

Fabulous Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd. **The Book of Three.** Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil. **Series.**

Allende, Isabel. **City of the beasts.** When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.

Allende, Isabel. **Kingdom of the Golden Dragon.** Sixteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his grandmother, a writer for a geography magazine, to the remote Forbidden Kingdom in the Himalayas to help locate a sacred statue of a golden dragon before it is stolen by a greedy outsider.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever, 1793.** In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Speak.** A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Avi, **Crispin : the cross of lead.** Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Banks, Kate. **Walk Softly, Rachel.** When fourteen-year-old Rachel reads the journal of her brother, who died when she was seven, she learns secrets that help her understand her parents and herself.

Barker, Clive, **Abarat.** Candy Quackenbush of Chickentown, Minnesota, journeys to the Abarat, an archipelago filled with strange wonders, and has a curious revelation: she has been here, and it is her responsibility to save this mysterious place from the evil forces that threaten it.

Bauer, Joan. **Hope was Here.** When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

Blackwood, Gary L. **The Shakespeare Stealer.** A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Blackwood, Gary L. **The Year of the hangman.** In 1777, having been kidnapped and taken forcibly from England to the American colonies, fifteen-year-old Creighton becomes part of in the political unrest there that may spell defeat for the patriots and change the course of history.

Bledsoe, Lucy Jane. **Hoop Girlz.** When ten-year-old River, who is crazy about basketball, is not chosen to play in the tournament set up in the town of Azalea, Oregon, she decides to organize a team of her own and accepts the help of her older brother.

Brashares, Ann. **The Second summer of the sisterhood.** A sequel to **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants** in which the four girls, now sixteen, embark on another summer of travels and life lessons charmed by a shared pair of seemingly magical thrift-store jeans.

Bujor, Flavia. **The Prophecy of the Stones.** In a magical realm, three teenage girls-Jade, Opal, and Amber-are chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy. Although they meet as strangers, they must learn to trust one another with their lives as they embark on an epic journey, armed only with magical stones and one another.

Byng, Georgia. **Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism.** Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City. **Series.**

Cabot, Meg. **Princess in love.** In a series of humorous diary entries, a New York City ninth grader agonizes over her love life, final exams, and future role as the princess of Genovia. **Series.**

Cabot, Meg. **All-American girl.** Sophomore Samantha Madison stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed teen ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.

Chabon, Michael. **Summerland.** The Ferishers, little creatures who ensure perfect weather for Summerland, are aided by one of history's worst baseball players in their struggle to save Summerland from giants, goblins, and other legendary, terrible creatures.

Clements, Andrew **Things not seen.** When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his and how to reverse it.

Clement-Davies, David, **The sight.** Morgra, a lone wolf that possesses a mysterious and terrifying power known as the Sight, sets off a battle that involves all of nature when she attempts to find a pup, born into a brave and loving pack, that holds the key to a power that could control the world. **Series.**

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl.** When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. **Series.**

Colfer, Eoin. **The Supernaturalist.** In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.

Collier, James Lincoln. **My Brother Sam is Dead.** Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Conly, Jane Leslie. **Crazy Lady.** As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.

Cooper, Susan. **The Boggart.** After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

Cooper, Susan. **Over Sea, Under Stone.** Three children on a holiday in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest for a grail that would reveal the true story of King Arthur and that entraps them in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the forces of the Dark. **Series.**

Creech, Sharon. **Heartbeat.** Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.

Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler.** Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Crilley, Mark. **Billy Clikk: Creatch Battler.** Billy Clikk, an ordinary 12 year old skater and extreme snowboarder who just may save the world.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin. **The Seeing Stone.** In late twelfth-century England, a thirteen-year-old boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical seeing stone which shows him images of the legendary King Arthur, the events of whose life seem to have many parallels to his own. **Series.**

Crowe, Chris. **Mississippi trial, 1955.** In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African-American from Chicago.

