

Librarian's Choice FUN BOOKS!



Fantasy Books II (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.

LaFevers, Robin L.

Falconmaster, 2003. Ten-year-old Wat, a crippled boy living in Norman England, rescues two baby falcons and is lead to discover the grandfather he never knew and the powerful magic that resides in the deep forest and in himself.

Lake, A.J.

The Coming of Dragons, 2006. Two eleven-year-olds named Edmund and Elspeth discover that they have been given fantastic gifts to use against the ancient and evil forces that have been awakened by powerful magic during the Dark Ages in Great Britain.

Langton, Jane

The Mysterious Circus, 2005. With the help of a mysterious stranger and the magical gift he brought them from India, the Halls foil a new enemy's plan

to build a Henry Thoreau theme park across from their home.

Lee, Tanith

Black Unicorn, 1991. With her talent for mending things, 16-year-old Tanaquil reconstructs a unicorn which, brought to life, lures her away from her desert fortress home and her sorceress mother to find a city by the sea and the way to a perfect world.

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.

Wolf Star, 2000. On the day of her wedding to Argul, Claidi is kidnapped by armed men in a hot-air-balloon.

Wolf Tower, 2000. When a stranger is captured by the Guards of the House and Garden where she has worked all her life as a slave and maid, sixteen-year-old Claidi helps him escape and sets out with him to journey to his home city through the dangerous Waste.

Levine, Gail Carson

Ella Enchanted, 1997. In this novel on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

The Fairy's Mistake, 1999. In this humorous retelling of a Perrault tale, the fairy Ethelinda rewards one twin sister for good behavior and punishes the other for bad, only to discover that her punishment is more pleasing than her reward.

The Princess Test, 1999. In this humorous retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests in order to prove that she is a true princess and win the hand of Prince Nicholas.

The Wish, 2000. When granted her wish to be the most popular girl in school, Wilma, an eighth grader, forgets that she will graduate in three weeks and her popularity will vanish.

Levinson, Marilyn

Rufus and Magic Run Amok, 2001. When ten-year-old Rufus discovers that he has magical powers like his mother and grandmother, he learns that being a wizard is not quite what he expected.

Lewis, C.S.

The Chronicles of Narnia:

1. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, 1944.

While spending a holiday on an old English estate, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy find their way through the back of a huge wardrobe into a land of talking animals, giants, satyrs, and fauns, ruled by Aslan, a lion, and a wicked queen. Here they help Aslan destroy the spell of the White Witch.

2. Prince Caspian, 1951. The children return to Narnia, and with the help of the great lion Aslan, overthrow the evil Telmarines, save Prince Caspian from his murderous uncle, and restore Caspian, the rightful king, to the throne.

3. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, 1952. The children embark on an adventure aboard Prince Caspian's magic ship which takes them past islands and sea monsters to the land of Narnia.

4. The Silver Chair, 1953. While seeking Rilian, the missing son of King Caspian, Eustace and Jill encounter talking owls, marchwiggles, underwater earthworms, a witch, and a centaur before they are able to free the underworld from the evil spell that has been put on it.

5. The Horse and His Boy, 1970. Shasta the boy and Bree the talking horse plan to escape from Calormen to Narnia. On the way they are joined by a runaway girl and her own talking horse. Their escape becomes a race to reach Narnia ahead of the savage Calormen cavalry and to give warning of the unexpected attack on the king's castle.

6. The Magician's Nephew, 1955. With Digory and Polly we are taken back to the dawn of Narnia time and the day when beasts first talked, which was also the day when people from our world first went into Narnia.

7. The Last Battle, 1956. Jill and Eustace, the children from beyond the world's end, come to the aid of young King Tirian in Narnia's last battle with the evil Calormen. King Tirian is overcome but his prison becomes a paradise.

Loehr, Mallory

Water Wishes, 1999. While staying at the beach for the summer, ten-year-old Polly and her younger brother Sam find a message in a bottle, providing

them and their thirteen-year-old brother with exciting and scary adventures.

