FANTASY

Adams, Richard

Watership Down

In a constant struggle against oppression, a group of rabbits search for peaceful co-existence.

Adevemi, Toni

Children of Blood and Bone (and sequel)

Ist book in Legacy of Orisha series. Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Anderson, Robert L. Dreamland

Odea Donahue has been able to travel through people's dreams since she was six years old, but when Dea breaks the rules, dreams start to become reality.

Aveyard, Victoria Realm Breaker (and sequels)

A strange darkness grows in Allward. Even Corayne can feel it, tucked away in her small town at the edge of the sea. She soon discovers the truth: She is the last of an ancient lineage--and the last hope to save the world from destruction. But she won't be alone. Even as darkness falls, she is joined by a band of unlikely companions: A squire, forced to choose between home and honor. An immortal, avenging a broken promise. An assassin, exiled and bloodthirsty. An ancient sorceress, whose riddles hide an eerie foresight. A forger with a secret past. A bounty hunter with a score to settle. Together they stand against a vicious opponent, invincible and determined to burn all kingdoms to ash, and an army unlike anything the realm has ever witnessed.

Aveyard, Victoria Red Queen (and sequels)

When her latent supernatural powers manifest in front of a noble court, Mare, a thief in a world divided between commoners and superhumans, is forced to assume the role of lost princess before risking everything to help a growing rebellion.

The city of Noor offers a lush blend of culture, faith, and language, as citizens originating from various points along the Silk Road rebuild it into a teeming trade stop following a recent massacre. Fatima, one of only three survivors of the Shayateen djinn attack eight years ago, lives a simple life with her adoptive sister, until a catastrophic encounter with a powerful Ifrit djinni reveals the fire within her and changes her life forever. When the threat of the Shayateen looms again and political unrest pushes the country toward civil war, Fatima must overcome her grief and fear and tap into her newfound abilities to protect her family, friends, and beloved city.

Azad, Nafiza Road of the Lost

Croi is compelled by a summoning spell to leave her home in the Wilde Forest and travel into the Otherworld where the enchantment that made her into a brownie begins to break, revealing her true identity, her hidden magick, and her forgotten heritage.

Bannen, Megan Soulswift

Gelya is a Vessel, a girl who channels the word of the One True God through song. Cloistered with the other Vessels of her faith, she believes--as all Ovinists do--that a saint imprisoned Elath the Great Demon centuries ago, saving humanity from earthly temptation. When Gelya stumbles into a deadly cover-up by the Ovinists' military, she reluctantly teams up with Tavik, an enemy soldier, to survive. Tavik believes that Elath is actually a mother goddess who must be set free, but while he succeeds in opening Her prison, he inadvertently turns Gelya into Elath's unwilling human vessel. Now the church that raised Gelya considers her a threat. In a race against the clock, she and Tavik must find a way to exorcise Elath's presence from her body. But will this release stop the countdown to the end of the world, or will it be the cause of the earth's destruction?

Bardugo, Leigh King of Scars

When the dark magical force within him challenges his effort to forge new alliances and build a defense against a new threat, Nikolai Lantsov, the young king of Ravka, embarks on a journey to his country's most magical places to vanquish it.

Bardugo, Leigh Shadow and Bone (and sequels)

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protege of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Bardugo, Leigh

Six of Crows (and sequel)

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first.

Bardugo, Leigh Wonder Woman: Warbringer

Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, daughter of Hippolyta—and desperate for her mother's approval. When Diana witnesses a shipwreck, she decides she cannot let the sole survivor drown. But when disease begins to afflict Diana's Amazon sisters and earthquakes shake the island of Themyscira, it becomes clear that Diana's choice to rescue Alia has consequences she never could have imagined.

Beddor, Frank The Looking Glass Wars (and sequels)

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.

Bennett, Jenn The Lady Rogue

In 1937, teenaged Theodora Fox and her crush, Huck, set out through the Carpathian Mountains seeking her missing father and the cursed ring of Vlad the Impaler, which he was seeking.

Blair, Katharyn The Beckoning Shadow

Vesper Montgomery can summon your worst fear and turn it into a reality—but she's learned the hard way that it's an addicting and dangerous power. One wrong move and you could hurt someone you love. When she earns a spot in the Tournament of the Unraveling, where competitors battle it out for a chance to rewrite the past, Vesper finally has a shot to reverse the mistakes that have changed her forever. She turns to Sam Hardy, a former MMA fighter who's also carrying a tragedy he desperately wants to undo. However, helping heal Sam's heart will mean breaking her own, and the competition forces her to master her powers—powers she has been terrified of since they destroyed her life.

Bonnin, Elisa A. Stolen City

When twin thieves, Arian and Cavar, attempt to pull off a daring heist, they find themselves embroiled in court politics and family secrets, making their mission more than just another artifact theft.

Bowman, Erin Dustborn

When raiders sent by a man known as the General attack her village, Delta suspects he is searching for her. Delta sets out to rescue her family but quickly learns that in the Wastes no one can be trusted--perhaps not even her childhood friend, Asher, who has been missing for nearly a decade. If Delta can trust Asher, she just might decode the map and trade evidence of the Verdant to the General for her family. What Delta doesn't count on is what waits at the Verdant: a long-forgotten secret that will shake the foundation of her entire world.

Bracken, Alexandra Silver in the Bone

Tamsin Lark goes on a quest to find the infamous ring from Arthurian legend to break her brother's curse.

Brennan, Sarah Rees Unspoken (and sequels)

Ist book in The Lynburn Legacy. "Kami Glass is in love with someone she's never met--a boy she's talked to in her head since she was born. This has made her an outsider in the sleepy English town of Sorry-in-the-Vale, but she has learned ways to turn that to her advantage. Her life seems to be in order, until disturbing events begin to occur. The Lynburn family, who ruled the town a generation ago and who all left without warning, have returned. Now Kami can see that the town she has known and loved all her life is hiding a multitude of secrets. The key to it all just might be the boy in her head—the boy she thought was imaginary but who is real."

