

## Librarian's Choice FUN BOOKS!



### Fantasy Books I (Fiction)



Here are some great books that are read all over the country, enjoyed all over the world. Each author is identified with a side heading.

Each title is listed below its author, along with the date the book was published. Each title includes a short description to help you see why each book can be FUN!

All of these books FICTION, so they are located in alphabetical order by the author's last name. Remember, our library may or may not have each book – we will have to check.

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You can check for them at the Portage County Library too. They can get any of these books for you via interlibrary loan too. If you are looking for something fun to read, check out these great books.

#### Abbott, Tony

**In the Ice Caves of Krog, 2003.** Forget Frosty... there's a new snowman tromping through Droon! An ancient snow beast named Murn has woken up from a deep sleep, and he is NOT a morning person. In fact, Murn is destroying villages all over Droon! Eric and his friends must journey up north to the mysterious ice cave.

#### Alexander, Lloyd.

**The Arkadians, 1995.** To escape the wrath of the king and his wicked soothsayers, an honest young man joins with a poet-turned jackass and a young girl with mystical powers on a series of epic adventures.

**Gypsy Rizka, 1999.** Living alone in her wagon on the outskirts of a small town while waiting for her father's return, Rizka, a Gypsy and a trickster,

exposes the ridiculous foibles of some of the townspeople.

**The Iron Ring, 1997.** Driven by his sense of "dharma," or honor, young King Tamar sets off on a perilous journey, with a significance greater than he can imagine, during which he meets talking animals, villainous and noble kings, demons, and the love of his life.

#### Chronicles of Prydain:

**The Book of Three, 1999.** Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil.

**The Black Cauldron, 1999.** Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper of Prydain, faces even more dangers as he seeks the magical Black Cauldron, the chief implement of the evil powers of Arawn, lord of the Land of Death.

**The Castle of Llyr, 1999.** When Princess Eilonwy is sent to the Isle of Mona for training, she is bewitched by the evil enchantress Achren, so Taran and other friends must try to rescue her.

**Taran Wanderer, 1999.** The fourth book of the Prydain cycle tells of the adventures that befell Taran when he went in search of his birthright and the truth about himself.

**The High King, 1999.** In this final part of the chronicle of Prydain the forces of good and evil meet in an ultimate confrontation, which determines the fate of Taran, the Assistant Pig-Keeper who wanted to be a hero.

#### Amato, Mary

**The Word Eater, 2000.** Lerner Chanse, a new student at Cleveland Park Middle School, finds a worm that magically makes things disappear, and she hopes it will help her fit in, or get revenge, at her hated school.

#### Anderson, Jodi Lynn

**May Bird and the Ever After, 2005.** The Wizard of Oz meets Beetlejuice in this tale of a ten-year-old loner who starts seeing ghosts, and then receives a plea for help that leads her into the Afterlife itself.

## **Avi**

**The Book without Words: a Fable of Medieval Magic, 2005.** The Book Without Words appears to be a volume of blank parchment pages. But for a green-eyed reader filled with great desire, it may reveal the forgotten magical arts of making gold and achieving immortality. For generations, its magic has been protected from those who would exploit it. But on a terrible day of death and destruction, the Book Without Words falls into the hands of a desperate boy.

## **Bailey, Len**

**Clabbernappers, 2005.** Eleven-year-old Oklahoma rodeo champion Danny Ray is sent to the kingdom of Elidor, where he sets sail across the Checkered Sea to rescue a kidnapped queen, despite the enemies found there and the dubious help of the prince and princess.

## **Baker, E.D.**

**Dragon's Breath, 2003.** Having recovered their human shape, Emerald and Eadric try to help Aunt Grassina find the special objects needed to break the spell that turned Grassina's true love, Haywood, into an otter.