Lofting, Hugh

The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle, 1988. Dr. Dolittle journeys to Spider-monkey Island to try to learn shellfish language. (Newbery Award winner)

Love, D. Anne

The Secret Prince, 2005. Informed at the age of twelve that he is the long-awaited prince of Kelhadden, Thorn sets off on a quest to find the magical amulet that will enable him to dethrone the evil usurper, Ranulf.

Martin, Ann M.

The Doll People, 2000. A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

Matas, Carol

A Meeting of Minds, 1999. When Lenora and Coren find themselves trapped in a world created as part of the contest held in preparation for their marriage, they encounter the writers who are responsible for their existence.

Mayne, William

The Book of Hob Stories, 1997. Twenty tales of Hob, the friendly household spirit, invisible to grownups, who lives in a cupboard under the stairs and likes a gift at the end of the day to reward his good work.

McCaughrean, Geraldine

Odysseus, 2004. In this first in a planned four-volume Heroes series, McCaughrean (Stop the Train!) offers a vivid and accessible retelling of the Ithacan king's long, strange trip home after his victory at Troy. Readers unfamiliar with Homer's The Odyssey will likely feel comfortable with this prose version, a straightforward account that hits the legendary highlights.

Perseus, 2005. Like Odysseus, this retelling of a Greek myth in the Heroes series makes a thrilling read-aloud. The naive young hero, nicknamed "One-shirt Perseus," doesn't know what he's taking on when he agrees to bring the head of Medusa to

the evil king. But Perseus not only beheads the gorgon but also rescues beautiful Andromeda from the parents and lover who betray her.

The Stones are Hatching, 2000. Phelim and his companions, a Maiden, a Fool, and a strange black Horse, journey to the Stoor Worm's lair to destroy the long-forgotten Worm and its Hatchlings, who have been roused from their slumber by the sounds of war.

McGowen, Tom

The Magical Fellowship, 1991. In 30,000 B.C., Lithim, an apprentice magician, and his father set out to unite the warring races of wizards, humans, Little People, and dragons in an effort to save the earth from being destroyed by creatures from beyond the sky. (The Age of magic trilogy ; bk. 1)

The Magician's Apprentice, 1987. A young pickpocket becomes apprenticed to a magician who opens a whole new world for the boy, not only of magic and healing, but of kindness and adventure. Together they seek knowledge lost since the Age of Magic thousands of years before.

The Magician's Challenge, 1989. The magician Armindor and his young apprentice Tigg travel south to their home city of Ingarron to continue humanity's battle against the intelligent, ratlike creatures known as reen, who lurk in many of the world's cities and plan a bloody takeover. Sequel to: The magician's company.

The Magician's Company, 1988. The magician Armindor and his young apprentice Tigg return from the Wild Lands to warn the rest of the world that intelligent ratlike creatures known as the reen lurk in hiding in their cities, ready to rise up and destroy all humans.

A Question of Magic, 1993. When creatures from beyond the sky threaten to destroy the five intelligent races of ancient Earth and the mages of the land cannot agree on a plan, twelve-year-old Lithim and his father help to come up with a solution. (The Age of magic trilogy ; bk. 3)

A Trail of Magic, 1992. Having secured the aid of the wizards of the Dragons and the Little People in an effort to prevent the prophesied Earthdoom, Mulng and his son Lithim and the other magicians of Atlan Domain must face the fearsome opposition

of a very powerful Alfar Master mage. (The Age of magic trilogy; bk. 2)

McKinley, Robin

The Hero and the Crown, 1986. Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the blue sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious demon-haunted North.

Morris, Gerald

The Knight and the Lioness, 2005. Sixteen-year-old Luneta is thrilled when her parents send her to live with her mother's friend, the beautiful Laudine. Escorted by her cousin Ywain and Rhience, a handsome young man who has pledged to live as a fool for one year, she travels to Laudine's castle. The ensuing adventures involve everything from a broken vow and a magical stone to a traitorous steward and an unsuspected talent for enchantment.

