

# FANTASY FOR YOUNG READERS

## ***The Good Dog*** by Avi

McKinley, a malamute who reigns as top dog in the town of Steamboat Springs tells us about his human 'pup' named Jack, who watches a 'glowbox' he calls a TV. A visiting wolf looking for recruits for his pack stirs things up in the local dog population. McKinley tries to keep the peace and save all from danger.

**J AVI**

## ***Jessica Haggerthwaite: Witch Dispatcher*** by Emma Barnes

Jessica and her brother Nat are shocked when their mother decides to start a business as a professional witch. How embarrassing for Jessica, a future world famous scientist. She plans to stop her mother, but her efforts keep failing and make the whole family miserable. Will they ever learn to get along?

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## ***The Great Sockathon*** by Michael Delaney

A haunted tree? A girl who died 70 years ago needs the help of four girls to save her home, an ancient tree, by collecting donations along with spare socks that they drape around the town. Along the way the girls deal with each other, growing up, challenging problems and a super storm!

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## ***The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread*** by Kate DiCamillo

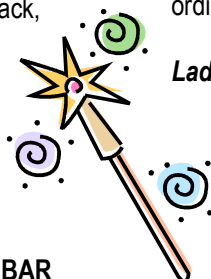
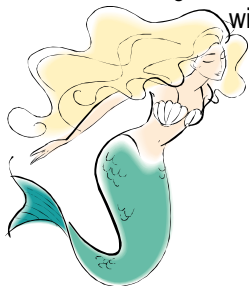
Forgiveness, light, love and soup are all necessary parts of this exciting story. A very uncommon mouse, with strange powers, loves a princess. Banished to the dungeon, Despereaux must escape and then return to save his princess from the evil rats.

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## ***Thora: A Half-Mermaid Tale*** by Gillian Johnson

Thora is a feisty, spirited, half mermaid, half human girl, who has reached the age where she must live in the world of humans without help from her mermaid mother. With her guardian Mr. Walters and her pet peacock, Cosmo, she sets off for adventure on land and helps out the people in her new home, the sea town of Grimli. *Sequel: Thora and the Green Sea-Unicorn*

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## ***The Ordinary Princess*** by M. M. Kaye

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This funny original fairy tale describes the life of Princess Amy who receives ordinariness for a fairy christening gift. But Amy likes adventures and runs away when her parents try to marry her off. She works in a neighboring palace as 14<sup>th</sup> assistant kitchen maid and soon meets a young man who, like Amy, is not as ordinary as he seems.

## ***Lady Lollipop*** by Dick King-Smith

**J KIN**

Spoiled princess Penelope wants a pig for her birthday and she always gets what she wants! She gets more than she bargained for, though, in Lollipop, the smartest pig in the kingdom and Lollipop's trainer, Johnny Skinner. Penelope might even learn a thing or two from Lollipop and Johnny.

## ***Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal*** by Emily Rodda

**J ROD**

This is the third book in the Rowan of Rin series. Here Rowan and his mother travel to the coast to choose the new Keeper of the Crystal. When his mother falls under a dangerous sleeping spell, Rowan must find an antidote. He teams up with three young candidates to use their wits and powers to find the magic they need. Excellent adventure story!

## ***The Adventure of Minnie: Minnie Saves the Day***

by Melody Benson Rosales

**J ROS**

Hester Merriweather receives a special handmade rag doll created by her Grandmama with love and magic that she names Minnie. We soon find out how special Minnie is as she comes alive to talk with the other toys. They work together to help the family and each other. The story is set in Chicago in the 1930s. Wonderful illustrations bring the story to life.

## ***The Magic Paintbrush*** by Lawrence Yep

**J YEP**

Life is hard in Chinatown for orphaned Steve and his grandfather. One day, the old man gives him an even older paintbrush. They discover whatever Steve paints becomes real! While using the brush they not only improve their lives, but also their relationship. Humor and adventure help them win a battle with their greedy slumlord.

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# Fantasy

## For Older Readers



### ***The Book without Words: A Fable of Medieval Magic*** by Avi

**J AVI**

The Book without Words is filled with blank pages and will reveal its secrets of gold-making and eternal life only to a desperate person with green eyes. When the book falls into the hands of a powerful old wizard who appears to have died, it is up to Odo, the talking raven, and Sybil the servant girl - with the help of a green-eyed child - to try to unlock the secrets held in the book.