Browne, N. M. Basilisk

Two teens who discover they are sharing the same dream of dragons fight to stop the evil dictator from bringing their dreams to life in the form of a terrible basilisk with the power to literally scare people to death.

Buckley, Michael Undertow (and sequels)

A sixteen-year-old girl is caught in an epic clash of civilizations when a society of undersea warriors marches out of the ocean into modern-day Coney Island.

Caine, Rachel Ink and Bone (and sequels)

1st book in the Great Library series. In a world where the Great Library of Alexandria governs the flow of information to the people, Jess discovers that those who control the Library believe that knowledge is more valuable than human life after his friend inadvertently commits heresy.

Carey, Janet Lee Dragon's Keep (and sequel)

In 1145 A.D., as foretold by Merlin, Rosalind, who will be the twenty-first Pendragon Queen of Wilde Island, has much to accomplish to fulfill her destiny while hiding from her people the dragon's claw she was born with that reflects only one of her mother's dark secrets.

Carriger, Gail Etiquette & Espionage (and sequel)

1st book in the Finishing School series. In an alternate England of 1851, spirited Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where, she is surprised to learn, lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

Cashore, Kristin Fire

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her. Even with these gifts, she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world. Companion novel to Graceling.

Cashore, Kristin Graceling (and sequel)

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Charbonneau, Joelle Dividing Eden (and sequel)

When their father and older sibling are killed by assassins, a pair of royal twins who were never destined to rule are forced to compete against each other in a dangerous trial that is shaped by the schemes of a power-hungry ruling council.

Chapman, Elsie Caster

Aza Wu knows that casting magic can kill--it killed her sister--but she needs money desperately to pay off Saint Willow, who controls her sector of Lotusland, and save the family teahouse, so she secretly enters an underground casting tournament--and finds herself competing against other castors with "full magic." Even victory could cause her to lose her freedom, her magic, and her life.

Chee, Traci A Thousand Steps into Night

In the realm of Awara, where gods, monsters, and humans exist side by side, Miuko is an ordinary girl resigned to a safe, if uneventful, existence as an innkeeper's daughter. But when Miuko is cursed and begins to transform into a demon with a deadly touch, she embarks on a quest to reverse the curse and return to her normal life. Aided by a thieving magpie spirit and continuously thwarted by a demon prince, Miuko must outfox tricksters, escape demon hunters, and negotiate with feral gods if she wants to make it home again. But with her transformation comes power and freedom she never even dreamed of, and she'll have to decide if saving her soul is worth trying to cram herself back into an ordinary life that no longer fits her... and perhaps never did.

Chima, Cinda Williams The Demon King (and sequels)

Ist book in the Seven Realms series. Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court.

Chima, Cinda Williams The Warrior Heir (and sequels)

1st book in the Heir trilogy. After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

Chokshi, Roshani The Gilded Wolves (and sequels)

Keeping close secrets in the wake of the Exposition Universelle in 1889 Paris, a wealthy hotelier and treasure-hunter is tapped by a powerful order to lead an elite team on a quest to track down an ancient artifact of world-changing significance.

Christo, Alexandra Princess of Souls

Sixteen-year-old witch Selestra Somniatis, bound to steal souls for an immortal king, discovers her fate is tied to Nox Laederic, a reckless, doomed boy who is trying to bring down her kingdom.

Cluess, Jessica House of Dragons

When the emperor dies, the five royal houses of Etrusia attend the calling where one of their own will be selected to compete for the throne.

Cluess, Jessica A Shadow Bright and Burning (and sequels)

When her unusual powers mark her as the one destined to lead the war against the seven Ancients, Henrietta trains to become the first female sorcerer in centuries--though the true nature of her ability threatens to be revealed.

Coakley, Lena Worlds of Ink and Shadow

Living an isolated life in their strict father's parsonage out on the English moors, the Bronte siblings have always been inseparable, their vivid imaginations actually transporting them into their created worlds: the glittering Verdopolis and the romantic and melancholy Gonday. When Branwell begins to slip into madness and the sisters feel their real lives slipping away, they must weigh the cost of their powerful imaginations, even as their characters--the brooding Rogue and dashing Duke of Zamorna--refuse to let them go.

Cohoe, Samantha A Golden Fury

Thea Hope and her mother are close to creating the legendary Philosopher's Stone, whose properties include immortality and can turn any metal into gold. Just when the promise of the Stone's riches is in their grasp, Thea's mother destroys the Stone in a sudden fit of violent madness. Thea learns that there's a curse on the Stone that causes anyone who tries to make it to lose their sanity. With the threat of the French Revolution looming, Thea is sent to Oxford for her safety, to live with the father who doesn't know she exists. There are alchemists at Oxford who are also after the Stone-- and don't believe Thea's warning about the curse. Soon she will have to choose—create the Stone and sacrifice her sanity, or let the people she loves die.

Colfer, Eoin Artemis Fowl (and sequels)

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.

Condie, Allyson Matched (and sequels)

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate--until Ky Markham's face appears for an instant before the screen fades to black.

Curran, Kim Shift (and sequel)

If you had the power to undo any decision in the blink of an eye, what would you change?

Doyle, Marissa Bewitching Season

In 1837, as seventeen-year-old twins Persephone and Penelope are starting their first London Season, they find that their beloved governess, who has taught them everything they know about magic, has disappeared.

Drake, Brenda Thief of Lies

When a boy disappears before her, Gia begins examining the book of world libraries that he abandoned and unwittingly speaks the key that transports her and her friends through the gateway book into a Paris library and the magical world of Mystik.

Ellickson, Ana The Vanishing Station

Eighteen-year-old Ruby Santos, grappling with her mother's death and financial struggles, discovers her father's secret life as a magical underworld delivery person, leading her to take over his station and jump train lines, only to realize the perilous nature of the job and the dangerous world she has entered.