Parsifal's Page, 2001. In medieval England, eleven-year-old Piers' dream comes true when he becomes page to Parsifal, a peasant whose quest for knighthood reveals important secrets about both of their families.

The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf, 2000. Lynet, a feisty young woman, journeys to King Arthur's court in order to find a champion to rescue her beautiful older sister, and she is joined in her quest by a clever dwarf and a bold kitchen knave, neither of whom are what they seem.

The Squire, His Knight, and His Lady, 1999. After several years at King Arthur's court, Terence, as Sir Gawain's squire and friend, accompanies him on a perilous quest that tests all their skills and whose successful completion could mean certain death for Gawain.

The Squire's Tale, 1998. In medieval England, fourteen-year-old Terence finds his tranquil existence suddenly changed when he becomes the squire of the young Gawain of Orkney and accompanies him on a long quest, proving Gawain's worth as a knight and revealing an important secret about his own true identity.

Nesbit, Edith

The Magic City, 1980. To combat loneliness, a boy builds a "magical" city which becomes his gateway to an enchanted dream world of adventures galore.

Nimmo, Jenny

Children of the Red King:

Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors, 2005. In the ruins of the castle of the Red King, Charlie and Tancred discover a tree-girl who asks for their help in restoring her to a real girl. Meanwhile, Emma discovers that the invisible boy living upstairs in the attic is her older brother. Book 4.

Charlie Bone and the Hidden King, 2006. In the ruins of the castle of the Red King, Charlie and Tancred discover a tree-girl who asks for their help in restoring her to a real girl. Meanwhile, Emma discovers that the invisible boy living upstairs in the attic is her older brother. Book 5.

Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy, 2004. In the ruins of the castle of the Red King, Charlie and Tancred discover a tree-girl who asks for their help in restoring her to a real girl. Meanwhile, Emma discovers that the invisible boy living upstairs in the attic is her older brother. Book 3.

Midnight For Charlie Bone, 2003. Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking. Book 1.

Charlie Bone and the Time Twister, 2003. In January 1916 Henry Yewbeam and his younger brother, James, have been sent to stay with their cousins at the Bloor's Academy. It is one of the coldest days of the year, and all Henry wants to do is hide from his mean cousins and play marbles. He finds a nice, long hall and begins to roll his marbles. Then he discovers a marble that doesn't look familiar to him. Suddenly a series of strange events takes place. Henry begins to disappear. He quickly scribbles on the floor Give The Marble To James, and then he vanishes from the year 1916. Book 2.

Nix, Garth

Sir Thursday, 2006. The week just gets longer for Arthur Penhaligon in this fourth book in the series. After Drowned Wednesday's submission of the Will and her subsequent death, he is tricked into joining Sir Thursday's army as they fight a large group of Nithlings in a shifting maze. To complicate matters, Arthur must serve as one of the Piper's children, unable to use his powers as the Heir of the Will. SEQUEL TO: Drowned Wednesday.

Norton, Mary

The Borrowers, 1998. A human boy befriends one of the people in a miniature world where the inhabitants, no taller than a pencil, live in a quiet old house and skillfully "borrow" what they need.

The Borrowers Afield, 1955. The Borrowers manage to escape capture and fight for survival among the dangers of field and hedgegrow.

The Borrowers Afloat, 1959. Some of the Borrowers take an exciting trip through the drains of the river with a temporary stay in a kettle and a flood which carries them to new dangers.

The Borrowers Aloft, 1974. The Borrowers are kidnapped from their home in Little Fordham and held captive in an attic.

Ogilvy, Ian

Measle and the Dragodon, 2005. Recently reunited with his parents, twelve-year-old Measle Stubbs sets out to rescue his mother from the wrathmonk wizards who have kidnapped her, battling an ancient dragon, as well as carousel horses and various stuffed animals that have magically come to life, in an amusement park. SEQUEL TO: Measle and the Wrathmonk.

