

Juvenile Fantasy

If you like Harry Potter, try...

***Amari and the Night Brothers* (series: book 1) Alston, B.B.**

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

***Arlo Finch and the Valley of Fire* (series: book 1) August, John**

When his family returns to his mom's hometown of Pine Mountain, Arlo Finch joins the Rangers, a scout group - and finds that they don't just learn to build fires. The Rangers learn about magic and creatures from other realms...

***The Jumbies* (series: book 1) Baptiste, Tracey**

Corinne La Mer isn't afraid of anything. She knows that jumbies aren't real; they're just creatures parents make up to frighten their children. When shining yellow eyes follow her into the forest, they couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they?

***The Iron Trial* (Magisterium series: book 1) Black, Holly**

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum decides to fail the trials that would admit him to the sinister magic school called the Magisterium - only to be drawn there against his will and forced to confront dark parts of his past.

***The School for Good and Evil* (series: book 1) Chainani, Soman**

Best friends Sophie and Agatha are spirited away from their village to the School for Good and Evil, an enchanted place where children are trained to become either fairytale heroes or villains.

If you like Harry Potter (continued)

The Marvellers Clayton, Dhonielle

Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds where Marvellers from around the world practice their cultural arts, like brewing Indian spice elixirs and bartering with pesky Irish pixies. When a dangerous criminal known as the Ace of Anarchy escapes prison, supposedly with a Conjuror's aid, tensions grow in the Marvellian world and Ella becomes the target of suspicion.

The Wizards of Once (series: book 1) Cowell, Cressida

Xar, son of the King of Wizards, can't cast a single spell. Wish, daughter of the Warrior Queen, has a banned magical object of her own. When they collide in the wildwood, on the trail of a deadly witch, it's the start of a grand adventure.

Wildseed Witch Dumas, Marti (Gr 5+)

While the other girls have always known they were destined to be witches, Hasani is a Wildseed---a stray witch from a family of non-witches. 'Wildseed' may be an insult that the other girls throw at her, but Wildseeds are more powerful than they know. And Hasani will learn that there are ways to use magic and thrive that can never be taught in a classroom

The School between Winter and Fairyland Fawcett, Heather

A servant at Inglenook School, where magicians study to become the king's future monster-hunters, Autumn searches for clues about her twin brother's mysterious disappearance. Everyone else thinks he was devoured by the feared Hollow Dragon, but Autumn is convinced she's heard--and glimpsed--him calling to her from within the castle walls. But who will believe a lowly servant?

If you like Harry Potter (continued)

***The Tiltersmith* Herrick, Amy (Gr 4-6)**

Spring has arrived in Brooklyn, New York, but winter refuses to let go. Ross, the science teacher, believes climate change is the cause, but Edward, Feenix, Danton, and Brigit suspect older, magical forces are at work. When a peculiar character called Superintendent Tiltersmith appears, they're swept up in a battle of wits and courage.

***The Novice (The Summoner series: book 1)* Matharu, Taran**

Fletcher is working as a blacksmith's apprentice when he discovers he has the rare ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, he must travel with his demon to an academy where the gifted are taught the art of summoning.

***Love, Sugar, Magic: A Dash of Trouble (series: book 1)* Meriano, Anna**

Leo hopes that this might be the year that she gets to help prepare for Dia de los Muertos, but she's told she's too young. Then she discovers that her family has been keeping a big secret: they're brujas--witches of Mexican ancestry--who pour magic into everything that they bake.

***Upside-Down Magic (series: book 1)* Mlynowski, Sarah**

Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are students in Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class. Lessons are unconventional, students are unpredictable, and magic has a tendency to turn wonky at the worst possible moments...

***Akata Witch (series: book 1)* Okorafor, Nnedi**

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.

If you like Harry Potter (continued)

***The Revenge of Magic* Riley, James**

Fort Fitzgerald's father is lost when a giant creature attacks Washington, D.C. Fort is devastated, until a man named Dr. Opps invites him to the Oppenheimer School to learn magic.

***Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* (series: book 1) Steadman, A.F.**

When a mysterious figure tells him he must save an island where bloodthirsty unicorns roam free, Skandar Smith answers the call and, along with newfound friends and a community of riders from his magical school, engages in an epic battle that will tear his world apart.

***Nevermoor* (series: book1) Townsend, Jessica**

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Worst of all, the curse means that she's doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears to whisk her away to a secret, magical city called Nevermoor.