Crutcher, Chris. **Stotan.** A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud, Not Buddy.** Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963.** The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Cushman, Karen. **Catherine, Called Birdy.** The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Dessen, Sarah. **This lullaby : a novel** Remy, a master at getting rid of boyfriends before any emotional attachments form, finds herself strangely unwilling to free herself from Dexter, a messy, disorganized, impulsive musician who she suspects she has come to love.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux.** The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Draanen, Wendelin Van. **Sammy Keyes and the art of deception.** Seventh-grade sleuth Sammy Keyes investigates mysterious happenings at a local art gallery. **Series.**

Duane, Diane. **A Wizard Alone.** 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. **Series.**

DuPrau, Jeanne. **City of Ember.** In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. **The People of Sparks is the new sequel.**

Ellis, Deborah, **Parvana's journey.** With Kabul in ruins from the Taliban's control, Parvana dresses as a boy and sets out to leave Afghanistan in search of her family.

Engdahl, Sylvia. **Enchantress From the Stars.** Three civilizations from different planets in widely varying stages of development clash in what could be either a mutually disastrous or beneficial encounter. **Series.**

Ewing, Lynne. **Possession.** Serena, a moon goddess with the power to read minds, is possessed by the spirit of a woman who, in the thirteenth century, betrayed the evil Atrox and has now entangled Serena and herself in a plot to overthrow him. **Series.**

Farmer, Nancy. **The house of the scorpion.** In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Farmer, Nancy. **The Ear, the Eye and the Arm.** In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Fleischman, Sid. **Disappearing act.** After their archaeologist mother fails to return from Mexico and they discover that someone is stalking their Albuquerque house, twelve-year-old Kevin and his opera-singing older sister flee to Venice, California, where they hope that new identities will keep them safe.

Frank, E. R. **America : a novel.** America, a runaway boy who is being treated at Ridgeway, a New York hospital, finds himself opening up to one of the doctors on staff and revealing things about himself that he had always vowed to keep secret.

Funke, Cornelia. **The Thief Lord.** Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart.** Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

Furlong, Monica. **Wise Child.** Abandoned by both her parents, nine-year-old Wise Child goes to live with the witch woman Juniper, who begins to train her in the ways of herbs and magic. **Series.**

Gaiman, Neil. **Coraline.** Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Gantos, Jack. **What would Joey do?** Joey tries to keep his life from degenerating into total chaos when his mother sends him to be home-schooled with a hostile blind girl, his divorced parents cannot stop fighting, and his grandmother is dying of emphysema. **Series.**

George, Jean Craighead. **Julie of the Wolves.** While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Geras, Adele. **Troy.** The last weeks of the Trojan War find the women sick of tending the wounded, men tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses trying to find ways to stir things up.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Pictures of Hollis Woods.** A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Going, K.L. **Fat Kid Rules the World.** Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, gets a new perspective on life when Curt, a semi-homeless teen who is a genius on guitar, asks Troy to be the drummer in a rock band.

Griffin, Adele. **The Other Shepards.** Teenage Holland and her younger sister Geneva, having always lived under the shadow of siblings who died before they were born, struggle to establish separate identities and escape from the oppressive weight of their parents' continuing grief.

Gutman, Dan. **Shoeless Joe & me : a baseball card adventure.** Joe Stoshack travels back to 1919, where he meets Shoeless Joe Jackson and tries to prevent the fixing of the World Series in which Jackson was wrongly implicated. **Series.**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Among the Hidden.** In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. **Series.**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Turnabout.** After secretly receiving injections at the age of 100 that are meant to reverse the aging process, Melly and Anny Beth grow younger until, as teenagers, they try to find a guardian to take care of them as they return to infancy.

Hanley, Victoria. **The Seer and the Sword.** Princess Torina, who has the ability to see the future, and her friend Landen, who seeks a sword that belongs to his conquered kingdom, are separated when a treacherous murderer gains power, but from exile each works to restore peace and the rightful rulers.

Henkes, Kevin. **Olive's Ocean.** On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.