### ***The Prophecy of the Stones*** by Flavia Bujor

**J BUJ**

Three very different girls, Amber, Jade and Opal all turn fourteen on the same day and are all part of an ancient prophecy. The three girls must make a journey to save the land of Fairytale and must fight the chosen one in a battle against evil. Along the way they meet many strange creatures, face many obstacles, and try to uncover the prophecy.

### ***Diary of a Fairy Godmother*** by Esme Raji Codell

**J COD**

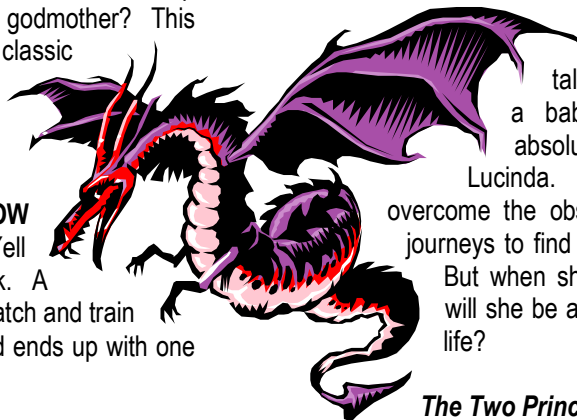
Take a peek into the diary of Hunky Dory, a young witch who is one of the top students in her charm school. When she becomes more interested in "wishcraft" than witchcraft, will she end up following her heart and become a fairy godmother? This enchanting story is filled with funny twists on classic fairytales and lots of magic.

### ***How to Train Your Dragon***

by Cressida Cowell

**J COW, AUDIO TAPE J F COW**

Do you want to know how to train a dragon? "Yell at it--the louder the better!" instructs this book. A not-so-brave Viking boy named Hiccup must catch and train his own dragon so he can stay in his tribe and ends up with one that is tiny, toothless and stubborn.



### ***The Conch Bearer*** by Chitra Divakaruni

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Arnand is a 12-year-old boy whose life changes course one day when a mysterious stranger entrusts him with a magical conch shell that he must return to its rightful place high atop a mountain. Accompanying Arnand on his quest are the young ingenious Nisha & the mystical magician Abadhyatta. Against the colorful backdrop of India, Arnand will encounter both good and evil and find that his courage, honesty and loyalty are all tested. *Sequel: The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming*

### ***Dragon Rider*** by Cornelia Funke

**J FUN, AUDIO CD J F FUN**

When humans begin invading one of the last earthly hideouts for dragondragons, the dragon Firedrake sets off on an adventure to discover the one place no human can find: the Rim of Heaven. Along the way he makes friends who help him, including a mouse with a map of the world, and a boy named Ben, who becomes a dragon rider.

### ***The Thief Lord*** by Cornelia Funke

**J FUN, AUDIO CD J F FUN**

Prosper and Bo are orphan brothers who escape from their mean aunt and uncle and run off to Venice, where they meet a mysterious 13-year-old who calls himself the "Thief Lord." The Thief Lord is the leader of a colorful group of street kid thieves who hide out in an abandoned theater. When they are hired to steal an item that turns out to have a special power, the magic really begins. Fans of Harry Potter will love *The Thief Lord!*

### ***The Book of Story Beginnings*** by Kristin Kladstrup

**J KLA**

There is a surprise in store for Lucy Martin when she and her parents move to the family farmhouse. That's where her great-uncle Oscar disappeared at age 14. Soon Lucy discovers Oscar's notebook, but the real fun begins when she finds Oscar himself, who has returned from another world without aging. The stories in his notebook transport them into that world filled with kings and queens, pirate children and magical potions.

### ***Ella Enchanted*** by Gail Carson Levine

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Forget about the classic Cinderella tale, Ella is a feisty, intelligent girl who as a baby receives the unfortunate gift of absolute obedience from a fairy named Lucinda. Ella grows up and struggles to overcome the obstacles the "gift" creates. Finally, she journeys to find Lucinda to have her reverse the spell. But when she is ordered to do something terrible, will she be able to undo the curse in time to save a life?

### ***The Two Princesses of Bamarre***

by Gail Carson Levine

**J LEV**

Two sisters, one fearless, the other fearful, live in a magical time and place. When her brave sister is struck down by the deadly "Gray Death," timid Addie sets out on a quest to find the cure. She must battle ogres, specters, gryphons and dragons with her wits and the magical aids her friends have given her. Along the way she finds strength and courage within herself to deal with many setbacks and the surprising ending to this tale.

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