If you like Rick Riordan's series...

***Muse Squad: The Cassandra Curse* (series: book 1) Acevedo, Chantel**

When a young Cuban American girl discovers that she's one of the nine muses of Greek mythology, she must use her newfound powers to help a brilliant classmate who is destined to save humanity.

***Amira & Hamza: The War to Save Worlds* Ahmed, Samira**

A brother and sister must prevent a civil war or risk unleashing jinn and other terrifying creatures into our world.

***Loki's Wolves* (The Blackwell Pages series: book 1) Armstrong, Kelley**

Matt Thorsen is a direct descendant of the god Thor, and his classmates Fen and Laurie Brekke are descendants of the trickster god Loki. When Ragnarok--the apocalypse--threatens, the human descendants of the gods must fight monsters to stop the end of the world.

***Maya and the Rising Dark* (series: book 1) Barron, Rena**

A twelve-year-old girl discovers her father is the keeper of the gateway between our world and The Dark, and when he goes missing she'll need to unlock her own powers and fight a horde of spooky creatures set on starting a war

***Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows* (series: book 1) Calejo, Ryan**

Charlie Hernández loves his abuela's stories, drawn from Latino and Hispanic folklore. But shortly after his parents disappear, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world. Turns out the stories are real...

If you like Rick Riordan series (continued)

***The Storm Runner* (series: book 1) Cervantes, Jennifer**

To prevent the Mayan gods from destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how his physical disability connects him to his father and his ancestry.

***Aru Shah and the End of Time* (Pandava series: book 1) Choksi, Roshani**

When Aru Shah unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose duty it is to awaken the God of Destruction, her classmates and mother are frozen in time. It's up to Aru to save them, but how?

***The Serpent's Secret* (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series: bk 1) Dasgupta, Sayantani**

On her twelfth birthday, Kiran's parents vanish and a rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen. Learning her true identity, she must solve riddles and battle demons all while avoiding the Serpent King...if she wants to save her family (and her world).

***The Shadow Prince* by Durham, David Anthony (Gr 3-7)**

In this middle grade solarpunk novel set in an alternate Egyptian universe, twelve-year-old Ash must compete and survive to become the shadow-and protector-of the prince.

***Fireborn* by Fowler, Aisling (Gr 4-7)**

Twelve gave up her name and identity to train in the art of hunting monsters and take revenge on those who took her family from her. But when Twelve's new home is attacked, she'll find herself on an unexpected journey, where her hidden past is inescapably intertwined with her destiny--and the very fate of her world.

If you like Rick Riordan series (continued)

Girl Giant and the Monkey King (series: book 1) by Hoang, Van (Gr 3-6)

Thom Ngho is keeping a secret: she's strong. Like suuuuper strong. And it's making it impossible for her to fit in at her new middle school. In a desperate bid to get rid of her super strength, Thom makes a deal with the Monkey King, a powerful deity and legendary trickster she accidentally released from his 500-year prison sentence, sending her on a magical journey.

Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl (series: book 1) Kagawa, Julie

Shinji Takahashi is just an ordinary kid. An ordinary homeschooled smart-alecky kid being raised by his globe-trotting aunt Yui. But when a magical guardian decides to use him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji's life takes a turn for the anything-but-ordinary.

Lalani of the Distant Sea Kelly, Erin Entrada (Gr 5-8)

When Lalani Sarita's mother falls ill, twelve-year-old Lalani must leave Sanlagita and find the riches of the legendary Mount Isa. But generations of men and boys have died on the same quest--how can an ordinary girl survive the epic tests of the archipelago?

Pahua and the Soul Stealer by Lee, Lori (Gr 4-7)

Pahua is a lonely Hmong girl with the unique ability to see spirits. One day she accidentally untethers an angry spirit from the haunted bridge in her neighborhood. When her brother suddenly falls sick, she fears that the bridge spirit has stolen his soul. She returns with her aunt's old shaman tools to confront the spirit and demand her brother's return.

Convergence (The Zodiac Legacy series: book 1) Lee, Stan

Follows the experiences of a Chinese-American teen who is thrown into the middle of an epic global chase involving the release of twelve magical superpowers.

If you like Rick Riordan series, try...

***Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom* (series: book 1) Mandanna, Sangu**

Anxious Kiki's sketchbook is full of fanciful doodles of the rich Indian myths and legends her mother has told her over the years. One day, her sketchbook's calming effect is broken when her mythological characters begin springing to life right out of its pages. Kiki ends up falling into the mystical world she drew, which includes a lot of wonderful discoveries like the band of rebel kids who protect the kingdom, as well as not-so-great ones like the ancient deity bent on total destruction...

***Going Wild* (series: book 1) McMann, Lisa**

Charlie Wilde knew her life would change forever when her family moved from Chicago to Arizona...and that was before she found the bracelet. After putting it on, she notices she has the speed of a cheetah and the strength of an elephant--and that's just the beginning.

***Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* Okogwu, Tola**

Onyeka has always felt insecure about her vibrant curls...until the day her best friend almost drowns and Onyeka's hair takes on a life of its own, inexplicably pulling Cheyenne from the water. At home, Onyeka's mother tells her the shocking truth: Onyeka's psycho-kinetic powers make her a Solari, one of a secret group of people with super powers unique to Nigeria. Her mother quickly whisks her off to the Academy of the Sun...

***Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms* Perry, Jamar J.**

Cameron Battle grew up reading *The Book of Chidani*, cherishing stories about the fabled kingdom that cut itself off from the world to save the Igbo people from danger. When he and his best friends are magically transported to Chidani, they find a kingdom in extreme danger. . . is Cameron ready to be the hero they need?

If you like Rick Riordan series, try...

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls (series: book 1) Rivera, Kaela

Cecelia Rios has always believed there was more to the criaturas, much to her family's disapproval. After all, only brujas--humans who capture and control criaturas--consort with the spirits, and brujeria is a terrible crime. When her sister, is kidnapped by El Sombrerón, a powerful dark criatura, Cece is determined to bring Juana back - even if she has to become a bruja herself...

Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit Sutanto, Jesse Q.

Theo Tan doesn't want a spirit companion. He just wants to be a normal American kid. But when his older brother dies, Theo ends up inheriting Jamie's fox spirit, Kai. Kai isn't happy - and the two of them have never gotten along. Yet, it soon becomes clear that something strange was going on with Jamie's internship at Reapling Corp... Can Theo and Kai put aside their differences long enough to honor Jamie's last wishes, or will the mystery he died for remain unsolved forever?

The Dragon Warrior (series: book 1) Zhao, Katie

Twelve-year-old Faryn Liu may be destined to command the Jade Emperor's army of demon-fighting dragons, but first she must complete a daring quest across San Francisco's Chinatown before the Lunar New Year.

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor Zhao, Xiran Jay

Zack is woefully unprepared when he discovers he was born to host the spirit of the First Emperor of China for a vital mission: sealing the leaking portal to the Chinese underworld before the upcoming Ghost Month blows it wide open...

Legends, Fractured Fairy Tales, and Folk Tales Retold

***More than a Princess* (series: book 1) Baker, E.D.**

Aislin of Eliasind must rely on more than the magical gifts she has as a half-fairy, half-pedrasí when she becomes entangled in a sinister plot and saddled with difficult human princesses.

***Flunked* (Fairy Tale Reform School series: book 1) Calonita, Jen**

When petty thief Gilly gets caught stealing, she is sentenced to three months at Fairy Tale Reform School, where all of the teachers are former villains, including the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Queen, and Cinderella's Wicked Stepmother.

***Beasts and Beauty: Dangerous Tales* Chainani, Soman**

Twelve tales, twelve dangerous tales of mystery, magic, and rebellious hearts. Each twists like a spindle to reveal truths full of warning and triumph, truths that free hearts long kept tame, truths that explore life . . . and death. A prince has a surprising awakening . . . A beauty fights like a beast . . . A boy refuses to become prey . . . A path to happiness is lost. . . . then found again.

***The Wishing Spell* (Land of Stories series: book 1) Colfer, Chris**

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

***The Isle of the Lost* (Descendants series: book 1) De la Cruz, Melissa**

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost, the teenaged children of Disney's most evil villains search for a dragon's eye--the key to true darkness and the villains' only hope of escape.

Legends, Fractured Fairy Tales, and Folk Tales Retold cont.

***Happily Ever After Rescue Team* (Agents of H.E.A.R.T. series: book 1) Hay, Sam (Gr 1-3)**

A young girl's wish to help out in her family's seaside café gets out of hand when she accidentally summons a rescue squad of fairytale princesses.

***The Rat Prince* Hodder, Bridget**

A new take on the Cinderella story, told from her point of view as well as that of a royal rat turned coachman.

