding them to your GoodReads To-Read List, or to your [LibraryThing](#) shelf! Because every time a person spreads some Book Love, Edward saves a unicorn.



Seriously, you would not believe the amount of humorous Twilight macros & gifs I have collected from ohnotheydidnt in my time away from blogging.

Or maybe you would.