Eshbaugh, Julie Crown of Oblivion

Astrid, indentured to the royal class and long-time surrogate for Princess Renya's punishments, impetuously decides to risk her life and compete in a cutthroat race in order to win her family's freedom.

Faizal, Hafsah We Hunt the Flame (and sequel)

Magic disappeared long ago from Arawiya, and the kingdom is suffering for it. Zafira the Hunter disguises herself as a man to brave the cursed Arz, a forest that drives any who enter it insane. As the only soul capable of leaving the Arz whole, Zafira must feed her village with her routine hunts. Meanwhile, Nasir, the Prince of Death, strikes fear across the land as its most skilled assassin, efficiently cutting down anyone who poses a threat to his father's rule. Political unrest and a dying land force Zafira on a quest to restore magic to Arawiya before the encroaching forest consumes them all, and Nasir is set on her trail to retrieve the prize first and kill her.

Fforde, Jasper The Eyre Affair

In an alternative London where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters, including Jane Eyre, from works of literature.

Fforde, Jasper The Last Dragonslayer

As magic fades from the world, Jennifer Strange is having trouble keeping her magician employment agency business afloat until she begins having visions that foretell the death of the last dragon and the coming of Big Magic.

Fieler, K. J. Shadow Runner

Born to aristocracy, Ada will marry and never want for anything... except freedom. She yearns for adventure, lives for her chess games with Papa, and is captivated by family stories of Grandmama's escapades in America. However, when a muchanticipated male heir is finally born, she'll lose everything and spend the rest of her life tatting lace and having tea with lady friends. A ghostly visitor and a series of seemingly supernatural events unexpectedly delivers Ada from the mundane--but no one could have predicted the darkness that comes with it. Taken in and raised by a secret society, she's forced to abandon her own moral compass when she is required to lie and steal--and is groomed as an assassin. As Ada comes of age, she must uphold the mantle of her mistress and become a predator, targeting members of the very nobility to which she was born. The only other choice is to leave the organization as a fugitive--but if she leaves, she must forsake the two people she loves more than herself: her captor and her adopted sister, both of whom will almost certainly be slain as punishment for her disloyalty.

Fine, Sarah The Impostor Queen (and sequels)

Chosen to be their queen, Elli grows up surrounded by luxury only to be banished when she fails to inherit essential magic, a situation that leads to devastating revelations about her world's magic and the role Elli was meant to play.

Fisher, Catherine Incarceron (and sequel)

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape.

Flanagan, John The Outcasts (and sequels)

Ist book in the Brotherband Chronicles series. Hal, who does not fit into Skandian society, ends up in a brotherband (a group of boys learning the skills that they need to become warriors) with other outcasts. They compete with other brotherbands in a series of challenges.

Flanagan, John The Ruins of Gorlan (and sequels)

*I*st book in the Ranger's Apprentice series. When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Forbes, Lani Face the Night

The adopted daughter of an outlaw, Catriona Macgregor, once the Blessed, meets a renegade priest who helps her understand how her ability may be part of a much bigger picture--one involving facing the man who ordered her parents killed and his son, who betrayed them all.

Friesen, Jonathan Unfolding

Jonah, who suffers from scoliosis and epileptic seizures, worries that he will lose his best friend when she has a premonition warning her to leave town.

Gaiman, Neil The Graveyard Book

Nobody Owens is a normal boy—except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

Gaiman, Neil Neverwhere

After he helps a stranger on a London sidewalk, Richard Mayhew discovers an alternate city beneath London and must fight to survive if he is to return to the London he knew.

Gaiman, Neil Stardust

In the quiet English hamlet of Wall, Tristran Thorn embarks on a remarkable journey through the world of Faerie to recover a fallen star for his lover, the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester.

Goldman, William The Princess Bride

What happens when the most beautiful girl in the world marries the handsomest prince of all time who turns out to be...well...a lot less than the man of her dreams?

Goodman, Alison Eon: Dragoneye Reborn (and sequel)

Eon has disguised herself as a boy in order to study Dragon Magic and become a Dragoneye, one of a select group that forms a conduit to the power of energy dragon. If the secret of her gender comes out, she will be killed.

Gregson, Marc J. Sky's End

Exiled to live as a Low, sixteen-year-old Conrad refuses to become heir to his murderous uncle. But Meritocracy is a harsh and unforgiving rule on the floating island of Holmstead. When his ailing mother is killed by monstrous gorgantauns, Conrad cuts a deal to save the only family he has left. To rescue his sister from his uncle's clutches, Conrad must enter the Selection of the Twelve Trades.

Hamilton, Alwyn

Rebel of the Sands (and sequels)

Amani is desperate to leave the dead-end town of Dustwalk, and she's counting on her sharpshooting skills to help her escape. But after she meets Jin, the mysterious rebel running from the Sultan's army, she unlocks the powerful truth about the desert nation of Miraji . . . and about herself.

Hardinge, Frances A Face Like Glass

When Neverfell, who has no memory, arrives in Caverna, her facial expressions make her very dangerous to the people who live with blank faces or pay dearly to learn to simulate emotions.

Hardinge, Frances The Lie Tree

On an island off the south coast of Victorian England, fourteen-year-old Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal, and discovers a tree that feeds upon lies and gives those who eat its fruit visions of truth.

Hardinge, Frances Unraveller

Kellen and Nettle live in a world where anyone can create a life-destroying curse, but only one person has the power to unravel them. Not everyone is happy he can do so, and, suddenly, he's in a race to save both himself and all those who have been touched by magic.

Hartman, Rachel Seraphina (and sequel)

In a world where dragons and humans exist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

He, Joan Strike the Zither

The year is 414 of the Xin Dynasty, and chaos abounds. A puppet empress is on the throne. The realm has fractured into three factions and three warlordesses hoping to claim the continent for themselves. But Zephyr knows it's no contest. Orphaned at a young age, Zephyr took control of her fate by becoming the best strategist of the land and serving under Xin Ren, a warlordess whose loyalty to the empress is double-edged--while Ren's honor draws Zephyr to her cause, it also jeopardizes their survival in a war where one must betray or be betrayed. When Zephyr is forced to infiltrate an enemy camp to keep Ren's followers from being slaughtered, she encounters the enigmatic Crow, an opposing strategist who is finally her match. But there are more enemies than one--and not all of them are human.

