

FANTASY BOOKS FOR FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS

J/F/ARN

[Golden & Grey: A Good Day for Haunting](#) by Louise Arnold

When the television show "Exceedingly Haunted Homes of England" hears rumors of ghosts at Tom Golden's school, he and his "invisible friends" must track down some ghosts that have turned visible in order to restore the balance between the ghost and human worlds.



J/F/BAR

[The Lost Years of Merlin](#) by T. A. Barron

A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.

J/F/BAT

[The Door Within](#) by Wayne Thomas Batson

Three ancient scrolls beckon high school student Aidan Thomas to enter a realm of knights, kings, and unusual creatures, but he must rely on instinct and his latent athletic ability to deal with the terror, tempest, and treason offered by this new world.

J/F/BEN

[The Revenge of the Shadow King](#) by Derek Benz and J. S. Lewis

When Max Sumner and three friends play a magical card game called Round Table, they realize that it is up to them to prevent the wicked creatures on the cards from destroying their town, and/or indeed, their world.

J/F/BER

[Magic by the Book](#) by Linda Bernstein

After returning from a trip to the library, eleven year-old Anne and her younger brother and sister discover a magic book which sends them on adventures in which they meet Robin Hood, giant bugs, and a dark, sinister man with a wolfish face.

J/F/BRO

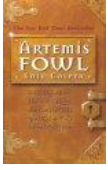
[Grooves: A Kind of Mystery](#) by Kevin Brockmeier

After a seventh-grader discovers that the grooves in his Thigpen-brand blue jeans are encoded with a cry for help, he sets out to save the factory workers from greedy entrepreneur Howard Thigpen.

J/F/CAR

[Into the Mist](#) by Patrick Carman

This is the first book in **The Land of Elyon** series. Captain Roland Warvold tells Alexa and Yipes about the adventures he shared with his brother Thomas in Elyon, before the wall went up and divided the world in two.



J/F/COL

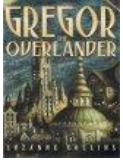
[Artemis Fowl](#) by Eoin Colfer

This is the first book in the **Artemis Fowl** series. 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.

J/F/COL

[Gregor the Overlander](#) by Suzanne Collins

This is the first book in the **Gregor the Overlander** series. When eleven year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



J/F/COO

[King of Shadows](#) by Susan Cooper

While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

J/F/DIC

[The Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo

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.

J/F/DUA

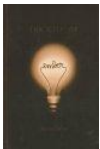
[So You Want to Be a Wizard](#) by Diane Duane

Thirteen year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

J/F/DUP

[City of Ember](#) by Jeanne DuPrau

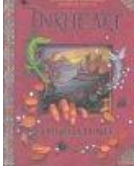
In the year 241 Ember time, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city. She and her friend, Doon, work together to find a way out of the dying city before all the lights go out and they are left in endless darkness.



J/F/FAR

[The Sea of Trolls](#) by Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.



J/F/FUN

[Inkheart](#) by Cornelia Funke

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.

J/F/GEO

[Dragon Slippers](#) by Jessica Day George

Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her kingdom.

J/F/HAR

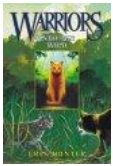
[Well Witched](#) by Frances Hardinge

Three friends fall prey to the demands of the Well Witch when they trespass in her wishing well and steal some coins.

J/F/HAR

[Runemarks](#) by Joanne Harris

Maddy Smith, who bears the mysterious mark of a rune on her hand, learns that she is destined to join the gods of Norse mythology and play a role in the fate of the world.



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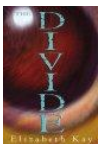
[Into the Wild](#) by Erin Hunter

This is the first book in the **Warriors** series. For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

J/F/ISE

[The Tygrine Cat](#) by Inbali Iserles

Lost and alone, Mati seeks acceptance from a pack of feral cats at Cressida Lock, but in order to defeat the assassin on his trail, Mati must unlock the secret of his true identity and learn to harness an ancient and deadly feline power.



J/F/KAY

[The Divide](#) by Elizabeth Kay

While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.

J/F/LOR

[Nightmare Academy](#) by Dean Lorey

Rescued from a very sheltered life, thirteen year-old Charlie learns that the monsters of his nightmares are real when he becomes a student at Nightmare Academy and begins training to harness his powers to fight terrible creatures and return them to the Netherworld.



J/F/LUB

[Wizards of the Game](#) by David Lubar

Eighth grader Mercer, whose passion is the fantasy role-playing game Wizards of the Warrior World, hopes to use a fund raiser to bring a gaming convention to his middle school, but instead he attracts four genuine wizards who are trapped on Earth and want his help in returning to their own world.