***The Wolf Hour* Holmes, Sarah**

Magia and her family live in the shadow of an ancient and magical forest where wolves can talk and read and humans who enter its boundaries never come back. And but despite her beautiful voice Magia longs to be a woodcutter like her father and learn the forest's secrets.

***Midsummer Mayhem* LaRocca, Rajani**

Loosely based on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, eleven-year-old Mimi Mackson entangles herself and her family with mischievous fairies when she seeks to win a baking contest.

***Ogre Enchanted* Levine, Gail Carson**

Healer Evora is turned into a hideous ogre by the fairy Lucinda after rejecting a marriage proposal, and she has only a few months to find a love to reverse the curse.

Legends, Fractured Fairy Tales, and Folk Tales Retold cont.

***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* (series: book 1) Mbalia, Kwame**

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

***Abby in Wonderland* (Whatever After series: special edition) Mlynowski, Sarah**

Abby finds herself in the middle of a book, *Alice in Wonderland*, with two of her friends, plus bossy Penny, and in order to get back to reality she must solve a curious riddle, find one of her friends who is missing, and somehow avoid getting her head cut off by the Red Queen

***Knights vs. Dinosaurs* (series: book 1) Phelan, Matt**

With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs.

***The Witch, the Sword, and the Cursed Knights* Rogers, Alexandria**

Ellie can't help that she's a witch, the most hated member of society. Determined to prove her worth, Ellie applies to the Fairy Godmother Academy--her golden ticket to societal acceptance. But Ellie's dreams are squashed when she receives the dreaded draft letter to serve as a knight of King Arthur's legendary Round Table. She can get out of the draft--but only if she saves a lost cause.

***The Dreamweavers* Schmidt, G.Z.**

Twin siblings sneak into the emperor's palace to break a curse in this Chinese folklore-inspired fantasy adventure set in the Ming Dynasty.

Legends, Fractured Fairy Tales, and Folk Tales Retold (continued)

***Grump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* Shurtliff, Liesl**

When Borlen (nicknamed Grump) goes to The Surface, life aboveground is a dream come true. Until Grump starts to suspect that his new friend, Queen E.V.I.L., may not be as nice as she seems...

***Harriet the Invincible (Hamster Princess series: book 1)* Vernon, Ursula**

Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her twelfth birthday, but after two years of slaying ogres, cliff-diving, and more with her riding quail, Mumfrey, she must seek a prince to set things right.

Monsters & Monster Hunting

***A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying* Armstrong, Kelley**

Twelve-year-old Rowan is destined to be Queen; her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Rowan would give anything to switch places, but the oldest child is always next in line. But tragedy shatters the longstanding rule, and Rowan finds herself hunting the most dangerous monster of all: a gryphon.

***A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting (series: book 1)* Ballarini, Joe**

When Kelly Ferguson's Halloween plans switch from party-going to babysitting, she thinks the scariest part of her night will be the death of her social life. But then Baby Jacob gets kidnapped by the Boogeyman's minions and Kelly learns there's a whole lot more to childcare than free snacks and Netflix.

Monsters & Monster Hunting cont.

***The Last Kids on Earth* (series: book 1) Brallier, Max**

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

***Evangeline of the Bayou* Eldredge, Jan**

Twelve-year-old haunt huntress apprentice Evangeline Clement spends her days and nights studying the ways of folk magic, honing her monster-hunting skills while pursuing local bayou banshees and Johnny revenants. The only thing left to do is prove to the council she has heart.

***Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles* (series: book 1) Lennon, Thomas**

Ronan, fifteen, the youngest and lowliest recruit to Ireland's secret Garda, faces untold danger from the wee people and various monsters while trying to prove his imprisoned parents were framed.

***Secret of the Shadow Beasts* Magras, Diane**

In Brannland, terrifying beasts called Umbrae roam freely once the sun sets, so venomous that a single bite will kill a full-grown adult. The only people who can destroy them are immune children like Nora. But despite her immunity, Nora's father refused to let her go. Now, years after his death by Umbra attack, Nora decides it's time for her to join the battle...

***Where the Woods End* Salter, Charlotte**

Twelve-year-old Kestrel lives in a seemingly endless forest, and in order to escape she will need to defeat her Grabber, a creature that builds its body to reflect her greatest fear.

Monsters & Monster Hunting cont.