## **Banks, Lynne Reid**

**The Fairy Rebel, 1989.** A rebellious fairy named Tiki, already in trouble for breaking the rule against wearing jeans, risks the further wrath of the Fairy Queen by trying to fulfill a human's special request for help. (Paperback) (Large Type)

**The Indian In the Cupboard, 1980.** A nine-year-old boy received a plastic Indian, a cupboard and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventures when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

**The Return of the Indian, 1986.** A year after he sends his Indian friend, Little Bear, back into the magic cupboard, Omri decides to bring him back, only to find that he is close to death and in need of help. Sequel to The Indian in the Cupboard.

## **Barrie, J.M.**

**Peter Pan, 2000,** How Wendy, John, and Michael flew with Peter Pan, the boy who never grew up, to

adventures in Never-Never Land with pirates, redskins, and the bad-tempered fairy Tinker Bell.

## **Barron, T.A.**

**The Lost Years of Merlin, 1996.** A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.

**The Seven Songs of Merlin, 2000.** Having stumbled upon his hidden powers, the young wizard Merlin voyages to the Otherworld in his quest to find himself and the way to the realm of the spirit.

**The Fires of Merlin, 1998.** "Book three of 'The lost years of Merlin'." Having voyaged to the Otherworld in his quest to find himself, the young wizard Merlin must face fire in many different forms and deal with the possibility of losing his own magical power.

**The Mirror Of Merlin, 1999.** Through adventures involving a haunted marsh, talking trees, and the creature called the ballymag, the young wizard Merlin continues to experience both his growing powers and his essential humanity.

**The Wings of Merlin, 2000.** Merlin's fragile home on the isle of Fincayra is threatened by the attack of a mysterious warrior with swords for arms and by the escape of Stangmar from his imprisonment, as Merlin continues to move toward his ultimate destiny.

**The Merlin Effect, 1994,** When she joins her father and several others investigating a strange whirlpool and possible sunken treasure ship off the coast of Baja California, thirteen-year-old Kate is drawn in centuries-old conflict between Merlin and the evil Vagar.

## **Bath, K.P (Kevin P.)**

**The Secret of Castle Cant: being an Account of the Remarkable Adventures of Lucy Wickwright, Mailservant and Spy, 2004.** When twelve-toed orphan Lucy Wickwright is brought to Castle Cant to be serving girl to the Baron's daughter, the Adorable & Honorable Pauline, she becomes involved with revolutionaries and uncovers surprising palace intrigues.

## **Baum, L. Frank**

**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, 2000.** The adventures of Dorothy, who, with her little dog, Toto, is taken by a cyclone from her farm in Kansas to the wonderful Land of Oz, where she meets the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, the Cowardly lion, and finally the Wonderful Wizard himself.

**The Marvelous Land of Oz, 1985,** Young Tip runs away from his guardian, the witch Mombi, taking with him Jack Pumpkinhead and the wooden Sawhorse, and flees to the Emerald City, where he learns the incredible secret of his past.

**Dorothy and the Wizard In Oz, 1990.** Dorothy and the Wizard are sucked into the center of the Earth, and together they make their way back to Oz, dodging grim perils on a hazard-filled journey.

**The Road to Oz, 1991.** Dorothy and the Shaggy Man inexplicably find themselves in Oz where they meet Polychrome, the abandoned daughter of the Rainbow, and a host of others on their way to Ozma's lavish birthday party.

**The Emerald City of Oz, 1993.** The wicked Nome King, who plots to conquer Oz and enslave its people, prepares to invade the Emerald City just as Dorothy and her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry arrive there.

**The Patchwork Girl of Oz, 1995.** Scarps, the Patchwork Girl, is brought to life and the Munchkin boy Ojo sets out on a quest to find the magical cure that will release his Unc Nunkie from a spell that has turned him into a marble statue.

**Tik-Tok of Oz, 1996.** An army of girls headed by Ann, the Queen of Oogaboo, the smallest and poorest kingdom in Oz which has just 18 subjects, decides to conquer the Land of Oz and set up Ann as Ruler in Ozma's place. But Betsy Bobbin and the Shaggy Man decide to oppose them, with the help of Tik-Tok, a clockworkman.

