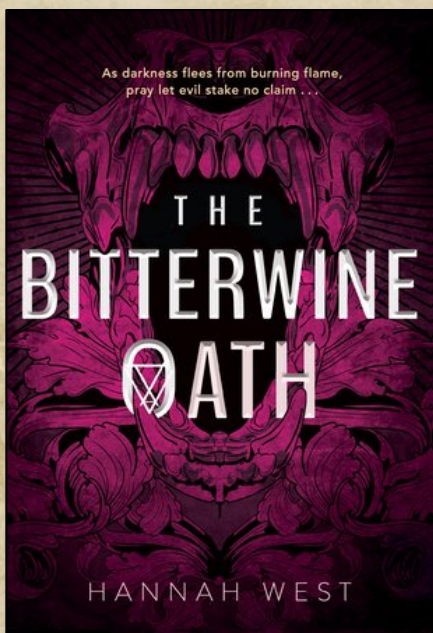


WRITING PROMPTS FROM YA AUTHOR HANNAH WEST

1. Your character is exploring an abandoned house in the woods and finds a loose page from an old spell book. It is a spell for finding something that has been lost, and the spell can only be used once. Write about what materials your character needs for the spell, what lost thing they are looking for, why they chose to find that thing, and the journey to retrieve it.

2. Your character receives a necklace as a birthday gift from an older relative. According to the giver, the necklace is magical and can provide an accurate yes or no answer to any query. When you hold it still and ask a question, it swings forward for “yes” and backward for “no.” The first question your character asks is “Is magic real?” and the reply is “Yes.” From there, use a series of yes or no questions to take your character on a journey that ultimately leads to a frightening or miraculous discovery.



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