Hesse, Karen. **Witness.** A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot.** Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Hinton, S.E. **The Outsiders.** Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

Hobbs, Will. **Down the Yukon.** In the wake of Dawson City's Great Fire of 1899, sixteen-year-old Jason and his girlfriend Jamie canoe the Yukon River across Alaska in an epic race from Canada's Klondike to the new gold fields at Cape Nome. **Series.**

Hoffman, Mary. **Stravaganza : city of masks.** While sick in bed with cancer, Lucien begins making journeys to a place in a parallel world that resembles Venice, Italy, and he becomes caught up in the political intrigues surrounding the Duchessa who rules the city.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. **Dancing in the Cadillac Light.** In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas, is enlivened when her eccentric Grandpap comes to live with her family.

Horowitz, Anthony **Eagle Strike.** After a chance encounter with assassin Yassen Gregorovich in the South of France, teenage spy Alex Rider investigates international pop star and philanthropist Damian Cray whose new video game venture hides sinister motives involving Air Force One, nuclear missiles, and the international drug trade. **Series.**

Horvath, Polly. **The Canning Season.** Thirteen-year-old Ratchet spends a summer in Maine with her eccentric great-aunts Tilly and Penpen, hearing strange stories from the past and encountering a variety of unusual and colorful characters.

Howe, Norma. **Blue Avenger and the theory of everything.** While continuing to ponder the concepts of free will and time, Blue Avenger becomes involved in the schemes of a quirky multimillionaire that may determine not only Blue's financial future but also that of his girlfriend, Omaha Nebraska Brown. **Series.**

Ibbotson, Eva. **Island of the Aunts.** As they get older, several sisters decide that they must kidnap children and bring them to their secluded island home to help with the work of caring for an assortment of unusual sea creatures.

Ives, David. **Monsieur Eek.** When a chimpanzee arrives in MacOongafoonsen he is put on trial for being a thief and a French spy, resulting in some changes to the tiny town that delight Emmaline Perth, his thirteen-year-old defender.

Jacques, Brian. **Redwall.** When the peaceful life of 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. **Series.**

Jacques, Brian. **The angel's command : a tale from the castaways of the Flying Dutchman.** Ben and Ned, a boy and dog gifted with eternal youth and the ability to communicate with one another nonverbally, encounter pirates on the high seas and rescue a kidnapped prince from a band of gypsy thieves. **Series.**

Jarvis, Robin, **The final reckoning.** The Deptford Mice and their allies rush once again into battle with old enemies, grown much more powerful, as a devastatingly cold winter threatens to keep Green Mouse from returning in the spring. **Series.**

Jimenez, Francisco. **The Circuit.** Explores a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps, facing poverty and impermanence, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back-breaking work. **Series.**

Johnson, Angela. **Heaven.** Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.

Jones, Diana Wynne. **The Merlin conspiracy.** 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 Blest from destruction by power-hungry wizards.

Jordan, Robert. **New Spring: The Novel.** Moirain Damodred and Lan Mandragoran must find an infant that is prophesied to change the fate of the world before the forces of the Shadow have an opportunity to kill him. **Wheel of Time Series.**

Kehret, Peg. **Searching for Candlestick Park.** Determined to find his father and relive their good times, twelve-year-old Spencer takes his cat, slips away from home in Seattle, and sets out for San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

Kendall, Carol. **The Gammage Cup.** Threatened with destruction, the Minnipins, a group of tiny people, are saved only by the courage and resourcefulness of a few villagers. **Series.**

Kerr, M.E. **Snakes Don't Miss Their Mothers.** The animals at Critters animal shelter look forward to Christmas as well as the ever-present possibility of adoption.

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. **Lily B. on the Brink of Cool.** During her thirteenth summer, the "eventually internationally recognized writer" Lily Blennerhassett struggles to cope with life in her tremendously "uncool" family after meeting a much better one.

King, Stephen. **Eyes of the Dragon.** In the kingdom of Delain, a young prince must struggle against powerful forces to gain his rightful inheritance.

Klise, Kate. **Trial by Jury Journal.** In this illustrated novel told through journal entries, news clippings, and letters, twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case.

Koertge, Ron. **Shakespeare Bats Cleanup.** When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

Konigsburg, E.L. **Silent to the bone.** When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.

