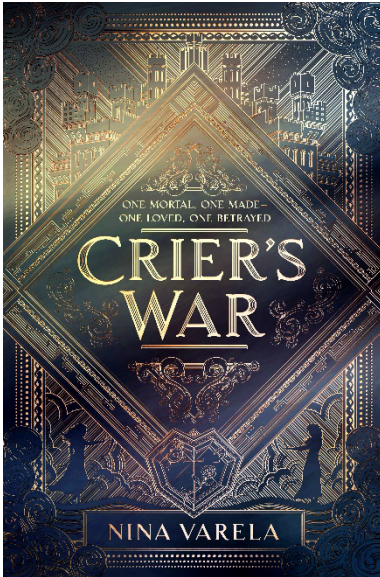


## BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS



*Crier's War* / Nina Varela 2019

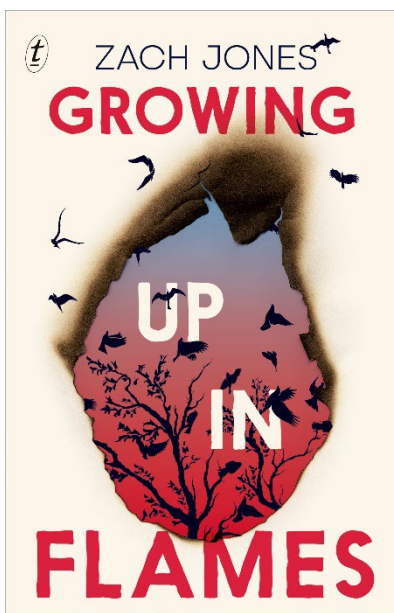
14 + Years

In the aftermath of a war where Automae took over the kingdom of Rabu and bent humanity to their will, Ayla takes a job as a servant in the house of the sovereign for one purpose: to get revenge for her family's death by killing his daughter. Lady Crier, the heiress, was made to be a perfect ruler of the kingdom, but she no longer knows if that is what she wants once she discovers some of her father's cruel secrets. Between this betrayal, and a betrothed that she does not trust, when Crier and Ayla finally meet, nothing seems certain anymore.



*The Awakening* / Omar Epps, Clarence A. Haynes 2022 14 + Years

For Zuberi, Uzochi, and Lencho, Nubia is a mystery. Before they were born, a massive storm destroyed their ancestral homeland, forcing their families to flee across the ocean to New York City. Nubia, a utopic island nation off the coast of West Africa, was no more, and their parents' sorrow was too deep for them to share much of their history beyond the folklore. But New York, ravaged by climate change and class division, is far from a safe haven for refugees, and Nubians live as outcasts, struggling to survive in the constantly flooding lower half of Manhattan, while the rich thrive in the tech-driven sky city known as the Up High. To many, being Nubian means you're fated for a life plagued by difficulties and disrespect. But Zuberi, Uzochi, and Lencho are beginning to feel there might be more. Something within them is changing, giving each of them extraordinary powers. Extraordinary and terrifying powers that seem to be tied to the secrets their parents have kept from them. And there are people Up High watching, eager to do anything they can to become even more powerful than they already are. Now Zuberi, Uzochi, and Lencho will be faced with the choice -- do they use their inheritance to lift their people, or to leave them behind? The fate of their city, and their people, hangs in the balance.



*Growing up in Flames* / Zach Jones 2022

13 + Years

This novel tackles grief, belonging and mental illness. I've heard of Noah the way you hear about car accidents. A series of whispers, theories and rumours... Kenna's mother Ava was killed in a bushfire not long ago. Now Kenna's living with her uncle and his young family in the small town where Ava grew up, and she feels like an intruder. Noah's mother has a mental illness that makes him both carer and jailer-constantly watchful, keeping things on an even keel. One night Kenna sees the general store on fire, and a boy standing watching as it burns. It takes her a while to notice he's holding a petrol can, but then things move fast. She's tackled him and run off with his bag before she even knows what's happened. The bag belongs to Noah, and he really wants it back. Kenna wants something too. To make someone else burn the way her mum did. And there's something she doesn't know- how Noah can help her find out the truth about her family.