

alternate universe. He leaves Lyra in the care of Mrs. Coulter, an enigmatic scholar and explorer who offers to give Lyra the attention her uncle has long refused her. In this multilayered narrative, however, nothing is as it seems. Lyra sets out for the top of the world in search of her kidnapped playmate, Roger, bearing a rare truth-telling instrument, the compass of the title. All around her children are disappearing-victims of so-called "Gobblers"-and being used as subjects in terrible experiments that separate humans from their daemons, creatures that reflect each person's inner being. And somehow, both Lord Asriel and Mrs. Coulter are involved.

The Abhorsen Trilogy

Garth Nix YA NIX
The Abhorsen Sabriel and King Touchstone are missing, leaving only Lirael -- newly come into her inheritance as the Abhorsen-in-Waiting -- to stop the Destroyer. If Orannis's un-speakable powers are unleashed, it will mean the end of all Life. With only a vision from the Clayr to guide her, and the help of her companions, Sam, the Disreputable Dog, and Mogget, Lirael must search in both Life and Death for some means to defeat the evil destructor -- before it is too late ... The apocalyptic climax to the series of events that began with Sabriel and continued in Lirael, the New York Times best-selling Abhorsen is an electrifying reading experience not to be missed.

Remnants series

K.A. Applegate

This new series begins in the year 2011. The Earth is about to be destroyed, and in an attempt to survive, a handful of people board a revamped space shuttle and are placed in suspended animation. Only a few awake 500 years later to find many did not survive. Alone in space, they discover the future of the human race is in their hands.

The Phantom Tollbooth

Norton Juster JF JUSTER
Milo is almost always bored, until the day he drives a toy car through a tollbooth and into a strange land which has lost all rhyme and reason, where a talking watchdog (with a real watch!) is his guide on a quest to end the war between words and numbers.

A Wrinkle in Time series

Madeleine L'Engle JF LENGLE
Everyone thinks Meg and her brother Charles are dumb. Spurred by rumors that their father has left their mother, the two and their friend, Calvin set out on a journey through space to get their dad back, delving within themselves for answers!

Blue Sword

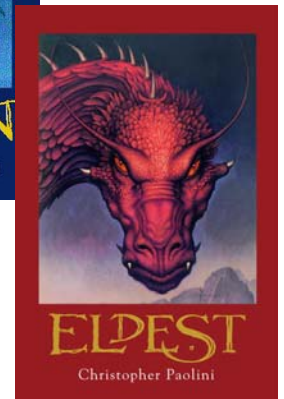
Robin McKinley
When Harry's father dies, she leaves her homeland to travel to Istan, the last outpost of the homelander Empire, where her older brother is stationed. Harry is drawn to the black landscape of the northeast frontier where the last of the old Damarians still live. Harry is drawn into a multi-village battle against a common enemy, riding with the famed Blue sword, an object of many legends and magical mysteries.

The Hero and the Crown

Robin McKinley JF MCKINLEY
Aerin's story is just beginning as she strikes to become the hero who would claim the Blue Sword. Aerin's destiny is greater than she imagines as she is drawn into battle with the Black Dragon. Aerin's powers and accomplishments come at a great price however as she faces an evil bigger than she's ever known.

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Eoin Colfer YA COL

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.

The Lord of the Rings series

J.R.R. Tolkien YA TOLKEIN

Bilbo Baggins was a hobbit who wanted to be left alone in quiet comfort. But the wizard Gandalf came along with a band of homeless dwarves. Soon Bilbo was drawn into their quest, facing evil orcs, savage wolves, giant spiders, and worse unknown dangers. Finally, it was Bilbo-alone and unaided-who had to confront the great dragon Smaug, the terror of an entire countryside . . . This stirring adventure fantasy begins the tale of the hobbits that was continued by in the bestselling epic, The Lord of the Rings.

Inkheart

Cornelia Funke JF FUNKE

Meggie lives a quiet life alone with her father, a book-binder. But her father has a deep secret—he possesses an extraordinary magical power. One day, a mysterious stranger arrives who seems linked to her father's past. Who is this sinister guy and what does he want? Suddenly, Meggie is involved in a breathless game of escape and intrigue as her father's life is put in danger!

Inkspell

Cornelia Funke YA FUNKE

Although a year has passed, Meggie is still thinking of Inkheart, the book whose characters came to life. But the fire-eater, Dustfinger, desperately needs to return to the tale. When he finds Orpheus, Dustfinger leaves behind his young apprentice Farid and dives into the medieval world of the past. Worried, Farid goes in search of Meggie and they both end up

caught inside the book.

The Spiderwick Chronicles

Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black JF BLACK

It all started with a mysterious letter left at a tiny bookstore for authors Tony and Holly. Its closing lines: "we just want people to know about this. The stuff that has happened to us could happen to anyone." Little could they imagine the remarkable adventure that awaited them as they followed Jared, Simon and Mallory Grace and a strange old book into a world filled with elves, goblins, dwarves, trolls and a fantastical menagerie of other creatures. The oddest part is in entering that world, they didn't leave this one!

The Wee Free Men: Discworld series

Terry Pratchett YA PRA PB

Armed with only a frying pan and her common sense, young witch-to-be Tiffany Aching must defend her home against the monsters of Fairyland. Luckily she has some very unusual help: the local Nac Mac Feegle-aka the Wee Free Men-a clan of fierce, sheep-stealing, sword-wielding, six-inch-high blue men. Together they must face headless horsemen, ferocious grimhounds, terrifying dreams come true, and ultimately the sinister Queen of the Elves herself.

Dark is Rising sequence

Susan Cooper YA F COOPER

Five children join forces with heroes from the tales of King Arthur and other, even more ancient legends to stand with the forces of Light as they prepare for their final battle against the Dark.

Dealing with Dragons series

Patricia Wrede YA WRE

This young adult fantasy novel has become a modern classic. Rather than marry a boring prince, Princess Cimerone runs away from her kingdom and becomes an assistant to the

dragon Kazul. In the second title, the wicked wizards are back--and they've become very smart. (Sort of.) They intend to take over the Enchanted Forest once and for all unless Cimorene finds a way to stop them. And some people think being queen is easy.

Wizard of Earthsea

Ursula LeGuin JF LEGUIN

Sparrowhawk is a wizard in training in the island world of Earthsea. When he overestimates his powers, he sets a terrible evil free and must take on the responsibility of tracking it down and bringing it back under his control.

Children of the Red King series

Jenny Nimmo JF NIMMO

Charlie Bone discovers at the age of 10 that he has the power to read the thoughts of people in photographs. This special talent enables him to attend Bloor's academy, a special boarding school for the magically gifted.

Firebringer Trilogy

Meredith Ann Pierce

Jan, a young unicorn and his mate, Tek, are caught up in the wars that ravage their land.

His Dark Materials series

Philip Pullman YA PUL

In a landmark epic of fantasy and storytelling, Philip Pullman invites readers into a world as convincing and thoroughly realized as Narnia, Earthsea, or Redwall. Here lives an orphaned ward named Lyra Belacqua, whose carefree life among the scholars at Oxford's Jordan College is shattered by the arrival of two powerful visitors. First, her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, appears with evidence of mystery and danger in the far North, including photographs of a mysterious celestial phenomenon called Dust and the dim outline of a city suspended in the Aurora Borealis that he suspects is part of an