Little Apocalypse Sparrow, Katherine

When an earthquake strands Celia's parents out of town, she finds herself on her own. When she reaches out to other kids around her apartment, she learns some are "Hunters." They claim the earthquake was caused by monsters only kids can see. And they think Celia is destined to save the city...

Dragons*

**(We also have a separate recommendation list with more titles for dragon lovers)*

The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart (duology: book 1) Burgis, Stephanie

After being tricked into drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon called Aventurine is transformed into a twelve-year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate.

The Lost Ryk Cohen, Emi Watanabe

Running out of time to make his grandfather smile once again before it's too late, Kohei searches for a ryk--a dragon of legend--in this multigenerational story about the lengths to which people will go to protect those they love.

Dragons in a Bag (series: book 1) Elliot, Zetta

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

Fire & Heist Durst, Sarah Beth

As Sky Hawkins, a were-dragon, faces her first heist she discovers secrets about her missing mother, the true reason her boyfriend broke up with her, and the valuable jewel that could restore her family's wealth and rank.

Dragons cont.

Spark Durst, Sarah Beth

Naturally quiet since birth, Mina and her stormbeast, Pixit, lead others like themselves in defying authority and attempting to spread the truth that Alorria's idyllic weather comes at a steep cost.

Dragon Captives (Unwanted's Quests series: book 1) McMann, Lisa

Magical twins Fifer and Thisbe Stowe have spent their entire lives wishing for an adventure. When a dragon shows up claiming that his family is being kept as slaves in their homeland, the twins sneak off to the land of the dragons to help them.

Dragonwatch (series: book 1) Mull, Brandon

Because Dragonwatch, an ancient group of wizards, enchantresses, and dragon slayers, is crumbling, an uprising of dragons threatens to destroy the magical preserves as well as overrun the non-magical world.

Other Mythical Creatures, and Talking Animals

The Lost (Endling series: book 1) Applegate, Katherine

Byx is the youngest member of her dairne pack. Her mythical doglike species has been hunted to near extinction in the kingdom of Nedarra. When Byx fears she may be the last of her species, The Endling, she sets out to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true.

The Midnight Brigade Borba, Adam

Three unexpected friends find a gruff yet kindhearted troll underneath their local Pittsburgh bridge who teaches them the importance of friendship and raising their voices.

Other Mythical Creatures and Talking Animals (continued)

***This is Not a Werewolf Story* Evans, Sandra**

This is the story of boarding school student Raul, who waits for sunset--and the mysterious, marvelous phenomenon that allows him to go home..

***The Cryptid Catcher* (series: book 1) Fisher, Lija**

Thirteen-year-old Clivo Wren learns that his recently deceased father was not an archaeologist as he was told, but rather a cryptid catcher, known for finding elusive mythological creatures, and now Clivo must pick up where his father left off.

***The Firebird Song* by Flores, Arnee**

Tied by destiny, Prewitt the Bargeboy and Calliope the Lost Princess set out on their twelfth birthdays, determined to end the reign of the evil Spectress and her marauders by calling the Firebird back to Lyrica.

***The Accidental Apprentice* (Wildlore series: book 1) by Foody, Amanda**

Eleven-year-old Barclay Thorne yearns for the quiet life of a mushroom farmer, but after unwittingly bonding with a beast in the forbidden Woods, he must seek Lore Keepers to break the bond and return home.

***The Wizard's Dog* (series: book 1) Gale, Eric Kahn**

When his master and best friend, Merlin, is kidnapped, there is nothing that Nosewise the dog will not do to get Merlin back, even if it means facing the strange Fae people and their magic-eating worms, or tangling with the mysterious Sword in the Stone.

Other Mythical Creatures and Talking Animals (continued)

***Wings of Olympus* (duology: book 1) George, Kallie**

Pippa is chosen to compete in the Winged Horse Race, and brought to Olympus, where the gods aren't above cheating to ensure their winged horse wins. Pippa never wants to leave her beloved steed, Zephyr, but according to the Fates, he has no chance of winning. Will Pippa cheat to stay in Olympus with him?

***The Creature of the Pines* (The Unicorn Rescue Society series: book 1) Gidwitz, Adam**

After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

***Life of Zarf: The Trouble with Weasels* (series: book 1) Harrell, Rob**

As a troll, Zarf is stuck at the bottom of the middle school hierarchy. And when the king disappears and Zarf's archenemy, the prince, ascends the throne, he makes Zarf's life even more miserable. So it is that Zarf and his two sidekicks set out to find the missing king.

