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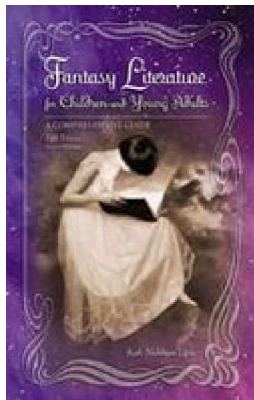


Fantasy Literature for Children & Young Adults

Introduction

The huge success of the Harry Potter books has made many of us especially conscious of fantasy for children and young adults. However, literature for youth has always been rich in the world of magic and mystery and there were and continue to be many wonderful examples of this genre. According to Ruth Nadelbaum Lynn the compiler of *Fantasy Literature for Children and Young Adults: A Comprehensive Guide*, "Fantasy literature is a broad term used to describe books in which magic causes impossible, and often wondrous, events to occur." Very often fantasy involves the struggle between good and evil and imbedded in the story are serious issues which confront mankind. However, fantasy can range from light hearted animal fantasy to the frightening world of ghost, goblins and witches. In some fantasy, the magic is very apparent and, in some examples, the line between fantasy and reality blurs and is not always obvious. The Curriculum Materials Center has a rich collection of fantasy literature.

Professional Books



Lynn, Ruth Nadelbaum. *Fantasy Literature for Children and Young Adults: A Comprehensive Guide*. Fifth ed. Westport, Conn.: Libraries Unlimited, 2005.
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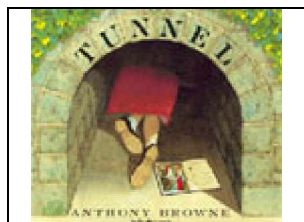
The fifth edition of *Fantasy Literature for Children and Young Adults* is a truly in-depth source for this particular genre. Containing more than 7600 entries it is intended to cover literature for children and young adults in grades three through twelve. In her detailed introduction, Ruth Nadelman Lynn discusses the meaning and purpose of fantasy, it's effect on children and young adults as well as a number of other relevant topics. She also provides an historical perspective, highlighting milestones of fantasy literature during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and concluding with the first few years of the twenty first. Finally, she divides fantasy into a number of categories including animal, time travel, allegory, ghost and many others.

Children's Books (picture book format):

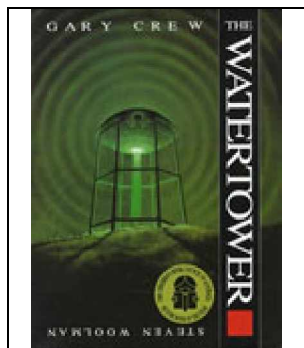
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Browne, Anthony. *Changes*. New York: Random House, 1990.
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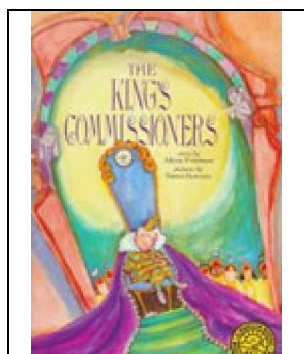
As he waits at home for his parents to return, a young boy ponders his father's remark "Things are going to change around here" and begins to imagine all kinds of changes in the world around him.



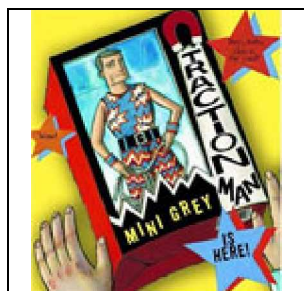
----- **The Tunnel.** New York: Knopf, 1989.
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Scornful of his younger sister's fears, a young boy decides to explore a tunnel forcing her to go after him when he doesn't return.



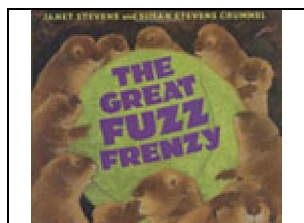
Crew, Gary. **The Watertower.** Brooklyn, New York: Crocodile Books, 1998.
PZ7 .C867 E
On a scorching hot summer day in Preston, Australia, Spike and Bubba go for a swim in the old water tower which casts a long dark shadow across everything in the area.



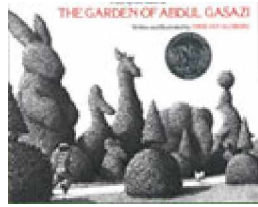
Friedman, Aileen. **The King's Commissioner.** New York: Scholastic, 1994.
PZ7 .F8964 E
While trying to keep track of his many royal commissioners, the king learns some new ways of counting.