**The Scarecrow of Oz, 1997.** Trot and Cap'n Bill land safely in Oz after the Scarecrow saves them from a dreadful fate in a great whirlpool, and they visit a cavern under the sea, where they meet a strange winged creature called an Ork.

**Rinkitink of Oz, 1998.** Prince Inga, a boy hero, Dorothy, and many other characters wander a long way from the Land of Oz before they all assemble in the Emerald City to take part in Ozma's banquet.

**The Lost Princess of Oz, 1998.** The giant Frogman fights the evil villain Ugu and searches for Ozma of Oz.

**The Tin Woodman of Oz, 1995.** With the help of Woot the Wanderer, Nick Chopper, who is the Tin Woodman, finds the pretty Muchkin girl to whom he was engaged before the Wicked Witch enchanted his axe and he traded his flesh for tin.

**The Magic of Oz, 1999,** The remarkable adventures of Dorothy, Trot, and the Wizard of Oz in their successful search for a magical birthday present for Princess Ozma of Oz.

**Glinda of Oz, 2000.** Ozma discovers in Glinda's Great Book of Records that the Skeezers have declared war on the Flatheads, and she decides that it is her duty to bring about peace. She and Dorothy journey north and are imprisoned by the Skeezers until Glinda herself saves them.

*The following Oz books were written by Ruth Plumly Thompson after the death of L. Frank Baum. However, they are often shelved under Baum with the rest of his OZ series.*

**Kabumpo of Oz, 1922.** Kabumpo, an elegant elephant, Prince Pompa, and Peg Amy, a charming wooden doll, have strange adventures with a box of magic, and meet up with the wicked old Nome King.

**The Cowardly Lion of Oz, 1923.** An "Oz" book about the Cowardly Lion and the people who were hunting him down.

**The Lost King of Oz, 1985.** The King of Oz is lost and Snip, the little Button Boy, Pajuka, the goose, Kabumpo, and Mombi all help to find him.

**The Hungry Tiger of Oz, 1926.** Betsy Bobbin and the Hungry Tiger have exciting adventures with a new prince, a vegetable man, giants, and many other unusual characters.

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Little Grey Men, 2004. In Warwickshire, England, three gnomes set out on a dangerous journey to find

their long-lost brother, who left years ago seeking the source of the Folly brook, on whose shores they make their home.

### **Beaverson, Aiden**

**The Hidden Arrow of Maether, 2000.** When she runs away from her cruel stepfather rather than be married off to a follower of the evil Rane, Linn begins to discover her own special gift and wonder if she might be one of the lysefolk, followers of the Great One about whom she has only read.

### **Bell, Hilari**

**The Wizard Test, 2004.** Fourteen year-old Dayven is devastated when he learns he has wizard powers, since wizards are considered to be disloyal deceivers who believe in nothing, until he undergoes wizard training and discovers a new way of looking at the world that will change his values, friendships, and future.

### **Benz, Derek**

**Revenge of the Shadow King, 2006.** Filled with scares, surprises, and loads of fun, this fantastic page-turner begins the saga of four friends who form a secret club called the Grey Griffins, and find themselves caught up in the dangerous quest to save their town when the wicked creatures from a card game come to life.

### **Berger, Barbara Helen**

**Gwinna, 1990.** Having grown a pair of wings and felt the longing for the freedom of the skies, 12-year-old Gwinna goes to the Mother of the Owls, who sends her on a quest to find the songs of the wind.

### **Besson, Luc**

**Arthur and the Minimoys, 2005.** In search of a stolen treasure and his missing grandfather, ten-year-old Arthur travels to the land of the Minimoys, a tribe of tiny people whom he must save from destruction.

### **Billingsley, Franny**

**The Folk Keeper, 2000.** Orphan Corinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, and discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is

taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.

**Well Wished, 1997.** In a time of dire need, eleven-year-old Nuria tries to outwit the magical wishing well in her mysterious mountain village.

### **Birdseye, Tom**

**The Eye of the Stone, 2000.** When he is pulled into another world called Timmra, Jackson finds he must fight the horrible monster Baen and unite two warring peoples, the Faron and the Yakonan.