***Ice Wolves* (Elementals series: book 1) Kaufman, Amie**

Orphaned twins are separated for the first time when their shapeshifting abilities manifest. Twelve-year-old Anders becomes an ice wolf, and his sister, Rayna, transforms into a scorch dragon—a traditional enemy of the wolves...

***Bob Mass*, Wendy**

Now that she's back at her grandma's house, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to...

Other Mythical Creatures and Talking Animals (continued)

***Forest of Wonders* (Wing and Claw series: book 1) Park, Linda Sue**

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more...

***Every Bird a Prince* Reese, Jenn**

After she saves the life of a bird prince and becomes their champion, seventh grader Eren Evers must defend a forest kingdom, save her mom, and keep the friendships she holds dear--if she is brave enough to embrace her inner truths.

***Mez's Magic* (The Lost Rainforest series: book 1) Schrefer, Eliot**

Caldera has forever been divided into the animals who walk by night and those who walk by day. When Nightwalker panther Mez discovers that she can enter the daylight world, she rushes to discover the extent of her new magical powers--before evil threatens her world.

***The Secret Horses of Briar Hill* Shepherd, Megan**

A girl living in a children's hospital during WWII discovers that a winged horse has entered her world and desperately needs her help.

***The Wishmakers* (series: book 1) Whitesides, Tyler**

When twelve-year-old Ace opens an old peanut butter jar, he releases a genie named Ridge. Now a Wishmaker, Ace has a week to complete a seemingly impossible quest, and if he fails the world will end in the most tragic (but cuddly) way imaginable.

Strange New Worlds

***Silverworld* Abu-Jaber, Diana**

Desperate to help her ailing grandmother, Sami consults Sitti's spell book and falls into the magical Silverworld, where she must try to save the enchanted city and, perhaps, Sitti, too.

***Circus Mirandus* Beasley, Cassie**

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus-and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.

***Willa of the Wood* (series: book 1) Beatty, Robert**

A 12-year-old night spirit living in the Great Smoky Mountains despairs as humans destroy her forest habitat, until a chance encounter with a man changes everything she thought she knew about her people-and their greatest enemy.

***The Rambling Cajoleas*, Jimmy**

When his Pop is kidnapped, 11-year-old Buddy makes his way to a magical swamp, wherein lie the Creepy, rumored to snatch babies; a human head-shaped card den; and the truth about Buddy's parents' past and his own rotten luck.

***The Lock-Eater* Clark, Zack Loran (Gr 5+)**

Melanie Gate is a foundling with a peculiar talent for opening the unopenable--any lock releases at the touch of her hand. One night, her orphanage is visited by Traveler, a gearling automaton there on behalf of his magical mistress, who needs an apprentice. When Melanie is selected because of her gift, her life changes in a flash, and in more ways than she knows--because Traveler is not at all what he seems. But then, neither is Melanie.

Strange New Worlds (continued)

***The Secret of Zoone* Fodi, Lee Edward**

When Ozzie Sparks follows a blue tiger with wings through the magical door in his basement, he arrives in Zoone, the nexus of the multiverse. But when he sees that his door back to Earth has exploded behind him, Ozzie must convince the wizards of Zoone to repair the door so he can return.

***The Phantom Tower* Graff, Keir**

When the missing button for their new apartment building's thirteenth floor suddenly appears, identical twins Mal and Colm are pulled into an eerie adventure in a parallel dimension.

***The Strangers (The Greystone Secrets series: book 1)* Haddix, Margaret Peterson**

Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.

***Begone the Raggedy Witches (The Wild Magic series: book 1)* Kiernan, Celine**

When witches kidnap her dad, Mup is swept up in a wild tide of magic that carries her to another world. Can she reunite her family and find her way back?

***Jane Doe and the Cradle of All Worlds (series: book 1)* Lachlan, Jeremy**

Fourteen years ago, Jane and her father mysteriously appeared on the Manor steps in Bluehaven. Though adventurers could once enter the Manor and return with stories of explorations into the Otherworlds, the Manor hasn't opened since the Cursed One arrived. Now the Manor opens to accept her father, and Jane must go in to rescue him.

Strange New Worlds (continued)

***Keeper of the Lost Cities* (series: book 1) Messenger, Shannon**

At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.

