



Fantasy for Young Adults

Abbot, Ellen Jensen. *Watersmeet*. YA ABB

Fourteen-year-old Abisina escapes the escalating violence, prejudice, and religious fervor of her home town Vranille and sets out with a dwarf, Haret, to seek the father she has never met in a place called Watersmeet.

Abouzeid, Chris. *Anatopsis*. YA ABO

In the realm from which the Greek gods ruled the universe thousands of years ago, the immortal witch Anatopsis uncovers the true objectives of her demi-god tutor Mr. Pound and attempts to prevent him from carrying out his evil plans.

Alexander, Lloyd. *The Golden Dream of Carlo Chuchino*. YA ALE

Naive and bumbling Carlo, his shady camel-puller Baksheesh, and Shira, a girl determined to return home, follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward real treasures.

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. *Hawksong*. YA ATW

In a land that has been at war so long that no one remembers the reason for fighting, the shapeshifters who rule the two factions agree to marry in the hope of bringing peace--despite deep-seated fear and distrust of each other.

Barker, Clive. *Days of Magic, Nights of War*. YA BAR

Candy Quackenbush's adventures in the Abarat continue as she makes a startling realization as to who she is, and the forces of Night begin plans for a war.

Bell, Hilari. *Shield of Stars*. YA BEL

When the Justice he works for is condemned for treason, fourteen-year-old and semi-reformed pickpocket Weasel sets out to find a notorious bandit who may be able to help save his master's life.

Bell, Hilari. *The Last Knight*. YA BEL

In alternate chapters, eighteen-year-old Sir Michael Severson, an anachronistic knight errant, and seventeen-year-old Fisk, his street-wise squire, tell of their noble quest to bring Lady Ceciel to justice while trying to solve her husband's murder.

Black, Holly . *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale*. YA BLA

After returning home from a tour with her mother's rock band, sixteen-year-old Kaye, who has been visited by faeries since childhood, discovers that she herself is a magical faerie creature with a special destiny. ***Be sure to check out Holly Black's other great fantasy titles!**

Bracken, Alexandra. *Brightly Woven*. YA BRA

Sixteen-year-old Sydelle Mirabel, an unusually talented weaver, must master her mysterious power and join a young wizard in stopping an imminent war in her land.

Calhoun, Dia. *Avielle of Rhia*. YA CAL

Taught to hate and fear the heritage that sets her apart from most people of the kingdom, fifteen-year-old Princess Avielle of Rhia must finally embrace the magic of her Dredonian ancestors to save the very people who scorn her.

Carmody, Isobelle. *Night Gate*. YA CAR

Seeking a cure for her sick mother, Courage "Rage" Winnoway and her dogs pass through a magical gateway to a strange land known as Valley where they must find, before the sand in an enchanted hourglass runs out, the powerful wizard noted for his healing magic.

Cashore, Kristin. *Graceling*. YA CAS

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Cashore, Kristin. *Fire*. YA CAS

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world.

Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl*. YA COL

Artemis's mother has contracted a deadly disease -- and the only cure lies in the brain fluid of African lemurs. Unfortunately, Artemis himself was responsible for making the lemurs extinct five years ago. Now he must enlist the aid of his fairy friends to travel back in time and save them. Not only that, but he must face his deadliest foe yet...his younger self.

Constable, Kate. *The Waterless Sea*. YA CON

Calwyn and her friends travel to the desert land of Merithuros to rescue the children held captive because of their magical gift of chantment, even as their friend Darrow begins a plot of his own.

Cornish, D.M. *Foundling*. YA COR

Having grown up in a home for foundlings and possessing a girl's name, Rossamünd sets out to report to his new job as a lamplighter and has several adventures along the way as he meets people and monsters who are more complicated than he previously thought. Includes glossaries and maps.

Croggon, Alison. *The Crow*. YA CRO

After a brief reunion with his lost sister Maered, who continues to pursue her dangerous destiny in the frozen North, orphaned Hem is sent south to Turbansk for safety but, as the armies of the Dark overrun the city, he flees with his mentor Saliman, his white crow Irc, and the orphan girl Zelika to join the resistance forces of the Light and finally learn his role in his sister's quest.

DeVita, James. *The Silenced*. YA DEV

Consigned to a prison-like Youth Training Facility because of her parents' political activities, Marena organizes a resistance movement to combat the restrictive policies of the ruling Zero Tolerance party.

Dickinson, John. *The Cup of the World*. YA DIC

When Phaedra, a willful daughter of a baron, decides to marry for love, she sets off an unforeseeable chain of events and a battle between good and evil.