Henning, Sarah The Princess Will Save You (and sequels)

When her warrior father, King Sendoa, mysteriously dies, Princess Amarande of Ardenia is given what would hardly be considered a choice: marry a stranger at sixteen or lose control of her family's crown. But Amarande was raised to be a warrior—not a sacrifice. In an attempt to force her choice, a neighboring kingdom kidnaps her true love, stable boy Luca. With her kingdom on the brink of civil war and no one to trust, she'll need all her skill to save him, her future, and her kingdom.

Hodge, Rosamund Cruel Beauty

Betrothed to the demon who rules her country and trained all her life to kill him, seventeen-year-old Nyx Triskelion must now fulfill her destiny and move to the castle to be his wife.

Holland, Sara Everless (and sequel)

In the kingdom of Sempera, time is currency—extracted from blood, bound to iron, and consumed to add time to one's own lifespan. The rich aristocracy, like the Gerlings, tax the poor to the hilt, extending their own lives by centuries.

Houck, Colleen Tiger's Curse (and sequels)

Seventeen-year-old Oregon teenager Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who is actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity. She travels with him to India where the tiger's curse may be broken once and for all.

Howard A. G. Shades of Rust and Ruin

Phoenix "Nix" Loring knows her family is under a Halloween curse. When she was three, her parents died on October 31st; eleven years later, her twin sister Lark suffered a similar fate. Nix battles survivor guilt; she can't even find comfort in Clarey, Lark's boyfriend and the one person who understands her pain. All that remains are her sketches, where she finds solace among the goblins and faeries in her imaginary world of Mystiquel. When her depression starts affecting her ability to see color, Nix all but gives up on her art. When her uncle goes missing on Halloween day, Nix and Clarey follow his trail-- and step through a portal, becoming trapped inside a decaying version of their town filled with Nix's own sketches come to life.

Howard, A. G. Splintered (and sequels)

A descendant of the inspiration for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, sixteen-year-old Alyssa Gardner fears she is mentally ill like her mother until she finds that Wonderland is real and, if she passes a series of tests to fix Alice's mistakes, she may save her family from their curse.

Ibrahim, Maiya Spice Road

When she learns that her brother is spreading the nation's secret spice magic to outsiders, sixteen-year-old Shield warrior Imani sets out on a dangerous mission to find him, discovering secrets that lie beyond the Forbidden Wastes--and in her own heart.

Ifueko, Jordan Raybearer (and sequel)

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.

James, Vic Gilded Cage (and sequel)

Welcome to a world where magic grants you access to all the benefits of wealth and power. This is the story of two families, one from magic and one not. When Abi comes up with a plan to help her family by having them serve one of the most powerful magical families, she thinks it will save them. But when her brother is sent to one of the harshest work camps, the plan seems less likely to keep them alive. Her brother must face the dangers of slavery while Abi and the others will see grandeur and wealth but also see the rotten core that is gilded in gold.

John, Antony Elemental (and sequels)

In a dystopian colony of the United States where everyone is born with powers of the elements, water, wind, earth, and fire, sixteen-year-old Thomas, the first and only child born without an element seems powerless, but is he?

Jones, Diana Wynne Howl's Moving Castle (and sequel)

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.

Jordan, Sophie Firelight (and sequels)

When sixteen-year-old Jacinda, who can change into a dragon, is forced to move away from her community of shapeshifters and start a more normal life, she falls in love with a boy who proves to be her most dangerous enemy.

Kemmerer, Brigid A Curse So Dark and Lonely (and sequels)

Retelling of Beauty and the Beast. Turning 18 for the three hundred twenty-seventh time, Prince Rhen despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast at the end of each day-then Harper enters his life.

King, Stephen The Eves of the Dragon

After Flagg, the evil court magician, sees a mouse chance upon a grain of dragon sand behind Prince Peter's shelves and die--as did the king--in fire and smoke, he plots to imprison Peter in the Needle and seize control of the kingdom.

King, Stephen Fairy Tale: A Novel

Charlie Reade looks like a regular high school kid, great at baseball and football, a decent student. But he carries a heavy load. His mom was killed in a hit-and-run accident when he was seven, and grief drove his dad to drink. Charlie learned how to take care of himself-and his dad. When Charlie is seventeen, he meets a dog named Radar and her aging master, Howard Bowditch, a recluse in a big house at the top of a big hill, with a locked shed in the backyard. Sometimes strange sounds emerge from it. Charlie starts doing odd jobs for Mr. Bowditch and loses his heart to Radar. Then, when Bowditch dies, he leaves Charlie a cassette tape telling a story no one would believe. What Bowditch knows, and has kept secret all his long life, is that inside the shed is a portal to another world.

Landers, Melissa Lumara

In a world where magical Mystics exist alongside humans, sixteen-year-old Talia is thrust into the most powerful and secretive Mystic family--and accused of trying to murder them.

Landy, Derek Skulduggery Pleasant

When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

Lewis, C. S. The Chronicles of Narnia (seven books in one)

This book includes the entire Narnia series beginning with The Magician's Nephew (when Digory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up, and they all land in Narnia where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech).

Liang, Ann

If You Could See the Sun

Alice Sun has always felt invisible at her elite Beijing international boarding school. She's the only scholarship student—and and now her parents can no longer afford her tuition, even with the scholarship. Alice hatches a plan. She has actually started to develop the power to turn completely invisible and will monetize her new power by discovering the scandalous secrets her classmates want to know—for a price. As the tasks escalate from petty scandals to actual crimes, Alice must decide if it's worth losing her conscience—or even her life

Lim, Elizabeth Spin the Dawn

When a royal messenger comes calling, Maia Tamarin uproots her life as a seamstress to take her father's place at the Summer Palace. Posing as her brother, Maia competes for the title of imperial tailor amid schemes, lies, and one very persistent court enchanter, Edan. Her final test as a tailor launches her on a journey across the kingdom to create three legendary dresses out of the laughter of the sun, the tears of the moon, and the blood of stars. However, completing this task means testing the limits of body, mind, and soul--something Maia may not be ready for.