Measle and the Mallockee, 2006. For young Measle Stubbs, surviving a stay in a haunted castle means confronting pictures that come to life, a murderous suit of armor, and a jellybean-loving wrathmonk. SEQUEL TO: Measle and the Dragodon.

Measle and the Wrathmonk, 2004. Twelve-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk.

Oppel, Kenneth

Airborn. 2004. 20th-century setting). Young Matt Cruse works aboard the elegant passenger airship Aurora, where his late father also worked. In an exciting opening sequence, Matt rescues an injured old man flying solo in a stranded hot air balloon; the man later dies, but not before telling Matt of "beautiful creatures" that he saw sailing through the air. Matt's curiosity about the man's dying words is piqued a year later when the fellow's granddaughter Kate arrives on board, bearing his journal.

Osterweil, Adam

The Amulet of Komondor, 2003. When Joe and Katie become actual characters in a fantasy game, they must battle everyone from a dragon to the FBI to unite five pieces of an amulet, scattered across Earth and the fantasy world of Komondor, that will restore everything to normal.

Pearson, Ridley

The Kingdom Keepers, 2005. When Finn is selected as the model for a holographic guide in the Magic Kingdom, he never imagines it will pit him against the evil forces plotting to destroy Disney World.

Ruby, Laura

The Wall and the Wing, 2006. In this hilarious, adventure-filled fantasy set in a city where almost everyone can fly, a girl discovers she has a newfound power: she can become invisible. She soon teams up with a belligerent boy to figure out who and what she is.

Pattison, Darcy

The Wayfinder, 2000. Eleven-year-old Win, an apprentice Finder, must go into the mysterious Great Rift to find the Well of Life, the only hope of healing the Heartland of plague.

Peterson, John

The Littles, 1967. The adventures of a tiny family who live in a house owned by a man named Bigg. Mr. Bigg and his family don't know the Littles are living with them, as they live in tiny rooms in the walls of the house. Other books in this series include:

The Littles Have a Wedding, 1997.

The Littles Take a Trip, 1993. The Littles find out that they are not the only tiny people.

The Littles Go Exploring, 1978. The Littles venture into the land beyond the Dark Woods, an area unknown to small people.

The Littles To the Rescue, 1968. A family of tiny people experiences a crisis when a baby is born during a snowstorm.

The Littles And the Great Halloween Scare, 1975. Tom and Lucy Little carry out a plan to give their family the greatest Halloween scare ever.

The Littles Go To School, 1983. Tom and Lucy little are taken to school in Henry Biggs' gerbil cage.

The Littles Give a Party, (Easy Fiction) 1995. The Littles plan a surprise birthday party for Granny Little on the Fourth of July.

Pierce, Meredith

Treasure at the Heart of the Tanglewood, 2001. Hannah, a healer with unusual powers, leaves the wizard she has always served and, along with her animal companions, begins a journey which uncovers the truth about her real nature.

Pierce, Tamora

Briar's Book Sequel to: Daja's book, 1999. Briar, a young mage-in-training, and his teacher Rosethorn must use their magic to fight a deadly plague that is ravaging Summersea.

Cold Fire, 2002. While studying with her teacher Frostpine in the northern land of Namorn, Daja helps the twin daughters of her host family discover their own magic and uses her powers to track a deadly arsonist.

Daja's Book, 1998. While at Gold Ridge castle to the north of Winding Circle, Daja and the three other mages-in-training who have become her friends develop their unique magical talents as they try to prevent a devastating forest fire from consuming everything in its path. Sequel to: Tris's book.

Emperor Mage, 1995. When she is sent as part of the delegation from Tortall to negotiate a peace treaty with Carthak, fifteen-year-old Daine must use her powers to communicate with animals for more than healing the Carthak emperor's dying birds.

First Test, 1999. Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.

Magic Steps, 2000. When drawn into the investigation of murders perpetrated on a powerful family in Summersea, Sandry and her student Pasco undertake the dangerous mission of entrapping the invisible killers.