Grey, Mini. **Traction Man is Here!** New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2005.
PZ7 .G873 E
Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house.



Stevens, Janet and Susan Stevens Crummel. **The Great Fuzz Frenzy.** Orlando: Harcourt, 2005.
PZ7 .S84453 E
When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.



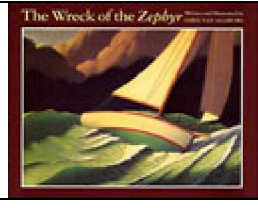
Van Allsburg, Chris. *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1979.
PZ 7 .V266 E
When the dog he is caring for runs away from Alan into the forbidden garden of a retired dog-hating magician, a spell seems to be cast over the contrary dog.



----- *Jumanji*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1981.
PZ7 .V266 E
Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

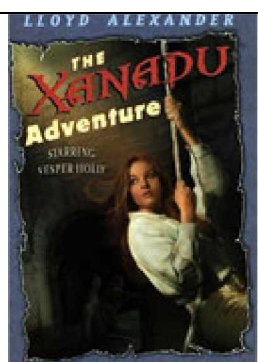


----- *The Stranger*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1986.
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The enigmatic origins of the stranger Farmer Bailey hits with his truck and brings home to recuperate seem to have a mysterious relation to the changing season.

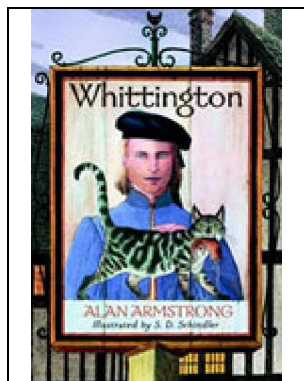


----- *The Wreck of the Zephyr*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1983.
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A boy's ambition to be the greatest sailor in the world brings him to ruin when he misuses his new ability to sail his boat in the air.

Chapter Books and Books for Young Adults:

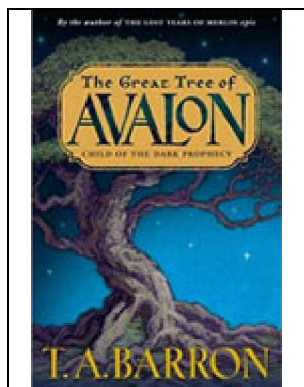


Alexander, Lloyd. *The Xanadu Adventure*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2005.
PZ7 .A3774 I-JH
Vesper Holly's adventures continue as she, her guardians, and their friends journey to Asia Minor in search of the ancient city of Troy, but fall into the trap of an old nemesis.



Armstrong, Alan. **Whittington**. New York: Random House, 2005.
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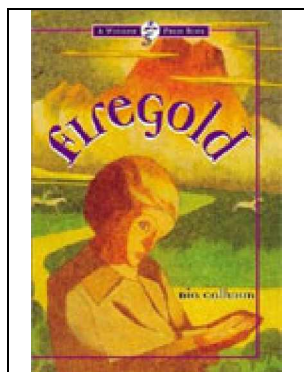
Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.



Barron, T.A. **Child of the Dark Prophecy**. New York: Philomel Books, 2004.

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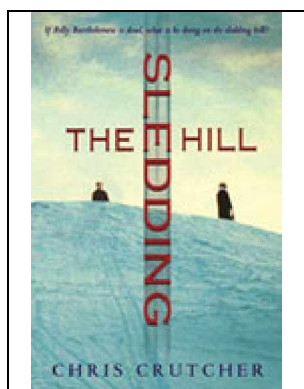
In accordance with prophecy, Avalon's existence is threatened in the year that stars stop shining and at the time when both the dark child and Merlin's heir are to be revealed.



Calhoun, Dia. **Firegold**. Delray Beach, Florida: Winslow Press, 1999.

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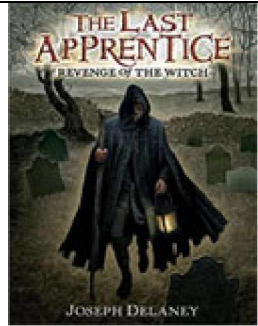
Thirteen-year-old Jonathon, feared and hated by the brown-eyed Valley people because of his blue eyes, tries to find answers to his true identity in the Red Mountains, home of the Dalriada, a mountain people with magnificent horses, mystical powers, and blue eyes like his.