Korman, Gordon. **No More Dead Dogs.** Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Korman, Gordon. **Son of the mob.** When teenage Vince Luca--whose family connections make dating difficult--finally finds a girl worth pursuing, her father turns out to be the FBI agent whose life's goal is to take out Vince's mob boss dad.

Koss, Amy Goldman,. **Gossip Time Three.** The relationships between three friends change in seventh grade when they discover that two of them have a crush on the same boy.

Kurzwell, Allen. **Leon and the Spitting Image.** Leon, a fourth grader at the Classical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss Hagemeyer, with unexpected help from his final project - a doll with magical powers.

Lasky, Kathryn. **The Capture.** Four owls band together to save the owl world from an unimaginable evil. **Guardians of Ga'hoole Series.**

Lawrence, Caroline. **The Assassins of Rome.** Flavia and Nubia follow Jonathan to Rome and into the Golden House built by the emperor Nero, where a dangerous assassin lurks. **Roman Mysteries Series.**

Lawrence, Iain. **Lord of the Nutcracker Men.** An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

Lee, Harper. **To Kill a Mockingbird.** Eight-year-old "Scout" Finch tells of life in a small Alabama town where her father is a lawyer. **American classic – all 8th graders will read.**

Lee, Tanith. **Wolf tower.** 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. **Series.**

LeGuin, Ursula. **A Wizard of Earthsea.** A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard. **Series.**

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time.** Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. **Series.**

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

Levine, Gail Carson. **The Two Princesses of Bamarre.** With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Gray Death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

Lipsyte, Robert. **One Fat Summer.** An overweight fourteen-year-old boy experiences a turningpoint summer in which he learns to stand up for himself. **Series.**

London, Jack. **Call of the Wild.** This is the story of Buck, a dog abducted from his home and thrust into the merciless world of an Arctic north consumed by a quest for gold.

Lowry, Lois. **The Giver.** Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Companion books include **Gathering Blue** and **Messenger.**

Lubar, David. **Dunk.** Chad, hoping to work out his frustrations and his anger by taking a summer job as a dunk tank Bozo on the boardwalk at the New Jersey shore, comes to a better understanding of himself and the uses of humor as he undergoes training in the fine art of insults.

Lynch, Chris. **Who the man.** Thirteen-year-old Earl Pryor is much too big for his age, and much too powerful for the anger that rages within him when classmates tease him, the girl he likes disappoints him, or his parents' problems get too real.

MacHale, D.J. **Merchant of Death.** Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery. **Pendragon Series.**

Magorian, Michelle. **GoodNight, Mr. Tom.** A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.

Martin, Ann M., **A corner of the universe.** The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

Mazer, Harry. **The War on Villa Street.** A teen-age boy tries to come to terms with various aspects of his life, his relationship with his often drunk and abusive father, the menace of a local bully and his gang, and his love of running.

Mazer, Norma Fox. **Silver.** Despite their different backgrounds, Sarabeth, a teenager living with her mother in a trailer and transferring to a new school, makes friends with Grant and her affluent friends, including troubled Patty who shares a painful secret about her uncle.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. **The kite rider : a novel.** In thirteenth-century China, after trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, twelve-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan.

McCaffrey, Anne. **Dragonsong.** 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 who, along with her music, open a new life for her. **Series.**

McGraw, Eloise. **The Moorchild.** Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

McKinley, Robin. **The Blue Sword.** Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers. **Series.**

McNish, Cliff. **The Doomspell.** Rachel and her brother Eric are kidnapped by a witch and transported to another world, where the witch intends to remake Rachel in her own image, while others want the siblings to join in a rebellion against the evil witch.

Meyer, Carolyn,. **Doomed Queen Anne.** In 1520, thirteen-year-old Anne Boleyn, jealous of her older sister's beauty and position at court, declares that she will one day be queen of England, and that her sister will kneel at her feet.

Montgomery, L.M. **Anne of Green Gables.** An adventurous young orphan goes to live on a farm with an elderly brother and sister. **Series.**

Montes, Marisa. **A circle of time.** In 1996, a fourteen-year-old girl in a coma is forced back in time by a girl who died in 1906, and who needs help in righting a series of terrible wrongs.