Page, 2000. Keladry of Mindalen continues her training to become a squire with the aid of a new

maid, the support of her friends, interference from some other pages, and some serious, even dangerous opposition.

Sandry's Book, 1997. Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends while also learning to do crafts and to use their powers, especially magic.

Shatterglass, 2003. Tris and her mage-student, a young man whose glassmaking magic has been amplified and mixed with lightning, team up to track a killer who may be nearer than they suspect.

Tris's Book, 1998. With the defenses of Winding Circle Temple seriously weakened by an earthquake, Tris and her fellow mages-in-training try to join their different magic powers to protect the Winding Circle community from a pirate attack. Sequel to: Sandry's book.

Wild Magic, 1992. The mage Numair, the knight Alanna, and Queen Thayet enlist 13-year-old Daine's help to battle the dreadful immortal creatures that have recently begun to attack the kingdom of Tortall.

Wolf-Speaker, 1994. With the help of her animal friends, Daine fights to save the kingdom of Tortall from ambitious mortals and dangerous immortals.

Pratchett, Terry

Johnny and the Dead, 2006. 12-year-old Johnny and his friends are hanging around a graveyard when the hero begins to see ghosts-and uncovers the local government's plans to sell the site for development. SEQUEL TO Only You Can Save Mankind.

Only You Can Save Mankind, 2005. Maxwell, 12, thinks he's a loser. People don't seem to notice him, his parents are threatening to split up, and he's not very good at the shoot-up-the-bad-guys computer games that he and his friends are always playing. But after his hacker buddy, Wobbler, gives him an illegal copy of "Only You Can Save Mankind," strange things happen.

Rees, Celia

The Truth Out There, 2000. Thirteen-year-old Josh begins digging into the mystery of his Uncle Patrick, an autistic boy who died at Josh's age while

investigating the crash of a flying saucer, and a terrible family secret is uncovered.

Riordan, Rick

The Lightning Thief, 2005. Twelve-year-old Percy (full name, Perseus) Jackson has attended six schools in six years. Officially diagnosed with ADHD, his lack of self-control gets him in trouble again and again. What if it isn't his fault? What if all the outrageous incidents that get him kicked out of school are the result of his being a "half-blood," the product of a relationship between a human and a Greek god?

The Sea of Monsters, 2006. Demi-god Percy Jackson and his friends must journey into the Sea of Monsters to save their camp. But first Percy will discover a secret that makes him wonder whether being claimed as Poseidon's son is an honor or a cruel joke. SEQUEL TO: Lightning Thief

Roberts, Katherine

Crystal Mask, 2003. Renn, a novice Singer, and Shaiala, a girl raised by centaurs, battle against a great evil and try to restore harmony to the world.

Dark Quetzal, 2003. Kyarra, a novice Singer, seeks to destroy evil and learn the truth about her mother and father. Sequel to: Crystal Mask.

Rodda, Emily

The Charm Bracelet, 2003. When Jessie searches for her ill grandmother's missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there.

Rowan and the Ice Creepers, 2003. When a bitter winter threatens starvation to the people of Rin who set out for the coast, Rowan and several others stay behind for various reasons and are led to a startling discovery about their people's past.

Rowan and the Travelers, 2001. When an ancient evil threatens to devastate Rin, overcoming its people with a fatal sleeping sickness, young Rowan, with help from a tribe called the Travelers, must decipher a rhyming riddle in order to save the land and its inhabitants.

Rowan and the Zebak, 2002. After a flying lizard carries off his little sister, Rowan of Rin and three companions are guided by a rhyming riddle on a

journey to the land of their old enemy, the Zebak, in order to rescue her.