### **Bomans, Godfried**

**Eric in the Land of Insects, 1994.** Nine-year-old Eric enters a landscape painting on his bedroom wall and discovers a world of meadow insects startlingly similar to his own world.

### **Bradshaw, Gillian**

**The Dragon and the Thief, 1991.** In ancient Egypt an unlucky man meets a wealthy dragon and together they find dangerous but exciting adventure.

### **Britton, Susan**

**The Treekeepers, 2003.** Searching for her father, Bird joins three other children, Issie, Dren, and Stoke, on a journey to the Kingdom of Wen to overthrow the evil Lord Rendarren.

### **Carman, Patrick**

**The Dark Hills Divide, 2005.** When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.

### **Collins, Suzanne**

**Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods, 2005.** Eleven-year-old Gregor and his younger sister, Boots, return to the Underworld beneath New York City to find the cure for a terrible plague that threatens the life of their mother, as well as the lives of the people, bats, and rats who populate the underworld. (BOOK 3)

**Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane, 2004.** In his second adventure, eleven-year-old Gregor returns to the world beneath New York City to rescue his kidnapped sister, Boots, and fulfill a prophecy that

will restore peace to the people, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders who populate the underworld. (BOOK 2)

**Gregor the Overlander, 2003.** When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. (BOOK 1)

### **Corbett, W.J.**

**Quest for the End of the Tail, 2002.** In their new valley, the tiny Willow People face a strange challenge: the head of a giant snake trapped in an underground cavern, his body stretched across the world, his tail far off in unknown lands.

**Spell To Save the Golden Snake, 2002.** The Willow Clan live peacefully with their neighbors, the Guardian Clan, who tend the Great Golden Snake. But others from afar have heard of a snake made of gold. Bent on plunder, marauding warriors are heading towards the valley. Again the youngsters of the Willow Clan take up the challenge.

### **Covile, Bruce**

**Dragon of Doom, 2003.** Life in the village of Pigbone is boring until an aspiring magician and his talking toad come to town and ask Edward to help them slay the Dragon of Doom.

### **Cooper, Susan**

**The Dark is Rising, 1986.** On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

**The Grey King, 1975.** Will Stanton, visiting in Wales, is swept into a desperate quest to find the golden harp and to awaken the ancient Sleepers. (Newbery Award winner)

**The Magician's Boy, 2005.** A young boy, working for a magician, suddenly finds himself in the Land of Story after he angers the magician. His adventures involves a variety of fairy tale characters but it's his last adventure that is the most amazing.

### **Coville, Bruce**

**Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher, 2002.** Small for his age but artistically talented, 12-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

**Song of the Wanderer, 1999.** Having jumped into Luster, the land of unicorns, Cara makes a perilous journey to bring back her grandmother, the Wanderer, in order to release the Queen of the unicorns and allow her to die.

**Jennifer Murdley's Toad, 1992.** When an ordinary looking fifth grader purchases a talking toad, she embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures.

### **Curry, Jane Louise**

**The Egyptian Box, 2002.** Tee is happy to find that the ancient Egyptian box she inherits holds a spirit who will serve her, until she notices changes in her servant's appearance and behavior.

### **Dahl, Roald**

**The BFG, 1993.** Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 2005.**

Poverty-stricken Charlie Bucket finds the last golden ticket and wins a fabulous day at Willie Wonka's extraordinary chocolate factory.

**George's Marvelous Medicine, 1991.** George decides that his grumpy, selfish old grandmother must be a witch and concocts some marvelous medicine to take care of her. (Paperback)

**James and the Giant Peach, 2002.** James is miserable living with his two cruel aunts until some wonderful magic seeds change his life and produce an enormous peach, which becomes a home for him and some oversized insects, and ends with a fantastic air trip to New York.

### **David, Lawrence**

**Horace Splatly: The Cupcaked Crusader, 2002.** When his little sister's magic cupcakes transform him into a flying, fire-breathing superhero, ten-year-old Horace Splatly has adventures that include confronting the monster at the school playground.

