

Fantasy Recommended Reading

Bailey, Kristin. *The Silver Gate*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC Bailey) Elric and his mother secretly care for his mentally disabled sister, Wynn, whom the villagers consider a changeling. When their mother dies, and their father threatens to sell her, they flee into the forest, looking for safety.

Baker, E.D. *The Wide-Awake Princess*. (Gr. 5 - 8) (J FIC Baker); Ebook Annie, younger sister of the princess known as Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic and stays awake when the rest of the castle falls into an enchanted sleep. She then sets out to find a way to break the spell.

Barry, Dave. *Peter & the Starcatchers*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Barry); Ebook Peter and his mysterious new friend Molly, overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a secret and save the world from evil.

Baum, L. Frank. *The Wizard of Oz*. (Gr. 4 and up) (J FIC Baum) (J PLAY FIC BAU); Audiobook: Ebook After a cyclone transports her to the Land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas. Don't miss this classic!

Beasley, Cassie. *Tumble and Blue*. (Gr. 4 - 6) (J FIC Beasley); Audiobook; Ebook Two descendants of a cursed family whose hapless encounter with a golden swamp gator centuries earlier has consigned them to lives of hopeless bad luck. They attempt to reclaim their rightful destinies on a quest that forces them to consider if the story is pure legend.

Burgis, Stephanie. *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC Burgis); Ebook After drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon is transformed into a 12 year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate.

Burnell, Cerrie. *Harper and the Scarlet Umbrella*. (Gr. 2 - 4) (J FIC Burnell) When Harper's goes missing with the other neighborhood cats, she realizes that her scarlet umbrella is the only tool that will help her find them.

Carman, Patrick. *The Dark Hills Divide*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Carman) A 14 year-old girl living in a small New Hampshire town keeps a diary chronicling the hard life as well as the joys of growing up in the 1800's.

Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Colfer); Ebook When a 12 year-old evil genius 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.

Collins, Suzanne *Gregor the Overlander*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Collins); Audiobook; Ebook When Gregor and his sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. Read others by this author.

Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach*. (Gr. 4 - 6) (J FIC Dahl, J PB Dahl, J B/CD Dahl); Audiobook; Ebook A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

De La Cruz, Melissa. *The Isle of Lost*. (Gr. 4 - 8) (J FIC Disney); Ebook The teen offspring of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella de Vil search for a cursed magical relic that will help them escape from the dreary isle where their wicked parents have been exiled.

Durst, Sarah Beth. *Spark*. (Gr.4 - 7) (J FIC Durst) Discovering that their country's idyllic weather comes at a steep secret cost, a student at lightning school and her unlikely storm-beast companion recruit fellow students to defy odds.

Edwards, Julie. *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*. (Gr. 4 - 6) (J FIC Edwards) The Potter children embark on a quest to find the last of the really great Whangdoodles. Much to their amazement, they encounter other wondrous and wild creatures along the way.

Elliott, Zetta. *Dragons in a Bag*. (Gr. 2 - 5) (J FIC Elliott) A witch neighbor enlists young Jaxon and his friends to help deliver a clutch of baby dragons to the safe magical world where they belong, a quest that is thrown into chaos by the trio's inability to follow strict dragon-care rules.

Foxlee, Karen. *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*. (Gr. 4 - 6) (J FIC Foxlee) A tale set in a museum introduces heroine Ophelia Jane Worthington-Whittard, who on her first day in the mysterious museum where her father works, discovers a boy locked away in a long forgotten room as a prisoner.

Gardner, Lyn. *Into the Woods*. (Gr. 4 and up) (J FIC Gardner) Pursued by a sinister doctor, three sisters flee into the woods on a treacherous journey to flee and defeat Dr. DeWilde.

Holt, K. A. *Gnomeageddon*. (Gr. 4 - 6) (J FIC Holt) Buck discovers that the world in his favorite novels is real, and he must intervene in a war between the gnomes and the trolls.

Johnson, Jane. *The Secret Country*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Johnson) Having learned from a talking cat that he and his sisters are the half-elfin royalty of a parallel world called Eidolon, Ben attempts to stop his evil uncle from smuggling magical creatures.

