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The Book That Wouldn't Burn

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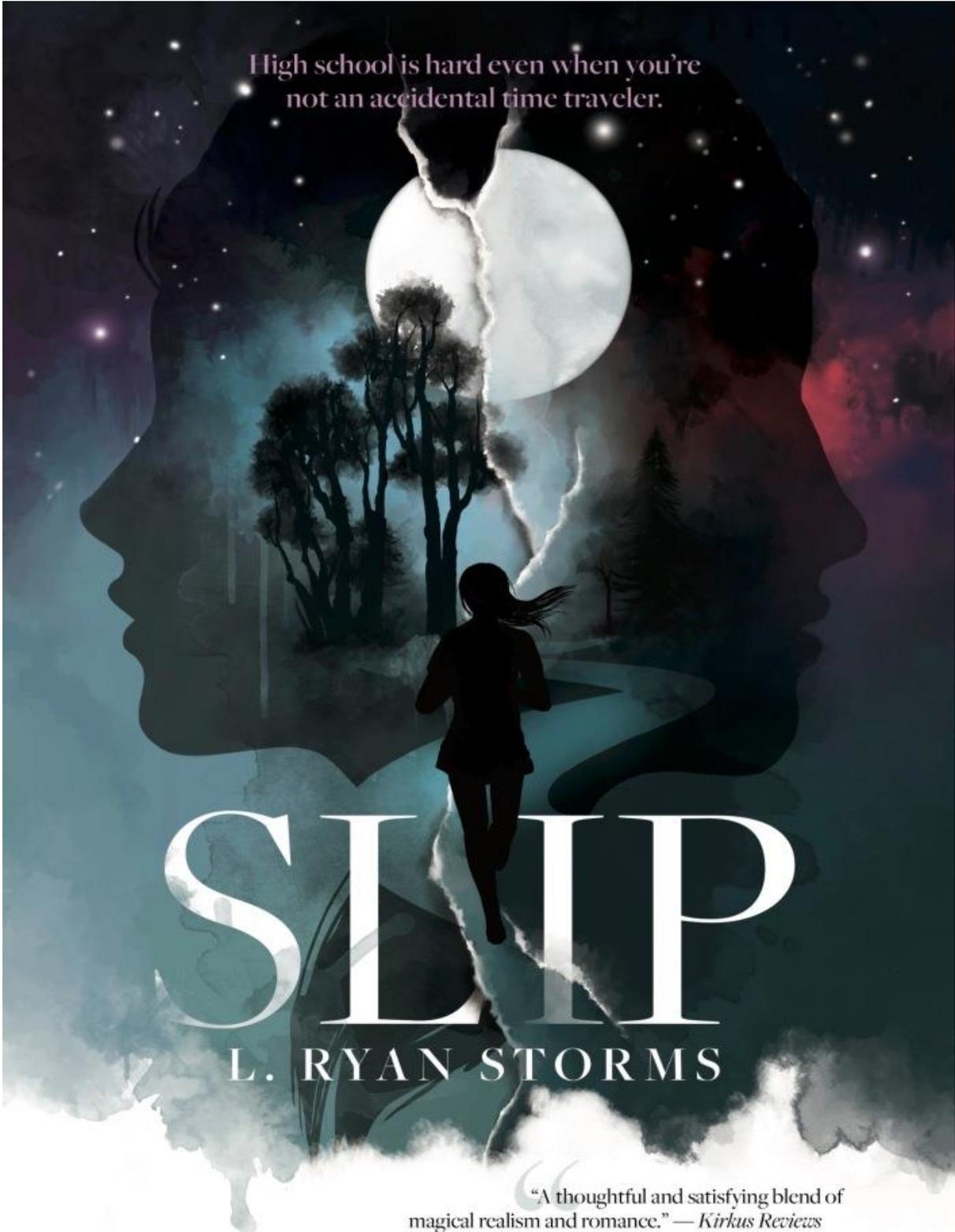
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Bound by books - Evar and Livira experience very different versions of the Library. For Livira, it becomes a surprising escape from her past. One of the Duster children rescued from the clutches of the violent bestial Sabbers, Livira's future in the city seemed at best limited due to her own ignorance and past. But fate and her patron have decided otherwise. Now she's on the path to spending her time in the Library, however, others are certain she has no business being there and will strive to foil her attempts at learning. Evar is trapped inside the Library with no knowledge of his past. With him are his informal family, each heavily influenced by a particular book, their personalities pruned down to a limited viewpoint. The strange book that he discovers one day will either be the key that finally allows him freedom or the one that leads to his demise.

-Welcome to the 25th year of Watch the Skies, a whole quarter century!
August's meeting is on the 20th, in person, at the Simpson Library,
Mechanicsburg (unless otherwise announced) and the book of the month
is – How to Murder Your Employer – Rupert Holmes

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High school is hard even when you're
not an accidental time traveler.