## **DeVita, James**

**Blue, 2001.** Seeking freedom from his restrictive home and school life, Morgan, using his own powers, becomes a magnificent fish- the blue marlin.

## **Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee**

**Conch Bearer, 2003.** This fantasy set in India is a mix of magic, myth, and perseverance. The twelve-year-old hero, Anand, is invited on a journey to restore the powerful conch to its rightful place and keep it from the clutches of a healer-turned-villain. SEQUEL to *The Conch Bearer*.

**Mirror of Fire and Dreaming, 2005.** Though he's been greatly honored by being made keeper of the magical conch (*The Conch Bearer, 2003*), Anand feels worthless in his apprenticeship in the Silver Valley. The other apprentices-even his closest friend Nisha-all understand magic that eludes him. Worse, when Anand divines a mysterious evil lurking in a remote Indian village, he is not selected to accompany his beloved mentor Abhaydatta on a rescue mission. Anand and Nisha sneak out of the Silver Valley to help, and find Abhaydatta missing and a wicked magician sucking the souls from helpless villagers.

## **Duane, Diane**

**High Wizardry, 1990.** When her younger sister uses the family computer with its special wizard software to travel to worlds lights years away, Nita uses her Wizardry to try and find her.

**A Wizard Abroad, 1997.** Sent on vacation to her aunt's home in Ireland, teenage wizard Nita becomes entangled in a magic battle to save the country from the ghosts of its past.

**A Wizard Alone, 2002.** While Nita mourns her mother's death, teenage wizard Kit and his dog Ponch set out to find a young autistic boy who vanished in the middle of his Ordeal, pursued by the Lone Power.

**The Wizards Dilemma, 2001.** Teenage wizard Nita travels to other universes to find a cure for her mother, who has brain cancer.

## **Eager, Edward**

**Half Magic, 1999.** Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes. Sequel to: *Magic by the lake*.

**Knight's Castle, 1999.** Four cousins, Roger, Ann, Eliza, and Jack, have an extraordinary summer when, after an old toy soldier comes to life, they find themselves transported back to the days of Robin Hood and Ivanhoe.

**Magic By the Lake, 1999.** On a vacation with their mother and stepfather, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha find themselves overwhelmed with a lakeful of magical adventures after Mark captures an ancient turtle that seems to have extraordinary powers. Sequel to: *Half magic*.

**The Time Garden, 1999.** While spending the summer in a house by the sea, four cousins, Roger, Ann, Eliza, and Jack, discover a bank of wild thyme whose magic propels them on a series of adventures back and forth through time. Sequel to: *Knight's castle*.

## **Emshwiller, Carol**

**Mister Boots, 2005.** A spare, graceful Depression-era story tells of a ten-year-old in the desert befriending a man who's also a horse. Bobby lives with her mother and older sister, who sell homemade knitting to pay for mealtime beans. Under a tree, Bobby meets Mister Boots, a thin, bedraggled man who's spent most of his life as a horse and occasionally changes back.

## **Farber, Erica**

**Circle of Three: Tales of the Nine Charms, 2000.** Three young people from different times, each with unique abilities, are drawn together in a desperate effort to defeat the forces of the dark one.

**Islands of the Black Moon, 2002.** Lila embarks on a quest to find her presumed-dead father in this chaotic mix of magic, science, mythology, and fairy tale. After opening the blue bottle she receives from her mysterious great-aunt, the 11-year-old falls into a magical world where she meets all sorts of bizarre

creatures, sinister adults, and a boy who befriends her.

### **Ferris, Jean**

**Once Upon a Marigold, 2002.** A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

### **Field, Rachel**

**Hitty: Her First Hundred Years, 1929.** America 100 years ago seen through the adventures of a wooden doll. (Newbery Award winner)

### **Fine, Anne**

**Bad Dreams, 2000.** Despite her preference for books over friends, Melanie gradually becomes involved with a new classmate and determined to find the reason for her strange behavior.