Morris, Gerald, **The Squire's Tale.** 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. **Series.**

Myers, Walter Dean. **Scorpions.** After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Hoops.** A teenage basketball player from Harlem is befriended by a former professional player who, after being forced to quit because of a point shaving scandal, hopes to prevent other young athletes from repeating his mistake. **Series.**

Namioka, Lensey. **Ties That Bind, Ties That Break.** Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Daughter of Venice** Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice and then must confront the repercussions of her actions.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Including Alice.** Fifteen-year-old Alice finds it hard to adjust to the changes in her life when her father gets married and her brother moves to his own apartment. **Latest in series.**

Nicholson, William. **Firesong : an adventure.** Twins Bowman and Kestrel go on a journey to seek the promised land. Sequel to **The Wind Singer** and **Slaves of the Mastery.**

Nickerson, Sara. **How to disappear completely and never be found.** With a swimming medal, the key to a mansion, and a comic book about a half-man/half-rat as her only clues, a twelve-year-old girl seeks the true story of her father's mysterious death four years earlier near an island in the Pacific Northwest.

Nimmo, Jenny. **Midnight for Charlie Bone.** 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. **Series.**

Nix, Garth. **Abhorsen.** Abhorsen-In-Waiting Lirael and Prince Sameth, a Wallmaker, must confront and bind the evil spirit Orannis before it can destroy all life. Sequel to **Sabriel** and **Lirael.**

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

Nolan, Han. **Dancing on the Edge.** A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates for herself an alternative world which nearly results in her death but which ultimately leads her to reality.

Oates, Joyce Carol. **Big Mouth & Ugly Girl.** When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.

O'Brien, Robert C. **The Silver Crown.** On her tenth birthday, Ellen wakes up to find a silver crown on her pillow; a few minutes later her house burns up and her parents disappear, and she is launched on an adventure involving a trek through the woods, a castle full of brainwashed captives, and the powerful Hieronymus Machine which wants her crown.

O'Dell, Scott. **Sing Down the Moon.** A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Airborn.** Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures. **Brand new book by the Author of the Silverwing Trilogy.**

Orlev, Uri. **Run, boy, Run.** Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

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

Park, Linda Sue. **When my name was Keoko.** With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Paterson, Katherine. **The same stuff as stars.** When Angel's self-absorbed mother leaves her and her younger brother with their poor great-grandmother, the eleven-year-old girl worries not only about her mother and brother, her imprisoned father, the frail old woman, but also about a mysterious man who begins sharing with her the wonder of the stars.

Paulsen, Gary. **Harris and Me.** Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.

Peck, Richard. **A Long Way From Chicago.** A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. **Series.**

Peters, Julie Anne. **Define Normal.** When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend.

Philbrick, Rodman. **The Last Book in the Universe.** After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

Pierce, Tamora. **Trickster's Choice.** Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy. **"Alanna" Series.**

Powell, Randy. **Tribute to another Dead Rock Star.** For a tribute to his mother, a dead rock star, fifteen-year-old Grady returns to Seattle, where he faces his mixed feelings for his retarded younger half-brother Louie while pondering his own future.

Pratchett, Terry. **The Wee Free Men.** A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

Pullman, Philip, **Ruby in the Smoke.** In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby. **Series.**

Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game.** The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Rawls, Wilson. **Summer of the Monkeys.** In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.

Rees, Celia. **Witch Child.** In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts. **Series.**

Reiss, Kathryn. **Paperquake** Certain that she is being drawn by more than coincidences into the lives of people living nearly 100 years ago, Violet, who feels like the odd sister in a set of triplets, searches for clues to help her avert an imminent tragedy.

Rennison, Louise. **Away Laughing on a Fast Camel.** The saga of teenager Georgia Nicolson continues in diary entries About her life after her boyfriend goes off to Kiwi-agogoland, leaving her to do without him. **Latest in the Series.**

Rinaldi, Ann. **The Last Silk Dress.** During the Civil War, Susan finds a way to help the Confederate Army and in the process uncovers a series of mysterious family secrets.