***Escape from Atlantis* (series: book 1) O'Hearn, Kate**

When Riley and her family are stranded on the mythical island of Atlantis, they'll have to uncover its secrets in order to find a way home

***The Gauntlet* Riazi, Karuna**

A trio of friends from New York City find themselves trapped inside a mechanical board game that they must defeat in order to save themselves and generations of other lost children.

***The Anti-Book* Simon, Raphael**

Mickey finds a book that promises to erase whatever is written in it, and after filling the page with all the things and people he dislikes, he finds himself in the anti-world where everything familiar is gone.

***The Changelings* Soontornvat, Christina**

When eleven-year-old Izzy's sister, Hen, disappears into the woods near their new house, Izzy, aided by a band of outlaw Changelings, must seek her in the land of Faerie.

Strange New Worlds (continued)

***The Circus at the End of the Sea* by Snyder, Lori R.**

Maddy knows that magic is real. One day she's led to a magical street circus, hidden in plain sight among the canals and boardwalks of Venice Beach. For the first time in Maddy's life, she finally feels like she belongs. But the circus is in grave danger...

Witches, Ghosts, and More

***The House with Chicken Legs* Anderson, Sophie**

All 12-year-old Marinka wants is a friend. A real friend - not like her house with chicken legs. She longs for a human companion. Someone she can talk to and share secrets with. But that's tough when your grandmother is a Yaga, a guardian who guides the dead into the afterlife.

***Small Spaces (series: book 1)* Arden, Katherine**

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive supernatural threats.

***The Girl Who Drank the Moon* Barnhill, Kelly**

In a fantastical realm, a baby is left in the forest, according to an annual tradition of sacrifice. Discovered by a kind witch named Xan, who mistakenly feeds the child moonlight, the girl grows up with a potent power she must learn to control.

***The Darkdeep (series: book 1)* Condie, Ally**

Middle-schoolers Nico, Tyler, Ella, and Opal discover a hidden island in a forbidden cove that appears uninhabited, but something ancient has awakened knowing their wishes, dreams, and darkest secrets.

Witches, Ghosts, and More (continued)

***Shadow Weaver* (duology: book 1) Connolly, Marcykate**

Emmeline's gift of controlling shadows has isolated her from the rest of the world, but she's grown to be content, hidden away in her mansion with Dar, her own shadow, as her only company. But then a noble family visits their home and offers to take Emmeline away and cure her of magic...

***Trace Cummings*, Pat**

An African-American middle schooler who has recently lost both his parents sees a ghost wearing old-fashioned clothing in the basement of the New York Public Library.

***Midnight Reynolds and the Spectral Transformer* (series: book 1) Holt, Catherine**

When twelve-year-old Midnight Reynolds takes a job helping an eccentric neighbor down the street, she's surprised to learn it involves her ability to see spirits.

***The Ghost Collector* Mills, Allison**

In the tradition of their Cree ancestors, Shelly and her grandmother help ghosts transition to the next world by catching them in their hair. But when Shelly's mom dies, she starts bringing spirits home. She can't ignore the one that's missing- why hasn't her mom's ghost come home?

***Spirit Hunters* (series: book 1) Oh, Ellen**

Harper doesn't trust her new home from the moment she steps inside, and the rumors are that the Raine family's new house is haunted. Harper isn't sure she believes those rumors, until her younger brother, Michael, starts acting strangely.

Witches, Ghosts, and More (continued)

***Ollie Oxley and the Ghost: The Search for Lost Gold* Schmid, Lisa**

Twelve-year-old Ollie Oxley isn't expecting his first friend in town to be a ghost, but together they team up to save his mom's theater and take down the school bully.

***City of Ghosts* (series: book 1) Schwab, Victoria**

Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy can see ghosts. When her parents start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh, castles, Cass and her ghost friend Jacob are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed.

***Nightmares!* (series: book 1) Segel, Jason**

Twelve-year-old Charlie and his friends must stop nightmares from taking over their town before it's too late.

***The Poe Estate* Shulman, Polly**

Sukie braves the twists and turns of the spooky Poe Annex at the New-York Circulating Material Repository to untangle ancient family secrets, find hidden treasure, and help the ghosts who are haunting her house.

***Nightbooks* (series: book 1) White, J.A.**

Alex has loved scary stories his whole life, even writing his own tales in his beloved notebook. When he is imprisoned by a witch and must tell her a new scary story each night to stay alive, he's desperate for a happy ending – a way to escape and return home.