Crutcher, Chris. **The Sledding Hill**. New York: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2005.

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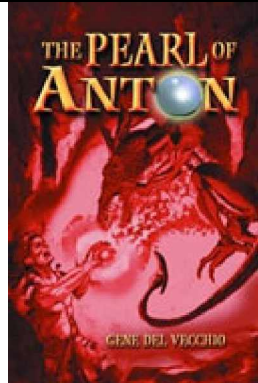
Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen-year-old Eddie, who has added to his home and school problems by becoming mute, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.



Delaney, Joseph. ***The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch.*** New York: Greenwillow Books, 2005.

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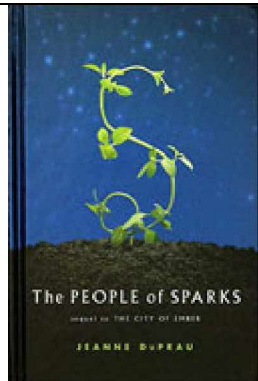
A Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties".



Del Vecchio, Gene. ***The Pearl of Anton.*** Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishers Co., 2004.

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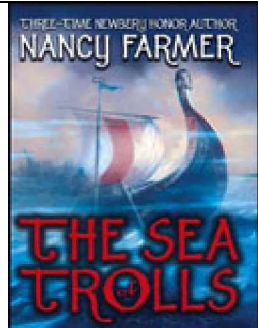
Jason Del struggles to master himself and the Pearl of Anton in order to defend humanity in the Final Contest.



DuPrau, Jeanne. ***The People of Sparks.*** New York: Random House, 2004.

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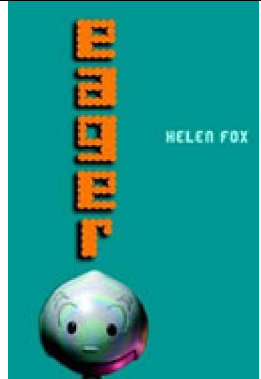
Having escaped to the Unknown Regions, Lina and the others seek help from the village people of Sparks.



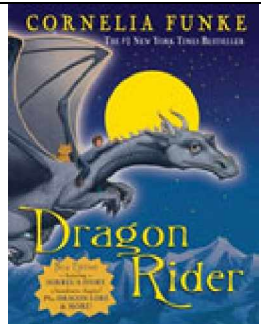
Farmer, Nancy. ***The Sea of Trolls.*** New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004.

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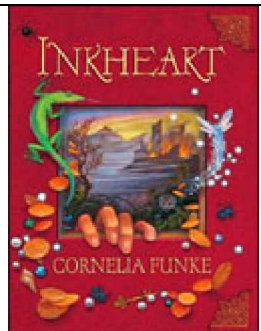
After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.



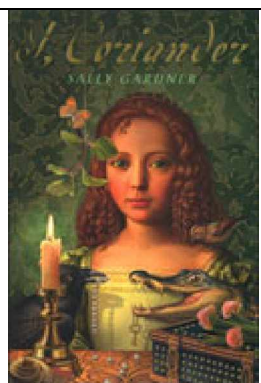
Fox, Helen, **Eager**. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2004.
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Unlike Grumps, their old-fashioned robot, the Bell family's new robot, Eager, is programmed to not merely obey but to question, reason, and exercise free will.



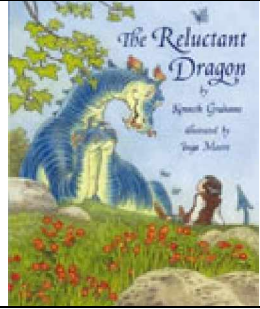
Funke, Cornelia Caroline. **Dragon Rider**. New York: Scholastic, 2004.
PZ7 .F96624 I-JH
After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.



----- **Inkheart**. New York: Chicken House, Scholastic, 2003.
PZ7 .F96624 I-JH
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.



Gardner, Sally. **I Coriander**. New York: Dial Books, 2005.
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In 17th century London, Coriander, a girl who has inherited magic from her mother, must find a way to use this magic in order to save both herself and an inhabitant of the fairy world where her mother was born.



