

The Amulet of Samarkand

Jonathan Stroud

Intent on revenge, Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, summons Bartimaeus, a five-thousand-year-old djinni, to steal the Amulet of Samarkand, a mysterious and enigmatic artifact, from ruthless master magician Simon Lovelace, and, along with Nathaniel, becomes caught up in a dangerous world of espionage, blackmail, murder, and conspiracy. Sequels: *The Golem's Eye*; *Ptolemy's Gate*.

Tersias the Oracle

G.P. Taylor

Jonah, a young thief, and Tersias, a boy who channels prophecies, become embroiled in the machinations of a magician, a politician, and a false prophet, as well as in the magic of a strange alabaster box.

The New Policeman

Kate Thomspson

JJ Liddy discovers that time is leaking from his world into the land of the fairies, and when he attempts to stop the leak he finds out a lot about his family history, the music that he loves, and a crime his great-grandfather may or may not have committed.

Fellowship of the Ring

J.R.R. Tolkien

Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered all the Rings of Power except one—the One Ring that rules them all—which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. Young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task when Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose. First book in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Poison

Chris Wooding

When her sister is snatched by Phaeries, hard-minded and strong-willed Poison puts her fears aside and, along with her devoted friends, sets out to confront the Phaerie Lord in order to get her back—facing great dangers and strange encounters all along the way.



Midnight Magic

Avi

In Italy in 1491, Mangus the magician and his apprentice are summoned to the castle of Duke Claudio to determine if his daughter is indeed being haunted by a ghost.

Abarat

Clive Barker

Thrust into a fantastical world far away from her home in Minnesota, Candy Quackerbush must make sense out of her new surroundings as she is sent to the island of Abarat in the Sea of Izabella where she is given a warning that the evil Lord Carrion is eagerly looking for her. Sequel: *Days of Magic, Nights of War*.

Child of the Dark Prophecy

T.A. Barron

In accordance with prophecy, Avalon's existence is threatened in the year that stars stop shining and at the time when both the dark child and Merlin's heir are to be revealed. First in *The Great Tree of Avalon* series.

Flame: Book One of the Farsala Trilogy

Hilary Bell

When the rulers mistakenly take it for granted that they can destroy the evil force approaching the borders of Farsala, Jiaan, Soraya, and Kavi are forced to deal with the results when they can find no one to stop their town from being led into the Flames of Destruction. Sequels: *Rise of a Hero; Forging the Sword*.

Faerie Wars

Herbie Brennan

Troubled by family problems, Henry finds his life taking a whole new dimension when he and his friend, old Mr. Fogarty, become involved with Prince Pyrgus Malvae who has been sent from the faerie world in order to escape the treacherous Faeries of the Night. Sequels: *The Purple Emperor; Faerie Lord; Ruler of the Realm*.

The Warrior Heir

Cinda Williams Chima

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards. Sequel: *The Wizard Heir*.

Wintersmith

Terry Pratchett

When witch-in-training Tiffany Aching accidentally interrupts the Dance of the Seasons and awakens the interest of the elemental spirit of Winter, she requires the help of the six-inch-high, sword-wielding, sheep-stealing Wee Free Men to put the seasons aright.

Golden Compass

Philip Pullman

In an alternative world in which every human being is accompanied by an animal familiar, the disappearance of several children prompts Lyra and her bear protector to undertake a journey to the frozen Arctic in pursuit of kidnappers. Sequels: *The Subtle Knife; The Amber Spyglass*.

Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson & the Olympians #1

Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Sequels: *The Sea of Monsters; The Titan's Curse*.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

J.K. Rowling

The final installment of the series.

Magyk: Septimus Heap Book One

Angie Sage

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412—pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier. Sequels: *Flyte; Physik*.

Endymion Spring

Matthew Skelton

Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, twelve-year-old Blake Winters is at loose ends until he stumbles across an ancient and magical book, secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg's mute apprentice to save it from evil forces, and which now draws Blake into a dangerous and life-threatening quest.

The Wind Singer

William Nicholson

After Kestrel Hath rebels against the stifling rules of Amaranth society and is forced to flee, she, along with her twin brother and a tagalong classmate, follow an ancient map in quest of the legendary silver voice of the wind singer, in an attempt to heal Amaranth and its people. Sequels: *The Slaves of the Mastery*; *Firesong: An Adventure*.