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.

Lu, Marie Batman: Nightwalker

The Nightwalkers are terrorizing Gotham City, and Bruce Wayne is next on their list. Bruce will walk the dark line between trust and betrayal as the Nightwalkers circle closer.

Lu, Marie The Kingdom of Back

Nannerl Mozart, elder sister to Wolfgang, is skilled enough at the clavier that her father believes she could gain renown as a child prodigy. Her passion for music extends beyond her exacting father's expectations--she composes music in secret, dreaming of achieving fame despite it being a craft forbidden to women. But as she grows and Woferl's superlative talents begin to become apparent, Nannerl realizes that it is assumed she will eventually abandon her art to become a wife and mother while Woferl pursues musical glory. Hope arrives unexpectedly one quiet afternoon when a magical world opens up to the siblings: the Kingdom of Back, a faerie realm illuminated by twin moons, populated by forests of mysterious trees whose roots stretch up into the sky, with edelweiss blanketing the ground. Hyacinth, the mysterious fae-like boy who inhabits the forests, promises that if Nannerl completes tasks for him, he will grant her deepest wishes. But as the years pass and events in the Kingdom of Back correspond unsettlingly to real-world calamities, Nannerl begins to question Hyacinth's true motives and weigh her intense desire to be remembered against potential consequences and her fierce love for her brother.

Lu, Marie The Young Elites (and sequels)

Adelina Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.

Maas, Sarah J. Catwoman: Soulstealer

Two years after escaping Gotham City's slums, Selina Kyle returns as the mysterious and wealthy Holly Vanderhees. She quickly discovers that with Batman off on a vital mission, Gotham City looks ripe for the taking.

Maas, Sarah J. Throne of Glass (and sequels)

After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers eighteen-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin.

Mafi, Tahereh This Woven Kingdom (and sequels)

To all the world, Alizeh is a disposable servant, not the long-lost heir to an ancient Jinn kingdom forced to hide in plain sight. The crown prince, Kamran, has heard the prophecies foretelling the death of his king. But he could never have imagined that the servant girl with the strange eyes, the girl he can't put out of his mind, would one day soon uproot his kingdom--and the world.

Maguire, Gregory Egg & Spoon

In 1905 czarist Russia, an impoverished country girl Elena and the aristocratic Ekatrina meet and set in motion an escapade that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince traveling incognito, and the witch Baba Yaga.

Maguire, Gregory Wicked

Set in an Oz where a morose Wizard battles suicidal thoughts, the story of the green-skinned Elphaba, otherwise known as the Wicked Witch of the West, profiles her as an animal-rights activist striving to avenge her dear sister's death.

Mara, Sunya

The Darkening (and sequel)

Vesper Vale is the daughter of revolutionaries. Failed revolutionaries. When her mother was caught by the queen's soldiers, they gave her a choice: death by the hangman's axe or death by the Storm that surrounds the city and curses anyone it touches. She chose the Storm. When the queen's soldiers--led by a paranoid prince--catch up to Vesper's father after twelve years on the run, Vesper will do whatever it takes to save him from sharing that fate.

Matharu, Taran The Novice (and sequels)

Ist book in The Summoner series. When Fletcher, a blacksmith's apprentice, learns he can summon demons, he travels with his demon to an academy for adepts where he is to train as a Battlemage in the Empire's war against the orcs—but he discovers that all is not as it seems.

Meyer, Marissa Heartless

In this prequel to Alice in Wonderland, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

Meyer, Marissa Renegades (and sequels)

The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies—humans with extraordinary abilities—who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone . . . except the villains they once overthrew.

Miller, G. F. Glimpsed

Charity doesn't wear a poofy dress or go around waving a wand, but she is a fairy godmother. She knows the deepest desires of the student population at Jack London High School -- because she can glimpse their perfect futures. When Charity fulfills a glimpse that gets Vindhya crowned homecoming queen, it ends in disaster. Suddenly, every wish Charity has ever granted is called into question. Noah, the diabolical ex of one of her past clients, blames Charity for sabotaging his prom plans and demands that she stop granting wishes and help him get his girl back. Can the fairy godmother ever get the happily ever after?

Mills, Emma Something Close to Magic

Seventeen-year-old Aurelie, a baker's apprentice, reluctantly agrees to assist a bounty hunter named Iliana and finds herself on an adventure full of magic, new friendships, and a prince in distress.

Monsef, Kiyash Once There Was

When fifteen-year-old Iranian American Marjan discovers her murdered father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures, she realizes she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers.

Murphy, Emily Bain Splinters of Scarlet

In nineteenth-century Copenhagen, an orphaned seamstress goes to work for a retired ballerina and uses her magic to investigate her father's mysterious death which occurred while he was working for the same family years ago.

Nanua, Sarena Sisters of the Snake

A street thief and a princess discover they are twins separated at birth and must switch places to find an all-powerful stone to prevent a deadly war from taking place.

Ness, Patrick Burn

Sarah Dewhurst and her father, outcasts in their little town of Frome, Washington, are forced to hire a dragon to work their farm, something only the poorest of the poor ever have to resort to. The dragon, Kazimir, has more to him than meets the eye, though. Sarah can't help but be curious about him, an animal who supposedly doesn't have a soul but who is seemingly intent on keeping her safe-because the dragon knows something she doesn't. He has arrived at the farm with a prophecy on his mind—a prophecy that involves a deadly assassin, a cult of dragon worshippers, two FBI agents in hot pursuit -- and somehow, Sarah Dewhurst herself.