Dokey, Cameron. *Before Midnight: A Retelling of "Cinderella."* YA DOK

Cendrillon and her adopted brother, Raoul, left to be raised by servants, grow up in a quiet household until the day an elegant woman and her two daughters arrive announcing that she has married Cendrillon's father and will be taking over the household.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The Diamond of Darkhold*. YA DUP

When a roamer trades them an ancient book with only a few pages remaining, Lina and Doon return to Ember to seek the machine the book seems to describe in hopes that it will get their new community, Sparks, through the winter.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The People of Sparks*. YA DUP

Having escaped to the Unknown Regions, Lina and the others seek help from the village people of Sparks.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *The City of Ember*. YA DUP

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. **Check out other titles by Jeanne DuPrau!**

Fisher, Catherine. *Snow-walker*. YA FIS

The snow-walker Gudrun came from the swirling mists and icy depths beyond the edge of the world to rule the Jarl's people with fear and sorcery, but a small band of outlaws will fight to the death to restore the land to its rightful leader.

Fletcher, Susan. *Ancient, Strange, and Lovely*. YA FLE

Fourteen-year-old Bryn must try to find a way to save a baby dragon from a dangerous modern world that seems to have no place for something so ancient.

Goodman, Alison. *Eon: Dragoneye Reborn*. YA GOO

Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.

Hale, Shannon. *Book of a Thousand Days*. YA HAL

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.

Hardy, Janice. *The Shifter*. YA HAR

Nya, a fifteen-year-old war orphan, becomes a pawn in a bigger political game when her uncanny--and dangerous--ability to draw out people's pain and then give it to someone else turns out to be the only weapon she has to save her sister.

Harris, Joanne. *Runemarks*. YA HAR

Maddy Smith, who bears the mysterious mark of a rune on her hand, learns that she is destined to join the gods of Norse mythology and play a role in the fate of the world.

Jacques, Brian. *Taggerung: A Tale from Redwall*. J JAC

A young otter, kidnapped in his infancy and raised as a warrior-thief by a band of vermin, leaves the tribe and goes off to seek adventures of his own.

Jones, Diana Wynne. *The Merlin Conspiracy*. YA JON

Roddy and Nick, two teenagers with magical powers they are just learning to use, find that they must work together to save Roddy's home world of Blest from destruction by power-hungry wizards.

Jones, Diana Wynne. *Conrad's Fate: A Chrestomanci Book*. YA JON

When his uncle sends him to work at the mysterious Stallery Mansion, twelve-year-old Conrad Tesdnic overcomes his bad karma and discovers in the mansion's winecellar the source of the magic that threatens to pull his world into one of the eleven other parallel universes.

Kay, Elizabeth. *The Divide*. YA KAY

While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.

Kay, Elizabeth. *Back to the Divide*. YA KAY

A japegrin, Snakeweed, has placed a spell on Felix's parents that is beginning to effect the rest of the Earth, and fourteen-year-old Felix must follow him back across the Divide to seek a counterspell.

Knox, Elizabeth. *Dreamhunter: Book One of the Dreamhunter Duet*. YA KNO

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* (YA KNO)

Lanagan, Margo. *Tender Morsels*. YA LAN

A young woman who has endured unspeakable cruelties is magically granted a safe haven apart from the real world and allowed to raise her two daughters in this alternate reality, until the barrier between her world and the real one begins to break down.

Lasky, Kathryn. *The Hatchling*. J LAS

Nyroc, the son of Kludd and Nyra, is destined to take his dead father's place as leader of the Pure Ones and to wreak vengeance on Soren, but as the light of goodness dawns in his heart, Nyroc begins to doubt all that he has been taught. **Check out other fantasy titles by Lasky including other titles in the Guardians of Ga'Hoole series!**

LeGuin, Ursula. *The Farthest Shore*. YA LEG

Ged Archmage learns that some strange, mad power is draining away the magic in Enlad and turning life into death.

LeGuin, Ursula. *Gifts*. YA LEG

When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than use his gift of "unmaking"--a violent talent shared by members of his family--he upsets the precarious balance of power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a strange and deadly talent of its own. **Check out other Fantasy titles by Ursula LeGuin!**

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ella Enchanted*. YA LEV

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. Newbury Honor Book.

Livingston, Lesley. *Darklight*. YA LIV

After a dangerous encounter in Central Park, actress Kelley Winslow, who has only recently learned that she is a Faerie, journeys to the Otherworld and begins to untangle the strands of a magical conspiracy with far-reaching consequences.

Maguire, Gregory. *What the Dickens: The Story of a Rogue Tooth Fairy*. YA MAG

As a terrible storm rages, ten-year-old Dinah and her brother and sister listen to their cousin Gage's tale of a newly-hatched, orphaned, skibberee, or tooth fairy, called What-the-Dickens, who hopes to find a home among the skibberee tribe, if only he can stay out of trouble.

Marchetta, Melina. *Finnikin of the Rock*. YA MAR

Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

Marr, Melissa. *Wicked Lovely*. YA MAR

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and Winter Queen, and the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.