Midnight for Charlie Bone

Jenny Nimmo

Charlie Bone he can hear people in photographs talking. His aunts are delighted and enroll him in Bloor's Academy for gifted children. Charlie soon realizes some of his classmates have equally mysterious powers. Sequels: *C.B. and the Time Twister*; *C.B. and the Invisible Boy*; *C.B. and the Castle of Mirrors*; *C.B. and the Hidden King*; *C.B. and the Beast*.

Mister Monday

Garth Nix

Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world— where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets. First in the *Keys to the Kingdom* Series.

Sabriel

Garth Nix

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. Sequels: *Lirael*; *Abhorsen*.

Eragon

Christopher Paolini

When fifteen-year-old Eragon comes to learn that he is a gifted Dragon Rider, he realizes that his destiny is to fight the evil powers that will bring complete destruction to the Empire and so leaves his quiet life as a farm boy to succeed in his one true mission in life. Sequel: *Eldest*.

Terrier: The Legend of Beka Cooper

Tamora Pierce

When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower City. Sequel: *Bloodbound*.

Artemis Fowl

Eoin Colfer

When 12 year old genius, Artemis Fowl, tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. Sequels: *The Arctic Incident*, *The Eternity Code*; *The Opal Deception*; *The Lost colony*; *The Time Paradox*.

The Singer of All Songs

Kate Constable

Calwyn, a young priestess of ice magic, or "chantment," joins with other chanters who have different magical skills to fight a sorcerer who wants to claim all powers for his own. Sequels: *The Waterless Sea*; *The Tenth Power*.

Foundling: Monster Blood Tattoo #1

D.M. Cornish

Rossamund Bookchild, an orphan boy burdened with a girl's name, navigates the dangerous landscape of the Half-Continent, where humans and monsters wage unending war. On the way, he meets a host of characters: friends, villains, monsters, and magically enhanced monster-fighters. Sequel: *Lamplighter*.

The Blue Girl

Charles de Lint

New at her high school, Imogene enlists the help of her introverted friend Maxine and the ghost of a boy who haunts the school after receiving warnings through her dreams that soul-eaters are threatening her life.

Skin Hunger: A Resurrection of Magic Book One

Kathleen Duey

In alternate chapters, Sadima travels from her farm home to the city and becomes assistant to a heartless man who is trying to restore knowledge of magic to the world, and a group of boys fights to survive in the academy that has resulted from his efforts.

The Black Tattoo

Sam Enthoven

When his best friend, Charlie, is possessed by an ancient demon, fourteen-year-old Jack, accompanied by a girl with superhuman powers, battles all over London and into Hell to save him.

The Oracle Betrayed

Catherine Fisher

After she is chosen to be "Bearer-of-the-god," Mirany questions the established order and sets out, along with a musician and a scribe, to find the legitimate heir of the religious leader known as the Archon. Sequels: *Sphere of Secrets*; *Day of the Scarab*.

Ruins of Gorlan: Ranger's Apprentice

John Flanagan

When Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. Sequels: *The Burning Bridge*; *The Icebound Land*.

Inkheart

Cornelia Funke

Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. Sequels: *Inkspell*; *Inkdeath*.

The Princess Bride : S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure : The 'Good Parts' Version, Abridged

William Goldman

S. Morgenstern's timeless tale pits country against country, good against evil, love against hate. From the Cliffs of Insanity through the Fire Swamp and down into the Zoo of Death, this incredible journey and brilliant tale is peppered with strange beasties monstrous and gentle, and memorable surprises both terrible and sublime.

Redwall: Redwall # 1

Brian Jacques

The peaceful life of Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes. Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Howl's Moving Castle

Diana Wynne Jones

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

Dreamhunter

Elizabeth Knox

In a world where select people can enter "The Place" and find dreams of every kind to share with others for a fee, a fifteen-year-old girl is training to be a dreamhunter when her father disappears, leaving her to carry on his mysterious mission. Sequel: *Dreamquake*.

Skulduggery Pleasant

Derek Landy

When Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

A Wrinkle in Time

Madeleine L'Engle

Father is missing. His top-secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away, but where? And how? Meg and her younger brother, Charles, set out with their friend Calvin on an exciting adventure through time and space to search for him.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

C.S. Lewis

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. Check out the rest of *The Chronicles of Narnia* Series.

The Water Mirror: Dark Reflections Book One

Kai Meyer

In a place similar to Venice, Italy, two teenaged orphans, apprenticed to a maker of magic mirrors, begin to realize that their fates are tied to the magical protector of the city known as the Flowing Queen and to the ruler of Hell, respectively. Sequel: *The Stone Light*.

Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City

Kirsten Miller

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world. Sequel: *Kiki Strike: The Empress' Tomb*.