Nix, Garth The Left-Handed Booksellers of London

In a slightly alternate London in 1983, Susan Arkshaw is looking for her father, a man she has never met. Crime boss Frank Thringley might be able to help her, but Susan doesn't get time to ask Frank any questions. He is turned to dust by the prick of a silver hatpin in the hands of Merlin, a young left-handed bookseller (one of the fighting ones). With the right-handed booksellers (the intellectual ones), they are an extended family of magical beings who police the mythic and legendary Old World when it intrudes on the modern world... in addition to running several bookshops. Merlin and his sister Vivien, are on a quest to find the Old World entity who used ordinary criminals to kill his mother. As they tread in the path of a botched or covered-up police investigation from years past, their quest overlaps with Susan's quest.

Olson, Jessica S. A Forgery of Roses

Myra is a portrait artist whose paintings alter people's bodies, which is a talent some would kidnap, blackmail, and worse to control. Guarding that secret is the only way to keep her younger sister safe now that their parents are gone. But one frigid night, the

governor's wife discovers the truth and threatens to expose Myra if she does not complete a special portrait that would resurrect the governor's dead son. Once she arrives at the legendary stone mansion, however, it becomes clear that the boy's death was no accident. A killer stalks these halls--one disturbingly obsessed with portrait magic. Desperate to get out of the manor as quickly as possible, Myra turns to the governor's older son for help completing the painting before the secret she spent her life concealing makes her the killer's next victim.

Olson, Jessica S. Sing Me Forgotten

A reimagining of "The Phantom of the Opera" finds a young woman named Isda, born with the supernatural ability to manipulate memories through song, fighting against an outside world that fears her and threatens the young singer she loves.

Ortiz, Amparo Blazewrath Games (and sequel)

Lana Torres has always preferred dragons to people. In a few weeks, sixteen countries will compete in the Blazewrath World Cup, a tournament where dragons and their riders fight for glory in a dangerous relay. Lana longs to represent her native Puerto Rico in their first ever World Cup appearance, and when Puerto Rico's Runner--the only player without a dragon steed--is kicked off the team, she's given the chance. But when she discovers that a former Blazewrath superstar has teamed up with the Sire--a legendary dragon who's cursed into human form--the safety of the Cup is jeopardized. All Lana wanted was to represent her country. Now, to do that, she'll have to navigate an international conspiracy that's deadlier than her beloved sport.

Owen, Margaret Little Thieves (and sequel)

Vanja, the adopted goddaughter of Death and Fortune, was Princess Gisele's dutiful servant up until a year ago. That was when Vanja's otherworldly mothers demanded a terrible price for their care, and Vanja decided to steal her future back... by stealing Gisele's life for herself. The real Gisele is left a penniless nobody while Vanja uses an enchanted string of pearls to take her place. Now, Vanja leads a lonely but lucrative double life as princess and jewel thief, charming nobility while emptying their coffers to fund her great escape. Then, one heist away from freedom, Vanja crosses the wrong god and is cursed to an untimely end. Vanja has just two weeks to figure out how to break her curse and make her getaway. And with a feral guardian half-god, Gisele's sinister fiancé, and an overeager junior detective on Vanja's tail, she'll have to pull the biggest grift yet to save her own life.

Paolini, Christopher Eragon (and sequels)

Ist book in the Inheritance series. In Aagaesia, 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.

Pau Preto, Nicki Crown of Feathers (sequels)

Veronyka, sixteen, leaves her controlling sister and disguises herself as a boy to join a secret group of warriors who ride phoenixes into battle.

Pearsall, Kate Bittersweet in the Hollow

When a girl goes missing in her secluded Appalachian town, seventeen-year-old Linden, who can taste other people's emotions, recovers haunting memories of her own disappearance and explores the legend of the Moth-Winged Man, leading her to wonder if there are some secrets best left buried.

Pena, Matt de la Superman: Dawnbreaker

Before he becomes Superman, Clark Kent must save his hometown of Smallville

Pentecost, Kate That Dark Infinity

By night, the Ankou is the most fearsome sword for hire in all the Five Lands - a legendary, permanently young mercenary, and its most abiding mystery. But when the sun rises, a dark magic leaves him no more than bones. Trapped in a cycle of death and resurrection, the Ankou wants only to find the final rest that has been prophesied for him, no matter the cost. When the kingdom of Kaer-Ise is sacked, Flora, a royal handmaiden, is assaulted and left for dead. Deeply wounded, heartbroken, and the sole survivor of the massacre, Flora wants desperately to be reunited with the princess she served and loved. She and the Ankou make a deal. He will help Flora find her princess and train Flora in combat in exchange for her aid in breaking his curse. But it isn't easy to kill an immortal, especially when their bond begins to deepen into something more.

Pool, Katy Rose Garden of the Cursed

Seventeen-year-old cursebreaker Marlow Briggs reluctantly pretends to be in love with a powerful noble to gain entry into an illustrious--and deadly--society that holds clues to her mother's disappearance.

Pratchett, Terry The Color of Magic (and other titles set in Discworld)

A slightly disorganized and somewhat naive interplanetary tourist named Twoflower joins up with a bumbling wizard and embarks on a chaotic voyage through a world filled with monsters, dragons, heroes, and knaves.

Pullman, Philip The Golden Compass (and sequels)

1st book in His Dark Materials series. Accompanied by her shape-shifting daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Quinn, Katherine To Kill a Shadow

Jude Maddox knows nothing of love or even light. He knows only his grim duty as the Hand of Death, to lead the Knights of the Eternal Star into a land filled with nightmares and certain demise. It's only when he sees her--a young woman with wild, amber eyes who's as fierce, defiant, and swift as the shadow beasts themselves--that he feels the warmth of life in his blood...Outcast Kiara Frey sees only a leader, a man who knows how to survive. Someone like her. But wanting him is as treacherous as the shadows themselves.

Raman, Akshaya The Ivory Key (and sequel)

Four estranged royal siblings, each harboring secrets and conflicting agendas, must learn to work together as they search for the Ivory Key--a thing of legend that will lead to a new source of magic.

