The Hunchback Assignments
Arthur Slade

YA SLADE

In Victorian London, 14-year-old Modo, a shape-changing hunchback, becomes a secret agent for the Permanent Association, which strives to protect the world from the evil machinations of the Clockwork Guild.

The Girl In The Steel Corset
Kady Cross

YA CROSS

In 1897 England, 16-year-old Finley Jayne is convinced she's a freak. No normal Victorian girl has a darker side that makes her capable of knocking out a full-grown man with one punch. Only Griffin King sees the magical darkness inside her that says she's special… that she's one of "them." He takes her off the streets and into his band of misfits, and she joins him in his investigation of a criminal called The Machinist.

The Iron Thorn
Caitlin Kittredge

YA KITTREDGE

In the city of Lovecraft, the Proctors rule and a great Engine turns below the streets, grinding any resistance to their order into dust. The necrovirus is blamed for Lovecraft's epidemic of madness, for the strange and eldritch creatures that roam the streets after dark, and for everything that the city leaders deem Heretical—born of the belief in magic and witchcraft. And for Aoife Grayson, her time is growing shorter by the day. Aoife Grayson's family is unique, in the worst way—every one of them, including her mother and her elder brother Conrad, has gone mad on their 16th birthday. Now, a ward of the state, and one of the few female students at the School of Engines, she is trying to pretend that her fate can be different. She must leave the totalitarian city of Lovecraft and venture into the world of magic to solve the mystery of her brother's disappearance and the mysteries surrounding her father and the Land of Thorn.

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Stories Rife with Gears and Corsets

Steamed: A Steampunk Romance
Katie MacAlister

FIC MACALISTER

When one of Jack Fletcher's Nanoelectro-mechanical system experiments is jostled in his lab, the resulting explosion sends him into the world of his favorite novel—a seemingly Victorian-era world of steampower, aether guns, corsets, and goggles. A world where the lovely and intrepid Octavia Pye captains her airship straight into his heart...

The Affinity Bridge
George Mann

FIC MANN

Sir Maurice Newbury and Miss Veronica Hobbes, agents of Queen Victoria, battle both physical and supernatural enemies of the crown. They are called in to investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship and its missing automation pilot while dealing with a zombie plague in the slums of the capital and attempting to solve a string of strangulations credited to a mysterious glowing policeman.

The Half-Made World
Felix Gilman

FIC GILMAN

The world is only half made. What exists has been carved out amidst a war between two rival factions: the Line, paving the world with industry and claiming its residents as slaves; and the Gun, a cult of terror and violence that cripples the population with fear. The Red Republic once battled the Gun and the Line, and almost won. Now they're just a myth, a bedtime story of hope that parents tell to their children. Liv Alverhyusen, a doctor of psychology, travels to the edge of the made world to a spiritually protected mental institution in order to study the minds of those broken by the Gun and the Line. In its rooms lies an old general of the Red Republic, a man whose shattered mind just may hold the secret to stopping the Gun and the Line. And either side will do anything to understand how.

The Strange Affair of Spring Heeled Jack
Mark Hodder

FIC HODDER

Sir Richard Francis Burton teams up with Algernon Charles Swinburne, a promising young poet and libertine, when Lord Palmerston hires him to investigate a series of attacks against young women which are believed to be the work of Spring heeled Jack, a bizarre looking apparition, but their explorations into the darker side of Victorian England leads Burton and Swinburne to find werewolves and other fantastical elements.

Mortal Engines
Philip Reeve

YA REEVE

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another.
Land of Hope and Glory
Geoffrey Wilson

FIC WILSON

It’s 1852 and the Indian empire of Rajthana has ruled Europe for more than 100 years. With their vast armilies, steam and sorcery technology, and mastery of the mysterious power of satva, the Rajthanas appear invincible — but a bloody rebellion has broken out in a remote corner of the empire, in a poor and backward region known as England. At first Jack Casey, a retired soldier, wants nothing to do with the uprising, but then he learns his daughter, Elizabeth, is due to be hanged for her part in the struggle. For Elizabeth it’s not just the execution the worse; it’s the certainty that her father, a poor and backward region known as England, will be just Sham’s life that’s about to change. It starts with a wrecked train, which leads to a mystery map inside, indicating a mythical place untouched by iron rails, it leads to a city teeming with undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive.

Boneshaker
Cherie Priest

SF PRIEST

In the beginning of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the frozen Klondike brought hordes of newcomers to the Pacific Northwest. Russian prospectors commissioned inventor Leviticus Blue to create a machine that could mine through Alaska’s ice. Thus was born Dr. Blue’s Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, destroying downtown Seattle and unearthling a subterranean vein of gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead. Now it is 16 years later, and a wall has been built to enclose the toxic city. Just beyond it lives Blue’s widow, Briar Wilkes. Life is hard with a ruined reputation and teen son Ezekiel to support. Then Ezekiel undertakes a secret quest that takes him under the wall and into the city teeming with undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive.

All Men Of Genius
Lev AC Rosen

SF ROSEN

Violet Adams wants to attend Illyria College, a renowned school for the most brilliant scientific minds, founded by the late Duke Illyria, the greatest scientist of the Victorian Age. The school is run by his son, Ernest, who has held to his father's policy that the exclusive college remain male-only. Violet disguises herself as her twin brother, Ashton, and gains entry. But keeping her secret won't be easy, not with her friend Jack constantly pulling pranks, and especially not when the duke's young ward, Cecily, starts to develop feelings for "Ashton." Not to mention blackmail, mysterious killer automata, and the way Violet's pulse races when the young duke, Ernest is near.