### **Flanagan, John (John Anthony)**

**The Ruins of Gorlan, 2005.** When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

### **Fletcher, Susan**

**Dragon's Milk, 1989.** Kaeldra, an outsider adopted by an Elythian family when she was young, possesses the power to understand dragons and uses this power to try to save her younger sister, who needs dragon's milk to recover from an illness.

**Flight of the Dragon Kyn, 1997.** Fifteen-year-old Kara is summoned by King Orrik, who believes she has the power to call down the dragons that have been plundering his realm, and she is caught up in the fierce rivalry between Orrik and his jealous brother Rog.

**Sign of the Dove, 1996.** As the last of the dragon eggs, laid long ago, begin to hatch, Lyf becomes a reluctant friend who tries to save both the dragon mothers and their newly born children from their enemies.

### **Foster, Alan Dean**

**The Hand of Dinotopia, 1999.** Will and Sylvia search for the mysterious Hand of Dinotopia, which will supposedly lead to a safe sea route to and from

the hidden island where people and dinosaurs live together peacefully. Based on the "Dinotopia" books by James Gurney.

### **Funke, Cornelia Caroline**

**Dragon Rider, 2004.** After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

### **Gilman, Laura Anne**

**The Camelot Spell, 2006.** This first offering of the Grail Quest trilogy introduces three young teens on a mission to save King Arthur's court. On the eve of Arthur's quest for the Holy Grail, a strange sleep falls over the castle, affecting all the adults.

### **Gliori, Debi**

**Pure Dead Wicked, 2002.** The Strega-Borgia children accidentally create 500 clones of themselves at the same time that the roof of their Scottish castle falls in, attracting evil contractors who want their home. (Sequel to Pure Dead Magic).

### **Gordon, Dann and Zaki**

**Davin, 1997.** As a child lies ill with fever, the figures of a bugle boy, a blustery sergeant major, a princess, and other toys come to life and search for the mysterious Davin, a powerful figure who can cure the boy.

### **Gray, Luli**

**Falcon and the Carousel of Time, 2005.** When Falcon, her great-great-aunt Emily, and new friend Allie take an emergency trip to 1903, Blinda Cholmondely and other old friends try to help them return to the present.

### **Falcon and the Charles Street Witch, 2002.**

Twelve-year-old Falcon must find the courage to save the day - and the dragon, Egg - after having a series of magical misadventures caused by her little brother, a distracted old dragon, and a bumbling witch.

### **Gray, Margaret**

**The Ugly Princess and the Wise Fool, 2002.** When plain-looking Princess Rose longs for the

beauty to snare handsome Prince Parsley, and the wise fool Jasper longs to restore wisdom to the kingdom, they end up working together and find they must face the magical Godmother Board of Trustees.

### **Griffin, Adele**

**Witch Twins at Camp Bliss, 2002.** When the ten-year-old witch twins head for summer camp, Claire is excited and Luna is reluctant, but things do not turn out quite the way either of them expects.

### **Griffin, Peni R**

**The Maze, 1994.** On her first visit to her father's new home, eight-year-old Caroline and her older stepbrother enter a magical painting left by one of her father's art students and find themselves trapped in a maze inhabited by mermaids, minotaurs, and other mythical creatures.

### **Gruelle, Johnny**

**Paper Dragon, 2003.** When Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy set out to help a little girl find her father, they meet up with a mean couple, a paper dragon, and a two-headed dog before ending up at a magic castle.

### **Haber, Melissa Glenn**

**Beyond the Dragon Portal, 2005.** When her younger sister disappears into a land of dragons and other strange creatures, eleven-year-old Sadie travels through a portal to rescue her with the aid of Mrs. Fitz Edna, a most unusual babysitter.

### **Haptie, Charlotte**

**Otto and the Bird Charmers, 2005.** Otto, son of the king of the magical Karmidee, tries to learn how thieves known as the Bargain Hunters, several miniature people, and the City's inexplicably cold weather are all strangely interconnected.

