

Fantasy for Teen Readers

Gift of the Unmage
by Alma Alexander, 2007
Y ALEXANDER

Fourteen-year-old Thea has not fulfilled her parents' hope of having special magical powers and they try a last, desperate measure before sending her to a school for those with no magical ability.

The Lost Years of Merlin
by T.A. Barron, 1996
Y BARRON #1

A young boy who has no memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.

The Goblin Wood
by Hilari Bell, 2003
Y BELL

A young Hedgewitch, an idealistic knight and an army of clever goblins fight against the ruling hierarchy that is trying to rid the land of all magical creatures.

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale
by Holly Black, 2002
Y BLACK

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.

Faerie Wars
by Herbie Brennan, 2003
Y BRENNAN

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

City of Bones
by Cassandra Clare, 2007
Y CLARE

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

The Dark is Rising
by Susan Cooper, 1973
Y COOPER

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 Naming (The First Book of Pellinor)
by Alison Croggon, 2005
Y CROGGON

Sixteen-year-old Maerad, an orphan gifted in the magic and power of the Bards, escapes from slavery and begins to learn how to use her Gift to stave off the evil Darkness that threatens to consume her world.

The Blue Girl
by Charles De Lint, 2004
Y DE LINT

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

The Hollow Kingdom

by Clare B. Dunkle, 2003

Y DUNKLE Book 1

In nineteenth-century England, a powerful sorcerer and King of the Goblins chooses Kate, the elder of two orphan girls recently arrived at their ancestral home, Hallow Hill, to be his bride and queen of the goblins.

Dragon Rider

by Cornelia Funke, 2004

Y FUNKE

Accompanied by an orphaned boy who becomes his dragon rider, a feisty Scottish brownie and a large group of supporters, the dragon Firedrake sets out to fulfill an ancient prophecy and return to his ancestral home.

Coraline

by Neil Gaiman, 2002

Y GAIMAN

A young woman ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own.

Raven's Gate

by Anthony Horowitz, 2005

Y HOROWITZ

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

Redwall

by Brian Jacques, 1986

Y JACQUES

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

Howl's Moving Castle

by Diana Wynne Jones, 1986

Y JONES

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

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle, 1962

Y L'ENGLE

When an atomic physicist disappears on a secret mission his son, daughter and their friend search for him, going on an interplanetary journey through time and space.

A Wizard of Earthsea

by Ursula K. Le Guin, 1968

Y LE GUIN

When Sparrowhawk, a young student at the School for Wizards, tries his dangerous powers too soon, he unleashes a terrible evil throughout the land.

Wicked Lovely

by Melissa Marr, 2007

Y MARR

In a world unseen by mortals, the forces of Summer and Winter are at war. Two Faery Courts have been seeking the Summer Queen for more than nine centuries--one to restore the power of Summer and the other to banish it in this gritty modern Fairy tale.

Dragonsong

by Anne McCaffrey, 1976

YPB MCCAFFREY

Forbidden by her father to indulge in music in any way, a girl on the planet Pern runs away, taking shelter with the planet's fire lizards.

Wake

by Lisa McMann, 2008

Y MCMANN

Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

The Hunter's Moon

by O.R. Melling, 2005

Y MELLING

Two teenage cousins, one Irish, the other from the United States, set out to find a magic doorway to the Faraway Country, where humans must bow to the Little People.

Un Lun Dun

by China Miéville, 2007

Y MIEVILLE

When twelve-year-old Zanna and her friend Deeba find a secret entrance leading out of London and into this strange city, it seems that the ancient prophecy is coming true at last. But then things begin to go shockingly wrong.

Sabriel

by Garth Nix, 1995

Y NIX

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, sets out on a quest to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

A Hat Full of Sky

by Terry Pratchett, 2004

Y PRATCHETT

Tiffany Aching, a young witch-in-training, learns about magic and responsibility as she battles a disembodied monster with the assistance of the six-inch-high Wee Free Men and Mistress Weatherwax, the greatest witch in the world.

The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials Trilogy)

by Philip Pullman, 1996

Y PULLMAN

Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan, 2005

Y RIORDAN #1

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. Book one of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series.

Magyk

by Angie Sage (Septimus Heap, bk 1), 2005

J & Y SAGE

Silas Heap comes across a child in the snow -- a newborn girl with violet eyes. The Heaps take her into their home, name her Jenna, and raise her as their own. But who is this mysterious baby girl and what really happened to their beloved son Septimus?

Amulet of Samarkand (The Bartimaeus Trilogy)

by Jonathan Stroud, 2003

Y STROUD

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Uglies

by Scott Westerfeld, 2005

Y WESTERFELD

In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. But is it really paradise?

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