Jones, Diana Wynne. *Castle in the Air*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Jones) Having indulged himself in daydreams more exciting than his mundane life, Abdullah unexpectedly purchases a magic carpet.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC Lin); Audiobook; Ebook Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish. She then joins a dragon who cannot fly, on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. (Gr. 4 - 7) (J FIC Llyod); Audiobook; Ebook In a town where magic has been driven away by a curse, 12 year-old Felicity possesses a supernatural ability to see words around the people and places she visits. When she befriends a mysterious do-gooder, Jonah, he introduces shimmering new words while helping her break the curse.

Mc Mullan, Kate. *The New Kid at School*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC McMullan) Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

Mlynowski, Sarah. *Fairest of All*. (Gr. 3 - 5) (J FIC Mlynowski); Audiobook After moving to a new house, 10 year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

Mlynowski, Sarah. *Upside-Down Magic*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC Mlynowski); Audiobook: Ebook Placed in the Upside-Down Magic class at an elite magical academy, students Nory, Elliott, Andres and Bax cast spells that go frustratingly wonky at the worst possible times.

Mull, Brandon. *Wild Born*. (Gr. 4 - 7) (J FIC Spirit Animals); Audiobook; Ebook In Book 1, four children separated by vast distances all undergo the same ritual watched by cloaked strangers. Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts. Suddenly the paths of these children -- and the world -- are changed forever.

Ostertag, Molly. *The Witch Boy*. (Gr. 4 - 7) (J FIC GN Ostertag); Ebook In 13 year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shape shifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted.

Park, Linda Sue. *Cavern of Secrets*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Park); Audiobook; Ebook Hoping to return home after a winter in the Sudden Mountains so he can join his parents in the fight against the evil Chancellor, Raffa must use his apothecary skills while enlisting the help of human and animal friends to survive the journey.

Patterson, James. *Word of Mouse*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC Patterson); Audiobook; Ebook After escaping from a mysterious lab, a rare blue mouse, who has the ability to read, write, and speak to humans, must use his skills to help find his family.

Rodda, Emily. *The Charm Bracelet*. (Gr. 3 - 5) (J FIC Rodda) When Jessie searches for her grandmother's missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and discovers that she has a reason to be there. Read more in the *Fairy Realm* series.

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. (Gr. 4 and up) (J FIC Rowling; Audiobook; Ebook Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in Book 1 of this series.

Sayantani, DasGupta. *The Serpent's Secret*. (Gr. 5 - 7) (J FIC Dasgupta); Audiobook; Ebook When her parents disappear and a demon appears in her kitchen, Kiranmala, who believed herself to be an ordinary sixth-grader, finds herself in another dimension where there is magic, winged horses, and talking birds.

Selfors, Suzanne. *The Sasquatch Escape*. (Gr. 3 - 5) (J FIC Selfors) Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, 10 year-old Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.

Simpson, Dana. *Phoebe and her Unicorn Adventure*. (Gr. 3 - 6) (J FIC GN Simpson); Ebook Phoebe and Marigold confront new challenges in the form of messy rooms, trouble at school, a nasty case of "Sparkle Fever", and a reunion with Monster Girl and Ringo the lake creature at Camp Wolfgang.

Snow, Alan. *Here be Monsters!* (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Snow) While gathering food to bring to his grandfather, young Arthur becomes trapped in the city of Ratbridge, where he and some new friends try to stop a plot to shrink the monsters of Arthur's home, the Underworld, for a nefarious purpose.

Stephens, John. *The Emerald Atlas*. (Gr. 4 - 8) (J FIC Stephens); Audiobook; Ebook Enduring life in a series of orphanages for more than a decade, Kate, Michael, and Emma learn that they were separated from their parents at birth by an evil force that would prevent them from fulfilling an ancient prophesy.

Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit or, There and Back Again*. (Gr. 5 and up) (J FIC Tolkien) Bilbo Baggins, a respectable well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.

Umansky, Kaye. *Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage*. (Gr. 3 - 5) (J FIC Umansky) When Clover Twig takes a job cleaning a witch's cottage, she and her friend Wilf must defend the cottage from the witch's evil sister.

Vernon, Ursula. *Harriet the Invincible*. (Gr. 3 - 5) (J FIC Vernon); Ebook Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her twelfth birthday, but after two years of exploits with her riding quail, things go awry at home and she must seek a prince to set things right.

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