### **Harding, Frances**

**Fly by Night, 2006.** Mosca Mye and her homicidal goose, Saracen, travel to the city of Mandelion on the heels of smooth-talking con-man, Eponymous Clent.

### **Hart, James V.**

**Captain Hook: the Adventures of a Notorious Youth, 2005.** With his long black curls, a shadowy family tree, and an affinity for pet spiders, James Matthew bears little resemblance to his starched-collar, blue-blooded peers at Eton. Dubbed King Jas., he stops at nothing to become the most notorious underclassman in the prestigious school's history.

### **Hearne, Betsy**

**Wishes, Kisses, and Pigs, 2001.** After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses and spells to try to put things right again.

### **Hite, Sid**

**Answer My Prayer, 1995.** When the angel Elbol comes down to the land of Korasan to help the forester's sixteen-year-old daughter, Lydia, he finds himself involved in romance, political intrigues, and other escapades.

### **Hughes, Carol**

**Toots and the Upside-Down House, 1997.** Toots one day finds herself in an upside-down world, with fairies who are trying to protect her house from evil goblins that want to destroy it along with the stamp collection that Toots thinks her father loved more than he loves her.

**Toots Underground, 2001.** Toots is once again transported to the Upside-Down World, where the fairy inhabitants are desperately trying to defeat the evil waspgnat before it destroys the garden that Toots and the faires share.

### **Hunter, Erin**

**The Darkest Hour, 2004.** ThunderClan's darkest hour is upon them and Fireheart, the warrior cat, must protect his clan from a threat unlike any the forest has ever seen, as the time comes for prophecies to unfold and heroes to rise. Warriors; bk. 6.

**Starlight, 2006.** The warrior cat Clans arrive at their new home and set about exploring and fighting over the unfamiliar territory. New Prophecy Warriors; bk. 4.

## **Ibbotson, Eva**

**The Secret of Platform 13, 1998.** Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their Island to London to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

## **Jacques, Brian**

**High Rhulain, 2005.** Tiria is a young ottermaid with amazing skill with rock and sling. She lives in Redwall with her father and the entire cast of beloved characters from earlier novels. When she starts to dream of a place called Green Isle and Martin the Warrior, she realizes that she is destined to go on a quest and follow in the steps of the High Rhulain, an otter queen.

**Loamhedge, 2003.** While a group of adventurers from Redwall seeks out the ancient abbey of Loamhedge in hopes of curing a young haremaid's paralysis, Redwall is besieged by vermin.

**Mariel of Redwall, 1992.** The mousemaid Mariel achieves victory at sea for the animals of Redwall Abbey, fighting the savage pirate rat Gabool the Wild, warlord of rodent corsairs.

**Mattimeo, 1990.** Mattimeo, the son of the warrior mouse Matthias, learns to take up the sword and joins the other animal inhabitants of Redwall Abbey in resisting Slager the fox and his band of marauders. Sequel to: Redwall.

**Redwall, 2000.** When the peaceful life in and around ancient 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.

## **Jarvis, Robin**

**The Alchemist's Cat, 2004.** The year is 1664 when young Will Godwin arrives in London. In order to escape punishment for a crime he didn't commit, Will becomes an assistant to a wicked alchemist, Elias Theophratus Spittle.

**Thorn Ogres of Hagwood, 2002.** The werlings, a peaceful group of forgotten forest creatures whose only magic is the ability to change shapes, are unwittingly drawn into the search for a valuable item stolen from an evil queen many years before.

## **Jones, Diana Wynne**

**The Merlin Conspiracy, 2003.** 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.

**Mixed Magics: Four Tales of Chrestomanci, 2003.** Four separate incidents test the power of the Chrestomanci, a powerful enchanter with nine lives, to control misuses of magic on various worlds.

**The Ogre Downstairs, 1990.** When a disagreeable man with two boys marries a widow with three children, family adjustments are complicated by two magic chemistry sets which cause strange things to happen around the house.

