

**Suggested Reading for Children
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Harry Potter Read Alikes

If You Like Harry Potter, try these magical tales....

Recommended for Grades 4 and Up

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Jared Grace, his twin brother Simon, and their older sister Mallory have a legitimate reason to worry. Their lives are being turned upside down by faeries. These small, mischievous creatures cause quite a ruckus in the Grace's new house.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

Call Number: J F DIT

The Merchant of Death (Pendragon Series) by D.J. MacHale

When the seemingly normal fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon is swept into an alternate dimension, he finds himself hailed as a savior in a place called Denduron, a territory in the throes of revolution against a magical tyrant.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F MAC

Graphic Novel Version: J CMX PEN

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

When a local pickpocket puts his hand in the pocket belonging to the wizard Nevery, Conn gets more than he expected when he is drawn into the world of wizardry as a result of his mischievous deed.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F PRI

Wizard at Work: a novel in stories by Vivian Vande Velde

A young wizard, who runs a school to teach wizards, looks forward to a quiet summer off but is drawn into adventures with princesses, unicorns, and ghosts instead.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F VAN

The Wee Free Men (Tiffany Aching Adventure) by Terry Pratchett

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.

YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

ALA Notable Children's Book

School Library Journal Best Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F PRA

The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

Edge Gribbie, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their island to London to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

School Library Journal Best Books

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F IBB

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

Midnight for Charlie Bone (Children of the Red King Series) by Jenny Nimmo

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.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: YA F NIM

Magyc (Septimus Heap Series) by Angie Sage

Calling all Harry Potter fans! If the bespectacled wizard has you yearning for more fantasy stories, then you're going to love the Septimus Heap series, with its wild adventures and quirky characters, imaginative spells and bizarre contraptions --- not to mention wizards (including an ExtraOrdinary Wizard), witches, evil schemes, hidden royalty, dragons, spell charms, human-munching trees, vicious beasts, ghosts and much more. These books sparkle with laugh-out-loud humor and, thanks to the characters' close-knit family ties, warm the heart as well.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

Call Number: YA F SAG

Mister Monday (Keys To The Kingdom Series) by Garth Nix

Although Arthur Penhaligon is supposed to die, he is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock, and now some bizarre creatures including Mister Monday, his avenging messengers, and an army of dog-faced Fetchers will stop at nothing to get the key.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: YA F NIX

Eragon (Inheritance Series) by Christopher Paolini

In Agaesia, 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.

Young Reader's Choice Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: YA F PAO

The Alchemyst: the secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott

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.

Texas Lone Star Reading List

Rhode Island Teen Book Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: YA F SCO

The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud

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

YALSA Best Books

ALA Notable Children's Books

Mythopoeic Award

(Source: Novelist)

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