

Juvenile Fiction: Fantasy

Alston, B.B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**. (JUV ALSTO)

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

Auxier, Jonathan. **Sweep: the Story of a Girl and Her Monster**. (JUV AUXIE)

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

Baptiste, Tracey. **The Jumbies**. (JUV BAPTI)

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**. (JUV BARNH)

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Barron, Rena. **Maya and the Rising Dark**. (JUV BARRO)

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

Beasley, Cassie. **Circus Mirandus**. (JUV BEASL)

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

Blackwood, Sage. **Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded**. (JUV BLACK)

Repeatedly landing in trouble at her finishing school because of her preference for practicing magic instead of manners, Chantel enlists her friends to protect the kingdom when her teacher goes missing along with the city's protective magic.

Chadda, Sarwat. **City of the Plague God**. (JUV CHADD)

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology.

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time.** (JUV CHOKS)

Aru Shah has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at her private middle school. While her classmates are jetting off to exotic vacations, she'll be spending her autumn break in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture that her mom curates. Is it any wonder Aru makes up stories about being royalty, traveling to Paris, and having a chauffeur? One day, three schoolmates show up at Aru's doorstep to catch her in a lie. They don't believe her claim that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, and they dare Aru to prove it. Just a quick light, Aru thinks. Then she'll never ever fib again. But lighting the lamp has dire consequences. She unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon who is intent on awakening the God of Destruction.

Colfer, Chris. **Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell.** (JUV COLFE)

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

Elliot, Zetta. **Dragons in a Bag.** (JUV ELLIO)

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

Gidwitz, Adam. **The Inquisitor's Tale, or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog.** (JUV GIDWI)

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountains met the moon.** (JUV LIN)

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

MacHale. D.J. **Pendragon: The Merchant of Death.** (JUV MACHA)

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. ...Before he can object, he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution.

Mass, Wendy. **Bob.** (JUV MASS)

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

Mbalia, Kwame. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**. (JUV MBALI)

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm. But on his first night there, a sticky creature shows up and steals Eddie's notebook. Tristan chases after it, and a tug-of-war ensues between them underneath a Bottle Tree. In a last attempt to get it away from the creature, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place with a burning sea, haunted bone ships, and iron monsters.

Mejia, Tehlor Kay. **Paola Santiago and the River of Tears**. (JUV MEJIA)

In Silver Springs, Arizona, her mother's stories of the monstrous La Llorona are thrilling but unbelievable to science-loving Paola until she and her best friends Dante and Emma take a walk through a cactus field near the Gila River.

Messenger, Shannon. **Keeper of Lost Cities**. (JUV MESSE)

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

Moses, Rucker. **Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found**. (JUV MOSES)

Returning to Brooklyn, where his magician-father disappeared years before, twelve-year-old Kingston learns that magic is real and that if he enters the Realm, he might get his father back.

Okorafor, Nnedi. **Ikenga**. (JUV OKORA)

In southeastern Nigeria, twelve-year-old Nnamdi is determined to avenge his police chief father, who was murdered while trying to rid the town of criminals, but Nnamdi feels powerless until he receives a magical object which gives him superpowers.

Ortega, Claribel A. **Ghost Squad**. (JUV ORTEG)

For Lucely Luna, ghosts are more than just the family business. Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late.

Pearce, Jackson. **Pip Bartlett's Guide to Sea Monsters**. (JUV PEARC)

Pip and Tomas visit a seaside showplace filled with magical sea creatures and find themselves surrounded by a menagerie of fantastic specimens before becoming entangled in a mystery involving a naughty sea monster that might not be staying in its tank.

Riley, James. **Story Thieves**. (JUV RILEY)

Except for reading the Kiel Gnomesfoot magic adventure series, Owen's life is boring until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the school library and he learns that Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Mañanaland**. (JUV RYAN)

Twelve-year-old Max, who loves the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow, sets out on a dangerous quest to discover if he is true of heart and what the future holds, armed with a treasured compass, a mysterious stone rubbing, and Buelo's legend as his only guides.

Sands, Kevin. **The Blackthorn Key**. (JUV SANDS)

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

Sutherland, Tui. **Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy**. (JUV SUTHE)

Clay has lived his whole life under the mountain. The MudWing dragonet knows war is raging between the dragon tribes in the world outside -- a war that he and four other dragonets are destined to end, according to the mysterious prophecy they have been taught. The five "chosen" dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs -- and hidden away for years -- all to fulfill the prophecy. But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when danger threatens one of their own, Clay and his friends may choose freedom over fate ... leave the mountain ... and set the dragon world on a course that no one could have predicted.

Townsend, Jessica. **Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow**. (JUV TOWNS)

A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organization called the Wondrous Society.

Valenti, Karla. **Lotería**. (JUV VALEN)

In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with eleven-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate.

Yolen, Jane. **Wizard's Hall**. (JUV YOLEN)

A young apprentice wizard saves the wizard's training hall by trusting and believing in himself.

Young, Brian. **Healer of the Water Monster**. (JUV YOUNG)

Nathan, a young Navajo boy from Phoenix, Arizona, goes on an epic hero's journey.

Zhao, Katie. **The Dragon Warrior**. (JUV ZHAO)

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