Rowan of Rin, 2001. Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak, and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

Rowling, J. K.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, 1999. When the Chamber of Secrets is opened again at the Hogswart School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, second-year student Harry Potter finds himself in danger from a dark power that has once more been released on the school. Sequel to: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, 2007. This last book chronicles the events directly following the previous book in the series, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2005), leading to the long-awaited final struggle between Harry Potter and his allies, and the ever-more-powerful and influential Lord Voldemort and his servants, the Death Eaters.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, 2002. Harry Potter, a fourth-year student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, longs to escape his hateful relatives, the Dursleys, and live as a normal fourteen-year-old wizard, but what Harry does not yet realize is that he is not a normal wizard, and in his case, different can be deadly. Sequel to: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, 2005. It's the home front that takes center stage in the multilayered sixth installment of the story of Harry Potter. Here at Hogwarts, Harry will search for the full and complex story of the boy who became Lord Voldemort--and thereby find what may be his only vulnerability.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, 2003. Harry Potter is faced with the unreliability of the very government of the magical world and the impotence of the authorities at Hogwarts. Despite this (or perhaps because of it), he finds depth and strength in his friends, beyond what even he knew; boundless loyalty; and unbearable sacrifice..

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, 1999. During his third year at Hogwarts School for

Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry Potter must confront the devious and dangerous wizard responsible for his parents' deaths. Sequel to: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, 1999. Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Rubinstein, Gillian

Under the Cat's Eye: A Tale of Morph and Mystery, 1998. Jai and his friends at a boarding school join forces with shape-shifters in their attempt to defeat the headmaster who steals the souls and futures of the students.

Rupp, Rebecca

The Dragon of Lonely Island, 1998. Three children spend the summer with their mother on a secluded island where they discover a three-headed dragon living in a cave and learn what it means to be a Dragon Friend.

The Waterstone, 2002. Twelve-year-old Tad embarks on a quest to seek a powerful crystal that will restore balance to the world.

Ryan, Brittney

The Legend of Holly Claus, 2004. Santa Claus's daughter, Holly, comes to Earth seeking an end to the curse cast upon her and the Land of the Immortals by an evil wizard, whose own punishment will end only if Holly willingly gives him her pure heart.

Sage, Angie

Flyte, 2006. When Princess Jenna is pursued by a dark wizard, it is the apprentice, Septimus Heap, who must save her while enduring such terrors as a night in the Forest with hungry wolverines and carnivorous trees. SEQUEL TO: Magyk. SERIES: Septimus Heap.

Magyk, 2005. 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.

Saint-Exupery, Antione de

The Little Prince, 2000. A little prince leaves his very small planet to discover great wisdom.

Sauer, Jules

Fog Magic, 1943. One day Greta wanders away from home in a heavy fog and discovers a secret hidden village.

Seabrooke, Brenda

The Care and Feeding of Dragons, 1998. Follows the adventures of Alastair as he tries to protect his pet dragon, Spike, from dragonnappers while trying to adjust to his new fourth-grade teacher.

Sedgwick, Marcus

The Book of Dead Days, 2004. With the help of his servant and an orphan girl, a magician named Valerian searches graveyards, churches, and underground waterways for a book he hopes will save him from a pact he has made with evil.

Singer, Marilyn

The Circus Lunicus. 2000. Solly's stepmother forbids him to go to the Circus Lunicus, but gives him an inflatable lizard that turns into his fairy godmother and teaches him how to turn into a space lizard as well.

Skye, Obert

Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo, 2005. When fate brings fourteen-year-old Leven and thirteen-year-old Winter together, they discover that for mankind to continue dreaming, the gateway between reality and dreams needs to be found and demolished.

Smith, Sherwood

Emerald Wand of Oz, 2005. In Kansas, two sisters are engulfed by a terrible tornado and deposited in the Quadling Country ruled over by Glinda the Good in the land of Oz.

Wren to the Rescue, 1990. With the help of a prince and an apprentice, Wren strives to rescue her best friend, a princess named Tess, from the fortress of a wicked king.

Wren's Quest, 1993. Wren takes time out from magician's school to search for clues to her parentage. Traveling with Connor, who discovers

his own vast and nearly uncontrollable magic powers along the way, Wren endures hardship and danger in hope of fulfilling her quest. SEQUEL TO: Wren to the Rescue.