Marr, Melissa. *Fragile Eternity*. YA MAR

Aislinn and Seth struggle with the unforeseen consequences of Aislinn's transformation from mortal girl to faery queen as the world teeters on the brink of cataclysmic violence. Sequel to *Wicked Lovely*.

McNamee, Eoin. *City of Time*. YA MCN

When he receives the cryptic message that "time is running out," Owen, known as "The Navigator," summons Cati and Dr. Diamond and together they journey to the City of Time in order to discover what has gone wrong.

McNish, Cliff. *The Silver Child*. YA MCN

Drawn to a wasteland of garbage dumps called Coldharbour, six children undergo mysterious transformations and band together to face an unknown enemy. **Part of a series!**

Mieville, China. *Un Lun Dun*. YA MIE

Stumbling into an alternate funhouse version of her home city, twelve-year-old Londoner Deeba finds herself trapped in a world of killer giraffes, animated umbrellas, and ghost children, and must take on the role of savior to prevent utter destruction.

Mourlevat, Jean-Claude. *Winter's End*. YA MOU

Fleeing across icy mountains from a pack of terrifying dog-men sent to hunt them down, four teenagers escape from their prison-like boarding schools to take up the fight against the tyrannical government that murdered their parents fifteen years earlier.

Nix, Garth. *Across the Wall: A tale of the Abhorsen and Other Stories*. YA NIX

Nicholas Sayre will do anything to get across the Wall, back to the Old Kingdom. Thoughts of Lirael and Sam haunt his dreams, and he has come to realize that his destiny lies there, along with all those he cares for. But here in Ancelstierre, far south of the Wall, the Charter is dormant, and among the obstacles Nick faces is one that is not entirely human, and which has a strange power that seems to come from Nicholas himself.

Nix, Garth. *Mister Monday*. J NIX

Arthur's life is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock, but bizarre creatures from another realm are determined to take the key even if it means killing him.

Nix, Garth. *Grim Tuesday*. J NIX

Seventh-grader Arthur Penhaligon returns to the parallel universe known as the House to fight his latest enemy, Grim Tuesday, whose greed threatens to destroy both the House and the Earth.

Nix, Garth. *Drowned Wednesday*. J NIX

Everyone is after Arthur Penhaligon including strange pirates, shadowy creatures, and Drowned Wednesday, whose gluttony threatens both her world and Arthur's. **Check out other Nix titles to complete the series and start anew!**

Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn*. YA OPP

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon*. YA PAO

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Paolini, Christopher. *Brisingr*. YA PAO

The further adventures of Eragon and his dragon Saphira as they continue to aid the Varden in the struggle against the evil king, Galbatorix.

Papademetriou, Lisa. *The Wizard, The Witch, and Two Girls from Jersey*. YA PAP

Two mismatched teenage girls must find their way back home to New Jersey after being zapped into the pages of a fantasy novel.

Pierce, Tamora. *Beka Cooper: Terrier*. YA PIE

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. **The first in a new Pierce series! If you are looking for fantasy, please see any Tamora Pierce novel / series!**

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass*. YA PUL

Living among scholars in the hallowed halls of Jordan College, Lyra hears rumors of a magical dust that supposedly possesses powers that can unite whole universes, and begins a difficult and dangerous journey to find it.

Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. J RIO

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. If you love Greek mythology, you'll love *The Lightning Thief*.

Ryan, Carrie. *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*. YA RYA

Through twists of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and surrounding forest, where dwell the Unconsecrated, aggressive flesh-eating people who were once dead.

Sherman, Delia. *Changeling*. YA SHE

In a parallel New York City, Neef, a changeling, breaks Fairy Law and will end up sacrificed to the Wild Hunt unless she can meet the challenge of the Green Lady of Central Park.

Stroud, Jonathan. *Heroes of the Valley*. YA STR

When young Halli Sveinsson plays a trick on Ragnor of the House of Hakonsson, he sets in motion a chain of events that will forever alter his destiny, forcing him to leave home and go on a hero's quest where he encounters highway robbers, terrifying monsters, and a girl who may finally be his match.

Turner, Megan Whalen. *The Queen of Attolia*. YA TUR

Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices, Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit and wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia.

Ursu, Anne. *The Shadow Thieves*. YA URS

After her cousin Zee arrives from England, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil.

Wilce, Ysabeau S. *Flora Segunda: Being the Magickal Mishaps of a Girl of Spirit, Her Glass-Gazing Sidekick, Two Ominous Butlers (One Blue), a House with Eleven Thousand Rooms, and a Red Dog*. YA WIL

Fourteen-year-old Flora Fydraaca, whose mother is the Warlord's Commanding General and whose father is mad, kindly helps her house's magical--and long-banished--butler, unaware that he draws strength from the Fydraaca will.

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