SLEEP

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“A thoughtful and satisfying blend of
magical realism and romance.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

“Endearing to memorable and evocative.” — *IndieReader*

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NEW RELEASES

August 2025

CHARLIE JANE ANDERS - **Lessons in Magic and Disaster**
LEIGH BARDUGO & JOHN PICACIO - **The Invisible Parade**
ISABEL CAÑAS - **The Possession of Alba Díaz**
WESLEY CHU - **The Art of Legend**
BRENDA COOPER - **When Mothers Dream**
JOSHUA GLENN, ED. - **Before Superman: Superhumans
of the Radium Age**
CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN & BRIAN KEENE, EDS. - **The End of the
World As We Know It: Tales of Stephen King's The Stand**
FRANCES HARDINGE - **The Forest of a Thousand Eyes**
ALLAN KASTER, ED. - **The Year's Top Tales of Space and Time 5**
T. KINGFISHER - **Hemlock & Silver**
R.F. KUANG - **Katabasis**
JOHN LANGAN - **Lost in the Dark and Other Excursions**
TIM LEBBON - **Secret Lives of the Dead**
YOON HA LEE - **Starstrike**
TASHAN MEHTA - **Mad Sisters of Esi**
L.E. MODESITT, JR. - **Sub-Majer's Challenge**
RAY NAYLER - **Where the Axe Is Buried**
ANNALEE NEWITZ - **Automatic Noodle**
ANTHONY RYAN - **Born of an Iron Storm**
ANTHONY RYAN - **The Feeding**
KEN SCHOLES - **Better Dreams**
ADRIAN TCHAIKOVSKY - **The Hungry Gods**
CHUCK TINGLE - **Lucky Day**
FRAN WILDE - **A Catalog of Storms**
MICHAEL Z. WILLIAMSON - **The King of FlorCubaTamp**

THE PROGENY OF DEVILS BOOK 2

THE NIGHTMARE IN THEIR BLOOD



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NEWS OF THE REALM

Baen Fantasy Adventure Award Finalists for 2025

The following short stories are the finalists for the award:

“A Good Demon Hunter is Hard to Find” - Martina Anders

“The Void Within” - Tyler Bourassa

“The Teacher” - Sarah Hozumi

“Staying Afloat” - Arthur H. Manners

“Personal Demons” - Alex Minns

“Gilded Dead” - April Pereira

“A Game with Death” - Kathleen Powell

“The Golem and The Goose” - Tony Robusto

“Traitor to the Wolfguard’s Creed” - Gideon P. Smith

“The Old Knight” - Jeremy Zentner

To be announced at the Baen Traveling Roadshow during Dragon Con 2025.

Prometheus Award Winner – In the Belly of the Whale by Michael Flynn has been chosen as the 2025 as the winner of the Prometheus Award by the Libertarian Futurist Society.

World Fantasy Award Finalists:

Best Novel

The Tainted Cup- Robert Jackson Bennett

The Fox Wife- Yangsze Choo

The Bog Wife- Kay Chronister

The Bright Sword- Lev Grossman

The Wings Upon Her Back- Samantha Mills

Best Novella

Crypt of the Moon Spider- Nathan Ballingrud

In the Shadow of Their Dying- Michael F. Fletcher & Anna Smith Spark

Yoke of Stars- R.B. Lemberg

The Woods All Black- Lee Mandelo

The Butcher of the Forest- Premee Mohamed

Best Short Fiction

“Our Best Selves”- Hiron Ennes

“Godskin”- CL Hellisen

“The V*mpire,”- PH Lee

“Raptor”- Maura McHugh

“Everything in the Garden is Lovely”- Hannah Yang

Best Anthology

Heartwood- Dan Coxon, ed.

Discontinue If Death Ensues- Carol Gyzander & Anna Taborska, eds.

Northern Nights- Michael Kelly, ed.

The Dagon Collection, Nate Pedersen- ed.

The Crawling Moon: Queer Tales of Inescapable Dread- Dave Ring, ed.

Best Collection

Ghostroots- 'Pemi Aguda

A Sunny Place for Shady People- Mariana Enríquez, translated by Megan McDowell

Good Night, Sleep Tight- Brian Evenson

Kindling: Stories- Kathleen Jennings

Craft: Stories I Wrote for the Devil- Ananda Lima

Best Artist

Jenni Coutts

Nico Delort

Manzi Jackson

Tran Nguyen

Liv Rainey-Smith

THE STUDY OF FIRE



A COMPANION NOVEL TO *FIRE STUDY*

MARIA V. SNYDER

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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Tillyer's News of the High Frontier

- In keeping with our name, we'll remind you to look up this month as one of the biggest meteor showers begins at the end of July and peaks around August 12th. The Perseids, are named for the patch of the sky they appear in, not the origin of the meteors, which is actually Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. On the 12th through the morning of the 13th as many as 100 meteors per hour may be visible. The only downside is that the Full Moon will have occurred 3 days beforehand and there will still be significant illumination that may wash out dimmer meteors. To get you warmed up for the big event, there is a smaller shower called the Delta Aquarids that runs from July 29th through the 31st. To view any shower, it's best to let your eyes acclimate to the darkness, avoid brighter lights like flashlights, streetlamps, and cell phones when you are observing. Having the best possible view of the sky is definitely helpful as well as avoiding stray light from buildings, towns, etc. When observing, a tilting lawn chair is very helpful and can support you as you lean back. Let your eyes relax and try not to focus on any particular portion of the sky. You will naturally be drawn to areas of motion (the old hunter-gatherer instinct). There will be typically more meteors during the pre-dawn hours. Meteors typically travel anywhere from 7-45 miles per second and convert their momentum into heat when striking the atmosphere forcing them to ionize and burn, creating the streak of light. Different colors of light in the streak may indicate the presence of various elements in the meteor as it burns up.

-If you are looking for something else in the sky, perhaps auroras, you can keep an eye on the page at Space.com which will give you a daily update on the likelihood of Northern Lights - [Northern lights forecasts, alerts, and geomagnetic storm warnings live updates | Space](#)

-If you are just up for the usual stellar show, you can also visit the Night Sky for Tonight page on Space.com - [Night sky for tonight — what to look for in this evening's sky | Space](#)

-Finally, for all things night sky, try the stargazing link at Space.com – [Stargazing Coverage | Space](#)