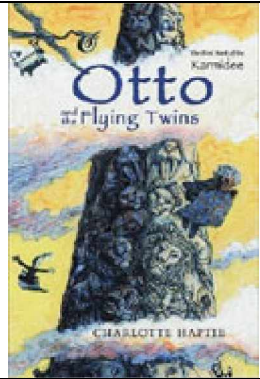
Grahame, Kenneth. ***The Reluctant Dragon***. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2004.
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In this illustrated, abridged version of the original, the boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and, especially, St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

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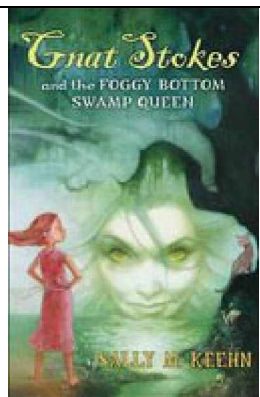
Gruber, Michael. ***The Witch's Boy***. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2005.
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A grotesque founding turns against the witch who sacrificed almost everything to raise him when he becomes consumed by the desire for money and revenge against those who have hurt him, but he eventually finds his true heart's desire.



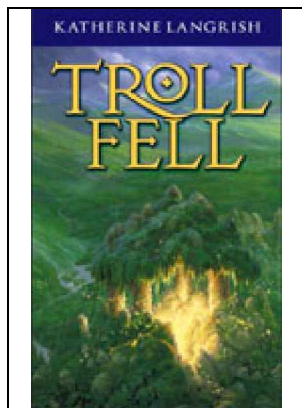
Hapite, Charlotte. ***Otto and the Flying Twins***. New York: Holiday House, 2004.
PZ7 .H2113 I-JH

Young Otto comes to the rescue when he discovers that his family and city are the last remnants of an ancient magical world now under threat from the Normal Police.



Keehn, Sally M. ***Gnat Stokes and the Foggy Bottom Swamp Queen***. New York: Philomel Books, 2005.
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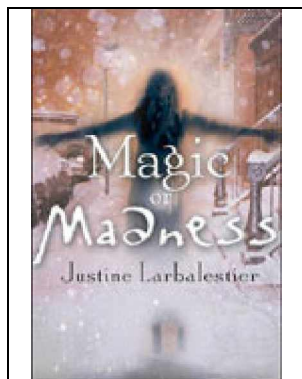
In Mary's Cove, Tennessee, in 1869, twelve-year-old Gnat Stokes decides to prove she's not just a trouble maker by rescuing a boy who was spirited away seven years earlier by the evil Swamp Queen of Foggy Bottom.



Langrish, Katherine. **Troll Fell**. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2004.

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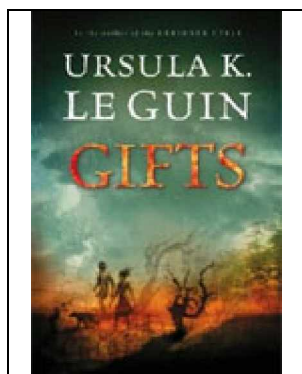
Forced to live with his evil identical-twin uncles after his father's death, twelve-year-old Peer tries to find a way to stop their plan to sell the neighbor's children to the trolls.



Larbalestier, Justine. **Magic or Madness**. New York: Razorbill, 2005.

PZ7 .L32073 I-JH

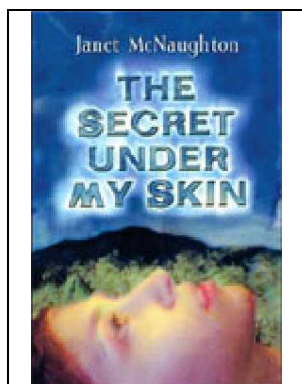
From the Sydney, Australia home of a grandmother she believes is a witch, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino is magically transported to New York City, where she discovers that friends and foes can be hard to distinguish.



Le Guin, Ursula K. **Gifts**. Orlando, Florida: Harcourt, 2004.

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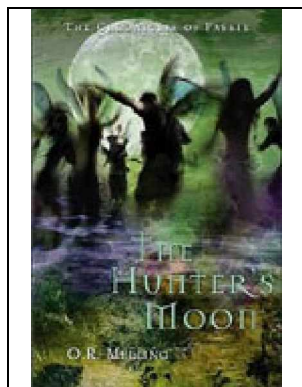
When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than use his gift of "unmaking"--a violent talent shared by members of his family--he upsets the precarious balance of power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a strange and deadly talent of its own.



McNaughton, Janet Elizabeth, **The Secret Under My Skin**. New York: Harper Collins, 2005.