J/F/MAC

[Woolies and Worms](#) by Stephen MacNeil

While sailing to the colonies with her father, eleven year-old Sarah is swept overboard during a pirate raid, washing up on a strange island where kidnapped children called "Woolies" are forced to weave fantastical rugs by the evil Mr. Grim. Those who anger him are cast out to live underground as "Worms."

J/F/MAG

[What the Dickens](#) by Gregory Maguire

As a terrible storm rages, ten year-old Dinah and her brother and sister listen to their cousin Gage's tale of a newly-hatched, orphaned skibberee, or tooth fairy, called What-the-Dickens, who hopes to find a home among the skibbereen tribe, if only he can stay out of trouble.

J/F/MCA

[Urchin of the Riding Stars](#) by M. I. McAllister

A group of animals, led by an orphaned squirrel, learns about friendship and loyalty when they band together to defend their island kingdom against evil forces.



J/F/MCN

[The Silver Child](#) by Cliff McNish

Drawn to a wasteland of garbage dumps called Coldharbour, six children undergo mysterious transformations and band together to face an unknown enemy.

J/F/MIL

[The Mousehunter](#) by Alex Milway

Captain Mousebeard is a feared mousehunting pirate. He seeks out the rarest and most precious breeds of mice to collect and trade. Emeline, a mousekeeper, wants the bounty her master puts on Mousebeard's head. So she heads off to adventure to capture the pirate.

J F/MUL

[Fablehaven](#) by Brandon Mull

This is the first book in the **Fablehaven** series. When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.



J/F/NEL

Dark Isle by D. A. Nelson

Helped to escape from her evil guardians by a dodo and a rat, ten year-old Morag joins her new companions on a dangerous and difficult mission involving a stone dragon, the stolen Eye of Lornish that guards the magical land of Marnoch Mor, and her own unfulfilled destiny and mysterious past.

J/F/NIM

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

This is the first book in the **Children of the Red King** series. 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.

J/F/NIM

The Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo

This is Book One in **The Magician Trilogy**. Gifts from Gwyn's grandmother on his tenth birthday open up a whole new world to him, as he discovers he has magical powers that help him heal the breach with his father that has existed ever since his sister's mysterious disappearance four years before.



J/F/OGD

Hot Air by Charles Odgen

When the founder of the town of Nod's Limbs returns after a two hundred year absence, trouble-making twins Edgar and Ellen attempt to discover who is trying to steal the secret that kept him alive all that time, while they also scheme to sabotage the town's mayoral election. This is one of the books in the **Edgar and Ellen** series.

J/F/OGI

Measle and the Wrathmonk by Ian Ogilvy

Twelve year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk.

J/F/PRI

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard Nevery Flinglas, who has returned from exile to attempt to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet City.

J/F/RIO

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Twelve year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

J/F/RUB

The Wall and the Wing by Laura Ruby

In a future New York where most people can fly and cats are a rarity, a nondescript resident of Hope House for the Homeless and Hopeless discovers that although she is shunned as a "leadfoot," she has the surprising ability to become invisible.

J/F/SAG

Magyk by Angie Sage

Book One of the **Septimus Heap** series. Who is Septimus Heap? Is he a lost child, an unlikely hero, a powerful wizard, or perhaps all of these. This book takes you on a fantastic journey filled with quirky characters and magykal charms, potions, and spells.

J/F/SAN

Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world. Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

J/F/STR

Grimoire: The Curse of the Midions by Brad Strickland

In London with his parents, twelve year-old Jarvey Midion is introduced to the Grimoire, a powerful book of spells that transports him to a strange place and time where danger lurks around every corner.

J/F/WIL

Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

An orphan slave girl becomes a Dragon Keeper when she heroically comes to the aid of an aging dragon and both go on a dangerous journey across China to protect a mysterious stone vital to the dragon's legacy.

J/F/WIL

100 Cupboards by N. D. Wilson

After his parents are kidnapped, timid twelve year-old Henry York leaves his sheltered Boston life and moves to small-town Kansas, where he and his cousin Henrietta discover and explore hidden doors in his attic room that seem to open onto other worlds.

J/F/ZAP

The Monstrous Memoirs of a Mighty McFearless by Ahmet Zappa

With the help of Dr. Devilstone and a book called the Monstranomicon, Minerva and her brother Max go to the evil Zarmaglor's Castle Doominstinkinfart to rescue their father, whom they have discovered comes from a long line of monsteterminators.



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