Wren's War, 1995. When wicked King Andreus declared war on the royal families of Meldrith, Wren and her friends, Princess Teressa, Prince Connor, and chief magic-maker Tyron, determine to defeat him. SEQUEL TO: Wren's Quest.

Snow, Alan

Here Be Monsters: an Adventure Involving Magic, Trolls, and Other Creatures; 2006. 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.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

The Magic Nation Thing, 2005. Although twelve-year-old Abby has always tried to deny that she has some kind of weird psychic power, she takes advantage of it to help her mother, a struggling private investigator, and, more importantly, to find her best friend's little brother when he goes missing at a ski resort.

Springer, Nancy

I Am Morgan Le Fay, 2001. In a war torn England where her half brother Arthur will eventually become king, the young Morgan le Fay comes to realize that she has magic powers and links to the **faerie world.**

Sterman, Betsy and Samuel

Backyard Dragon, 1993. With the help of three friends, a young boy and his grandfather help a fifteenth-century Welsh dragon find its way home.

Stone, David Lee

The Ratastrophe Catastrophe, 2004. Loosely inspired by the story of the Pied Piper, this hilarious and riveting first installment of a new satirical fantasy trilogy introduces a young shepherd boy who must face a dark, evil magic that infiltrates his ancient town.

The Yowler Foul-up, 2006. A nasty sect has arisen in Dullitch with the intent of taking over the entire

kingdom. All that stands between total chaos and calm are Duke Modeset. Jareth, and Jimmy Quickstint in this thrilling second installment of The Illmoor Chronicles. SEQUEL TO: The Ratastrophe Catastrophe.

Straus, Linda Leopold

A Fairy Called Hilary, 1999. A fairy named Hilary comes to stay with Caroline and uses her magic to enliven trick-or-treating on Halloween, the making of a giant snowman, a friend's party, an airplane trip, and a garden show.

Strickland, Brad

John Bellairs's Lewis Barnavelt In the Beast Under the Wizard's Bridge, 2000. Lewis Barnavelt tries to avert disaster when the destruction of an old bridge threatens to release a diabolical force, the legacy of a long-dead evil magician.

John Bellairs's Lewis Barnavelt In the Specter from the Magician's Museum, 1998. When the evil sorceress Belle Frisson ensnares Rose Rita Pottinger in a magic web in order to steal her life force, Lewis Barnavelt must risk his own life to save his friend.

Taylor, Theodore

The Boy Who Could Fly Without a Motor, 2002. In 1935, living at a lighthouse near San Francisco, a lonely nine-year-old boy inadvertently summons a magician who teaches him the secret of flying.

Thompson, Kate

The Beguilers, 2001. When she comes of age, Rilka sets out to capture a beguiler, one of the lightlike spirit creatures with mesmerizing powers that haunt the mountains above her village, and her quest reveals the secret of their origin.

Thurber, James

The Wonderful O, 1990. Relates what happened when an evil sea captain banished the letter O from the island Ooroo.

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Hobbit, 2001. Hobbit Bilbo Baggins finds himself, accompanied by a wizard and some dwarves, on a mad journey over the edge of the

wilds to wrest from Smaug the dragon his hoard of long-forgotten gold.

Townley, Roderick

The Great Good Thing, 2001. Twelve-year-old Princess Sylvie's storybook kingdom really is a storybook, where nothing ever changes, even the characters' mad scramble to reach their places whenever the book is opened, until Sylvie discovers she can enter new worlds with the Reader, and find new adventures.

Into the Labyrinth: A Novel, 2002. Princess Sylvie and the other characters in the book entitled "The Great Good Thing" confront the perils of being uploaded onto the World Wide Web, forcing them to act out their story both in print and in cyberspace. Sequel to: The Great Good Thing.

Travers, P.L.