Roberts, Katherine. **Crystal mask.** After years of peace, the enemies of the Singers are once again gaining strength, and it is up to Renn, the novice Singer, and Shaiala, a wild girl, to save their homeland. **Series.**

Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.** Fifteen-year-old wizard Harry Potter struggles with a threatening teacher, problematic house elf, the dread of upcoming final exams, and haunting dreams that hint toward his mysterious past. **Series.**

Sachar, Louis. **Holes.** As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Salisbury, Graham. **Under the Blood Red sun.** Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Seidler, Tor. **Brainboy and the Deathmaster.** When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.

Shan, Darren. **Cirque du freak : Hunters of the Dusk.** Darren Shan leaves Vampire Mountain as part of an elite force on a life-and-death mission to find the newly-risen Vampaneze Lord, who is set to lead the vampaneze into war against the vampires. **Latest in the series.**

Shange, Ntozake. **Daddy says.** Twelve-year-old Lucie-Marie and her older sister Annie Sharon attempt to deal with the death of their mother in a rodeo accident, while hoping to follow in her footsteps as championship riders.

Sheldon, Dyan. **Confessions of a Teen-age Drama Queen.** In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

Sleator, William. **The Duplicate.** Sixteen-year-old David, finding a strange machine that creates replicas of living organisms, duplicates himself and suffers the horrible consequences when the duplicate turns against him.

Snicket, Lemony. **The carnivorous carnival.** On the run as suspected murderers, the unlucky Baudelaire orphans find themselves trapped in the Caligari Carnival, where they must masquerade as freaks in order to hide from the evil Count Olaf. **Series of Unfortunate Events.**

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. **The Unseen.** Feeling angry and out-of-place in her large family, twelve-year-old Xandra finds a magical key to a world of ghostly, sometimes frightening, phantoms that help her see herself and her siblings more clearly.

Soto, Gary. **Taking Sides.** Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Milkweed.** Survival in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. **Shiva's Fire.** In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art.

Steinbeck, John. **The Red Pony.** The classic story of a boy's journey to manhood under the joys and hardships of ranch life.

Stroud, Jonathan. **The Amulet of the Samarkand.** Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, becomes caught in a web of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion, after he summons the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Loveland.

Taylor, Mildred. **Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry.** An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children don't understand. **Series.**

Tolan, Stephanie S. **Surviving the Applewhites.** Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Tolkien, J.R.R. **The Fellowship of the Ring.** The first volume of a three-volume epic adventure set in the fantasy world of the Third Age of Middle-earth, a world inhabited by many strange beings. **Lord of the Rings Trilogy.**

Turner, Megan Whelan. **The Thief.** 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. **Series.**

Twain, Mark. **Adventures of Tom Sawyer.** The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.

Vande Velde, Vivian. **Heir apparent.** While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

Voigt, Cynthia. **Homecoming.** Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity. **Series.**

Weeks, Sarah. **So B, it: A Novel.** After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agora phobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

Weis, Margaret. **Dragons of a vanished moon.** The third volume in the War of Souls trilogy finds a small band of heroes turning to the Dragon Overlord Malys for help in fighting the invincible warrior Mina who has decided to move against Sanction. **Series.**

Whelan, Gloria. **Chu Ju's House.** In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Hush.** Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.

Wrede, Patricia C. **Dealing With Dragons.** Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom. **Series.**

Yee, Lisa. **Millicent Min, Girl Genius.** In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Yep, Laurence. **Case of the Goblin Pearls.** Lily and her aunt, a Chinese American movie actress, join forces to solve the theft of some priceless pearls and stop the operator of a sweatshop in San Francisco's Chinatown. **Series.**

Yolen, Jane. **Odysseus in the Serpent Maze.** Thirteen-year-old Odysseus, who longs to be a hero, has many opportunities to prove himself during an adventure which involves pirates and satyrs, a trip to Crete's Labyrinth, and the two young girls, Penelope and Helen, who play a major role in his future life.

Yolen, Jane. **Sword of the rightful king : a novel of King Arthur** Merlinus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England--pulling a sword from a stone—but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.