Reintgen, Scott A Door in the Dark

Ren Monroe is one of the best wizards in her generation, but top marks at Balmerick University will mean nothing if she fails to get recruited into one of the major houses. Enter Theo Brood. After a failed and disastrous party trick, fate has the two of them crossing paths at the public waxway portal the day before holidays: Theo's punishment is to travel home with the scholarship kids. A fight breaks out, and in the chaos the portal spell misfunctions. Six students are set down in the middle of nowhere--and one of them is dead on arrival. No magic could prepare them for the tangled secrets members of the group are harboring--or for what's following them in the dark woods.

Riggs, Ransom Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (and sequels)

After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales where he discovers disturbing facts about the children who were kept there.

Riordan, Rick The Red Pyramid (and sequels)

Ist book in The Kane Chronicles. Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey to save him.

Riordan, Rick The Sword of Summer (and sequels)

Ist book in the Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard series. Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows—a man his mother claimed was dangerous. Uncle Randolph tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision. Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die.

Roberts, Lauren Powerless

In the kingdom of Ilya, all were not fortunate enough to survive the Plague. Those who did possess power: they are the Elites. Those born Ordinary are just that: ordinary. Paedyn Gray's lack of an ability made her a felon by fate, and a thief by necessity when the king decreed that all Ordinaries be banished in order to preserve his Elite society. Having been trained by her father to be overly observant since she was a child, she poses as a Psychic in the crowded city. When she saves the life of an Ilyas prince, Paedyn is thrown into the Purging Trials, a brutal competition that exists to showcase the Elites' powers. If the Trials don't kill her, the prince will if he discovers she is Ordinary.

Rogerson, Margaret Sorcery of Thorns

All sorcerers are evil. Elisabeth has known that as long as she has known anything. Raised as a foundling in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among the tools of sorcery--magical grimoires that whisper on shelves and rattle beneath iron chains. If provoked, they transform into grotesque monsters of ink and leather. She hopes to become a warden, charged with protecting the kingdom from their power—then an act of sabotage releases the library's most dangerous grimoire. Elisabeth's desperate intervention implicates her in the crime, and she is torn from her home to face justice in the capital. With no one to turn to but her sworn enemy, the sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn, she finds herself entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy. Not only could the Great Libraries go up in flames but the world along with them.

Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (and sequels)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Rubinowski, Jessica The Bright & the Pale (and sequel)

Seventeen-year-old Valeria has been on the run ever since she escaped the curse of Knnot, a magical happening that encased her entire mining town in unbreakable ice.

Rutherford, Mara A Multitude of Dreams

In the aftermath of the bloody plague, Princess Imogen and Nico Mott find their paths crossing as they journey into a world where fresh horrors lie in wait and where they must work together to defeat the monsters coming for both of them.

Sanderson, Brandon The Rithmatist

As Wild Chalklings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

Sangster, Caitlin Last Star Burning (and sequel)

To escape execution for a crime she didn't commit, seventeen-year-old Sev is forced to run away from her city into the wilderness. With nowhere to turn, Sev has to figure out who she can trust in a world where trusting the wrong person could mean not only her life but the lives of everyone she loves.

Scholte, Astrid Four Dead Queens

Keralie is the best pickpocket in all of the kingdoms of Quadara, but when she steals a "comm disk" and realizes a royal murder plot is afoot, she must learn who to trust and fast.

Scholte, Astrid League of Liars

Ever since his mother was killed, seventeen-year-old Cayder Broduck has had one goal--to see illegal users of magic brought to justice. People who carelessly use extradimensional magic for their own self-interest, without a care to the damage it does to society or those around them, deserve the worst kind of punishment as far as Cayder is concerned. When Cayder lands a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to apprentice under a premier public defender, he takes it. If he can learn all the tricks of public defense, he'll be able to punish the guilty without mercy. But when he meets the three criminals he's supposed to defend, it no longer seems so black and white. They're teenagers, like him, and their stories are... complicated, like his.

Scott, Michael The Alchemyst (and sequels)

Ist book in Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series. While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

Sebastian, Laura Castles in Their Bones (and sequel)

Empress Margaraux has had plans for her daughters since the day they were born. Princesses Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz will be queens. And now, age sixteen, they each must leave their homeland and marry their princes. Beautiful, smart, and demure, the triplets appear to be the perfect brides--because Margaraux knows there is one common truth: everyone underestimates a girl--a grave mistake. Sophronia, Daphne, and Beatriz are no innocents. They have been trained since birth in the arts of deception, seduction, and violence with a singular goal--to bring down monarchies-- and their marriages are merely the first stage of their mother's grand vision: to one day reign over the entire continent of Vesteria.

Sedoti, Chelsea As You Wish

In Madison, a small town in the Mojave Desert, everyone gets one wish that will come true on his or her eighteenth birthday. Most of Eldon's classmates have had their wishes picked out for years—but not Eldon. He has seen what some of those wishes have done—and he knows he has to live the rest of his life with the consequences of his wish.

Shields, Breeana The Splendor

When Juliette's sister, Clare, returns from her birthday week at the magical hotel upon a hill, she comes back changed Deeply unsettled, Juliette uses the last of her savings to book a stay at the Splendor and unravel its mysteries. Run by the talented young illusionist, Henri, the halls are full of magnificent delights and alluring distractions. Every wonder seems to twist Juliette's attention away from the answers lurking just beneath the surface as she tries to discover what happened to Clare.

Stokes, Stacy Remember Me Gone

Sixteen-year-old Lucy Miller's family has been erasing people's heartaches and tragic memories for decades, but after an encounter with Marco Warman--a local boy Lucy has always wondered about and who seems to know more than he should--Lucy begins to question her family's legacy and her role in it.

Stroud, Jonathan The Amulet of Samarkand (and sequels)

 I^{st} book in the Bartimaeus series. 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.