Mary Poppins, 2000. Astonishing Mary Poppins blows in on an East Wind to serve as nanny to Jane and Michael Banks, and after that life is never the same for them as she introduces them to many magical experiences. She promises to stay until the wind changes.

Mary Poppins Comes Back, 2000. Mary Poppins, who never explains anything, comes back on the end of a kite string to Number 17 Cherry Tree Lane, leads the children on more wonderful adventures and then disappears on a merry-go-round horse.

Mary Poppins in the Park, 2000. Jane, Michael, John, and Barbara, the little twins, and baby Annabel have wonderful times with Mary Poppins

Mary Poppins Opens the Door, 2000. With a boom and a burst of fireworks, Mary Poppins returns, falling from the sky like a shooting star. She arrives not a moment too late: The Banks home is in complete shambles -- five wild children without a nanny are five children too many!

Turner, Ann

Elfsong, 1995. When ten-year-old Maddy Trevor goes for her annual summer visit to her grandfather and her cat Sabrina goes missing, she searches the woods and discovers a magical world.

Turner, Megan Whalen

The Queen of Attolia, 2000. 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.

The Thief, 1998. Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

Ure, Jean

Wizard In Wonderland, 1993. Joel and Gemma are enjoying a visit to Wonderland with their friend, junior wizard Ben-Muzzy, when magic broomstick is stolen by the Airy Fairies.

Ursu, Anne

Shadow Thieves, 2006. 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.

Weiss, M. Jerry (Morton Jerry)

Dreams and Visions: Fourteen Filghts of Fantasy, 2006. A collection of fourteen science fiction and fantasy short stories by young adult fiction authors.

Winterfeld, Henry

Castaways In Lilliput, 2002. Three Australian children, adrift on a rubber raft, are cast ashore in a land of tiny people.

Winthrop, Elizabeth

The Castle In the Attic, 1985. A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and personal quest.

Woodruff, Elvira

The Summer I Shrank My Grandmother, 1990. When aspiring scientist Nelly Brown uses a magic chemistry set to make her grandmother young again but is unable to stop the alteration, the 70-year-old woman becomes a baby and Nelly fears that she may shrink into nothing.

Wrede, Patricia C.

Dealing With Dragons, 1990. Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved

in fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragon's kingdom.

Calling on Dragons, 1993. Queen Cimorene turns to her friends Morwen, Telemain, and Kazul for help when troublesome wizards make their way back into the Enchanted Forest and begin to soak up his magic.

Talking To Dragons, 1985. Queen Cimorene sends her sixteen-year-old son Daystar into the Enchanted Forest with the only weapon that can combat an evil wizard's magic in an effort to restore the balance of power in the kingdom.

Yep, Laurence

Dragon of the Lost Sea, 1982. Shimmer, a renegade dragon princess, tries to redeem herself by capturing a witch with the help of a human boy.

Yolen, Jane

Merlin: The Young Merlin Trilogy, 1997. Merlin, now twelve years old, begins to come into his magic while being held captive by a band of wild folk.

Hippolyta and the Curse of the Amazons, 2002. Thirteen-year-old Hippolyta, a princess of the Amazon, fights to save her people from destruction when her mother the Queen refuses to sacrifice her second-born male child.

Pay the Piper, 2005. When Callie interviews the band, Brass Rat, for her school newspaper, her feelings are ambivalent, but when all the children of Northampton begin to disappear on Halloween, she knows where the dangerous search must begin.

The Wizard's Map, 1999. Three children visiting relatives in Scotland become involved in the plans of a diabolical wizard.

Zambreno, Mary Frances

A Plague to Sorcerers, 1991. As wizard's apprentice Jermyn Graves delves deeply into his studies of practical magic, he helps thwart a diabolical scheme to kill all of the wizards in the land.

Journeyman Wizard, 1994. SEQUEL TO: A Plague of Sorcerers. When Jermyn goes to Land's End to study wizardry under the famous spellmaker Lady Jean Allons, he finds his lessons disrupted by magical mayhem and a mysterious murder.