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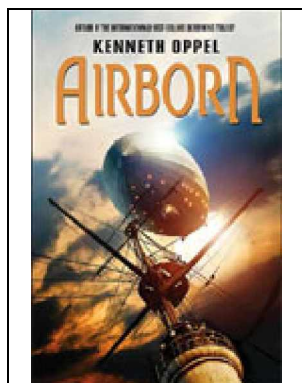
In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a workcamp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.



Melling, O. R. ***The Chronicles of Faerie: The Hunter's Moon***. New York: Amulet Books, 2005.

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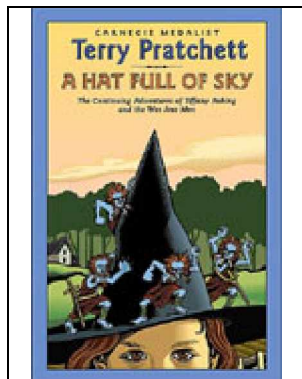
Two teenage cousins, one Irish, the other from the United States, set out to find a magic doorway to the Faraway Country, where humans must bow to the little people.



Oppel, Kenneth. ***Airborn***. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2004.

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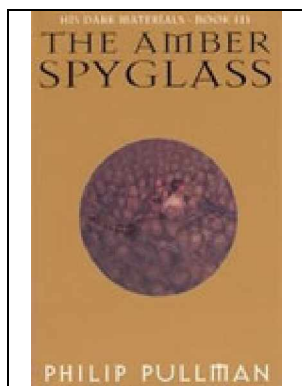
Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.



Pratchett, Terry. ***A Hat Full of Sky***. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.

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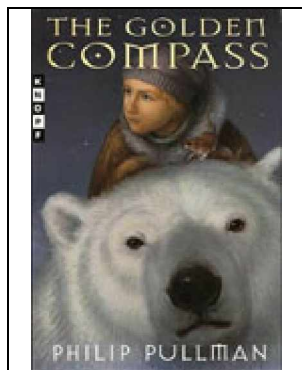
A Tiffany Aching, a young witch-in-training, learns about magic and responsibility as she battles a disembodied monster with the assistance of the six-inch-high Wee Free Men and Mistress Weatherwax, the greatest witch in the world.



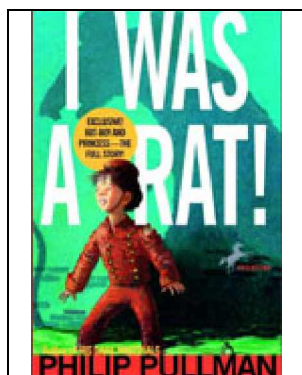
Pullman, Philip. ***The Amber Spyglass***. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

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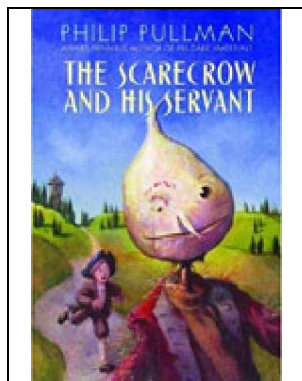
Lyra and Will find themselves at the center of a battle between the forces of the Authority and those gathered by Lyra's father, Lord Asriel.



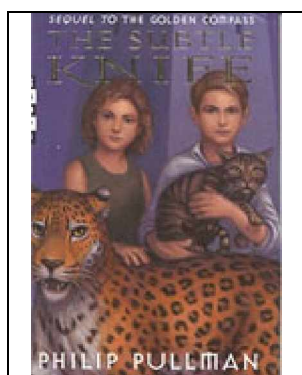
----- ***The Golden Compass.*** New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1996.
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Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.



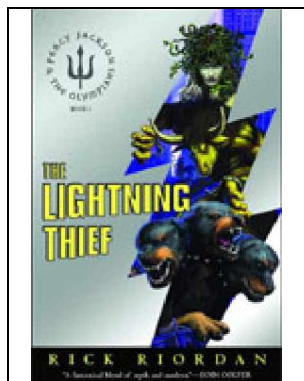
----- ***I Was a Rat.*** New York: Knopf, 2000.
PZ7 .P968 I-JH
A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists he was a rat.



----- ***The Scarecrow And His Servant.*** New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2004.
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A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley.



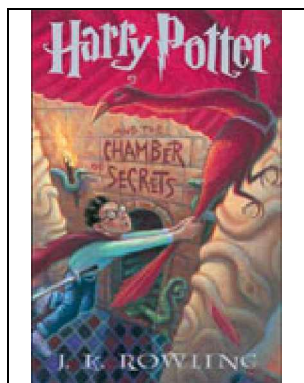
----- ***The Subtle Knife.*** New York: Knopf, 1997.
PZ7 .968 JH-HS
As the boundaries between worlds begin to dissolve, Lyra and her daemon help Will Parry in his search for his father and for a powerful, magical knife.