Swift, Jonathan Gulliver's Travels

The voyages of an Englishman carry him to such strange places as Lilliput (where people are six inches tall), Brobdingnag (a land of giants), and a country ruled by horses.

Tahir, Sabaa An Ember in the Ashes (and sequels)

Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.

Tang, Andrea The Kingdom of Without

Seventeen-year-old Zhong Ning'er, a wily young thief, must use her wits to survive in an alternate, futuristic Beijing.

Tate, Meredith The Red Labyrinth

To save her kidnapped best friend and crush, Zadie must complete an enchanted deadly labyrinth riddled with illusions. Her only hope of survival depends on forming an alliance with the only person who knows the safe path through--a murderous boy she can't trust.

Taylor, Emily J. Hotel Magnifique

Seventeen-year-old Jani and her little sister Zosa secure jobs at a glamorous magical hotel—but when Jani realizes that their staff contracts are unbreakable, she embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery of the magic at the heart of the hotel and free Zosa-and the other staff--from the cruelty of the ruthless maître d'hôtel.

Taylor, G. P. Shadowmancer

When Obadiah Demurral, the power-hungry Vicar of Thorpe, attempts to become a god by dabbling in magic, Raphah (who has come from Africa to get back the artifact stolen from his Temple and sold to Demurral) joins forces with Kate and Thomas to stop him.

Thiru, Dinesh Into the Sunken City

In a world where the rain never stops, impoverished Jin Haldar is offered the score of a lifetime--a massive stash of gold hidden in the sunken ruins of Las Vegas. To get to it, however, she must do what she promised herself she'd never do again: dive.

Thomas, Rhiannon Long May She Reign

Unexpectedly elevated to the throne when a devastating massacre ends the lives of those in succession before her, Freya is targeted by manipulative nobles and corrupt councilors while she struggles to identify the assassins.

Tidbeck, Karin The Memory Theater

In a world just parallel to ours exists a mystical realm known only as the Gardens. It is a place where feasts never end, games of croquette have devastating consequences, and teenagers are punished for growing up. For a select group of Masters, it's a decadent paradise where time stands still. For those who serve them, however, it's a slow torture where their lives can be ended in a blink. In a bid to escape before their youth betrays them, Dora and Thistle--best friends and confidants--set out on a remarkable journey through time and space. Traveling between their world and ours, they hunt the one person who can grant them freedom. Along the way they encounter a mysterious traveler who trades in favors and never forgets debts, a crossroads at the center of the universe, our own world on the brink of war, and a traveling troupe of actors with the ability to unlock the fabric of reality.

Tiffany, Grace Ariel

A retelling of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" from the point of view of Ariel, the mischievous air spirit.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Children of Hurin

A fantasy adventure saga set in the early days of Middle-Earth features humans and elves, dwarves and dragons, and orcs and dark sorcerers clashing in an epic battle between good and evil.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Fellowship of the Ring (and sequels)

*I*st book in the Lord of the Rings series. Frodo the hobbit and his companions set out to deliver the One Ring of Power to the dark land of Mordor in order to destroy the ring in the forge of its creation.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Silmarillion

Tales and legends chronicling the world's beginnings and the happenings of the First Age set the stage for Tolkien's other classic works and focus on the theft of the Elves' jewels by Morgoth, first dark Lord of Middle-earth.

Trelease, Gita Enchantee

An impoverished girl must use magic to impersonate an aristocrat in Versailles to provide for her sister as her own political awakening forces her to choose sides in the French Revolution.

VanderMeer, Jeff A Peculiar Peril

Jonathan Lambshead will inherit his grandfather's mansion-- after he and two schoolmates catalog its contents. They discover that the mansion's basement contains portals—and one of them leads to an alt-Earth called Aurora. Magic abounds there, history has been rewritten, and an occult dictator called Aleister Crowley leads an army pillaging alt-Europe. Jonathan pieces together his destiny as a member of a secret society devoted to keeping our world separate from Aurora. Alliances shift as the trio pursues the profound evil-- and discover it is also chasing them.

Victoria, Emily This Golden Flame

Orphaned and forced to serve her country's ruling group of scribes, Karis wants nothing more than to find her brother, long ago shipped away. But family bonds don't matter to the Scriptorium, whose sole focus is unlocking the magic of an ancient automaton army. In her search for her brother, Karis does the seemingly impossible--she awakens a hidden automaton. Intelligent, with a conscience of his own, Alix has no idea why he was made or why his father--their nation's greatest traitor--once tried to destroy the automatons. Now the Scriptorium isn't just trying to control Karis; it's hunting her. Together with Alix, Karis must find her brother . . . and the secret that's held her country in its power for centuries.

Weber, Mary Storm Siren (and sequels)

Seventeen-year-old slave girl, Nym, should not exist. In a world where Elementals are only born male and always killed at birth, she is an anomaly at best. At worst, people around her die. When a court emissary identifies her weather-manipulating ability as a weapon, Nym is purchased and put to work honing her skills.

Werlin, Nancy Impossible (and sequel)

When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

Weymouth, Laura E. The Light between Worlds

Five years ago, Evelyn and Philippa Hapwell cowered from air strikes in a London bomb shelter... and were transported to another realm called the Woodlands. In a forest kingdom populated by creatures out of myth and legend, they found temporary refuge. When they finally returned to London, nothing had changed --except them.

Weymouth, Laura E. A Treason of Thorns

When seventeen-year-old Violet Sterling returns to Burleigh House after years in exile, she discovers Burleigh's magic is tormented and ravaging the countryside. She must strive to save her house before it destroys her.

White, Kiersten The Guinevere Deception

Sent by a banished Merlin to protect King Arthur, a sixteen-year-old impersonating the deceased Guinevere struggles to fit in at Camelot where the magic she practices is banished.

Wynne-Jones, Tim The Emperor of Any Place

When Evan looks into the hand-bound book that his father was reading when he passed away, the diary of a Japanese soldier in World War II, questions about the book and how it relates to Evan begin to multiply.