**Pinhoe Egg, 2006.** Marianne Pinhoe, a young witch discovering the extent of her powers, discovers a mysterious egg while clearing out her grandmother's attic.

**Year of the Griffin, 2006.** When Elda, the griffin daughter of the great Wizard Derk, arrives for schooling at the Wizards' University, she encounters new friends, pirates, assassins, worry, sabotage, bloodshed, and magic misused.

## **Johnson, Jane**

**The Secret Country, 2006.** Having learned from a talking cat that he and his sisters are the half-elfin royalty of a parallel world called Eidolon, twelve-year old Ben Arnold attempts to stop his evil uncle from smuggling magical creatures between the two worlds to sell on the black market.

## **Johnston, Tony**

**The Spoon in the Bathroom Wall, 2005.** Living in the boiler room of the school where her father is janitor seems normal to fourth grader Martha Snapdragon, until she has experiences with an evil principal, the class bully, and a mysterious giant spoon, all reminiscent of the Arthurian legends.

## **Jordan, Sherryl**

**The Hunting of the Last Dragon, 2002.** In England in 1356, as a monk records his every word, a young peasant tells of his journey with a young Chinese noblewoman to St. Alfric's Cove and the lair of a dragon.

## **Juster, Norton**

**The Phantom Tollbooth, 2001.** Milo, a boy who receives a surprise package of a toll booth, goes off in a toy automobile on a tour of an imaginary country where he meets such things as a huge bee who is a Spelling Bee, a light meal that is all lights, a square meal that is all squares, and a watchdog that has the body of an alarm clock.

## **Kay, Elizabeth**

**The Divide, 2003.** While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld filled with fantastical creatures.

## **Keehn, Sally M.**

**Gnat Stokes and the Foggy Bottom Swamp Queen, 2005.** In Mary's Cove, Tennessee, in 1869, twelve-year-old Gnat Stokes decides to prove she's not just a trouble maker by rescuing a boy who was spirited away seven years earlier by the evil Swamp Queen of Foggy Bottom.

## **Kendall, Carol**

**The Gammage Cup, 2000.** A handful of Minnipins, a sober and sedate people, rise up against the Periods, the leading family of an isolated mountain valley, and are exiled to a mountain where they discover that the ancient enemies of their people are preparing to attack.

**The Whisper of Glocken, 2000.** Prompted by a terrible flood, a seemingly unheroic group of little people sets out on a quest to restore an ancient treasure and make the valley of the Watercress safe again.

## **Kerr, Philip**

**The Blue Djinn of Babylon, 2001.** Twelve-year-old twins Philippa and John have more adventures when they become involved in an international adventure involving the Blue Djinn, the supreme

arbiter of all djinn. BOOK TWO of Children of the Lamp.

## **Kessler, Liz**

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap, 2004.** After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

**Emily Windsnap and the Monster from the Deep, 2006.** Reunited with her merman father and now living on an island located in the Bermuda Triangle, twelve-year-old Emily accidentally awakens the fearsome kraken and also faces a bully from her past. SEQUEL TO: The Tail of Emily Windsnap.

## **Kindl, Patrice**

**Goose Chase, 2001.** Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers before learning exactly what she is.

## **Kingsley, Charles**

**Water Babies, 1997.** The fairies turn Tom, a runaway chimney sweep, into a water baby and he has adventurous experiences with stream and sea dwellers.

## **Kingsley, Kaza**

**Erec Rex, 2005.** Twelve-year-old Erec Rex stumbles upon a world where magic has not been forgotten, and must survive the ultimate test in order to save the magical kingdom he was born to rule.

## **Kraan, Hanna**

**Tales of the Wicked Witch 1995.** The continuing adventures of a not-quite-so-wicked witch who lives in the forest with an owl, a hare, and a hedgehog.

## **Levin, Betty**

**Thorn, 2005.** Thorn, a mysterious boy with a deformed leg, arrives on an island inhabited by the people of the Singing Seals, and though treated with fear and suspicion by most of the natives, is befriended by the girl Willow, chosen to be the next Keeper of Story.