Riordan, Rick. ***The Lightning Thief***. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

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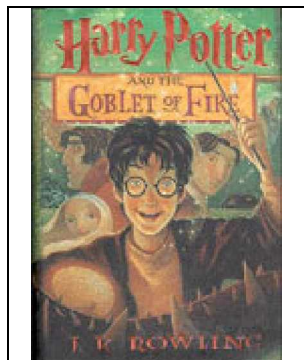
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.



Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets***. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 1999.

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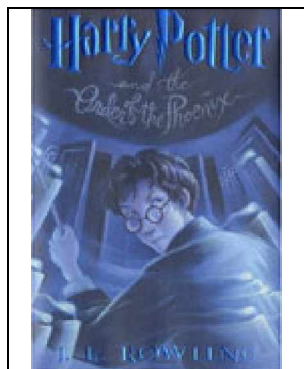
When the Chamber of Secrets is opened again at the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, second-year student Harry Potter finds himself in danger from a dark power that has once more been released on the school.



Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire***. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2000.

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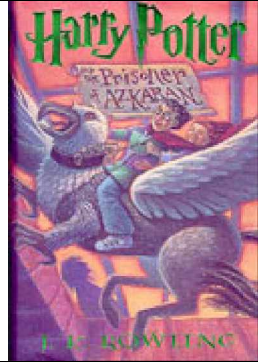
Fourteen-year-old Harry Potter joins the Weasleys at the Quidditch World Cup, then enters his fourth year at Hogwarts Academy where he is mysteriously entered in an unusual contest that challenges his wizarding skills, friendships and character, amid signs that an old enemy is growing stronger.



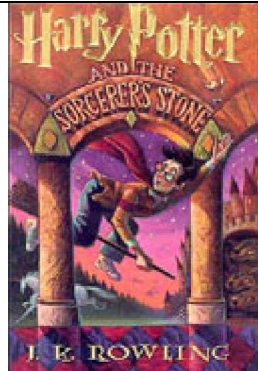
Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix***. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2003.

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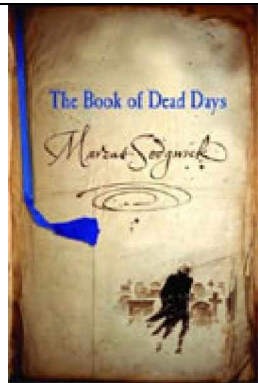
When the government of the magic world and authorities at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry refuse to believe in the growing threat of a freshly revived Lord Voldemort, fifteen-year-old Harry Potter finds support from his loyal friends in facing the evil wizard and other new terrors.



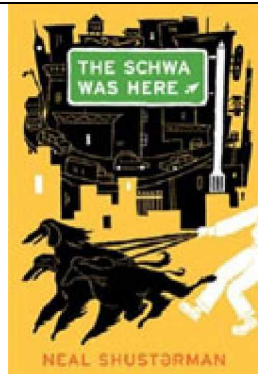
Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban***. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 1999.
PZ7 .R79835 I-JH
During his third year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry Potter must confront the devious and dangerous wizard responsible for his parents' deaths.



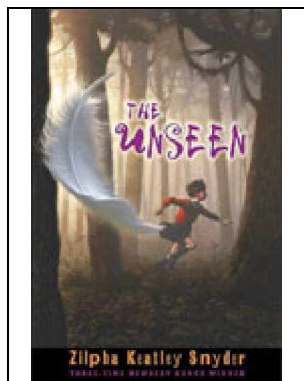
Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone***. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 1999.
PZ7 .R79835 I-JH
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.



Sedgwick, Marcus. ***The Book of Dead Days***. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2004.
PZ7 .S4484 I-JH
With the help of his servant and an orphan girl, a magician named Valerian searches graveyards, churches, and underground waterways for a book he hopes will save him from a pact he has made with evil.



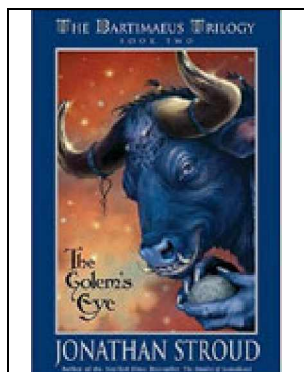
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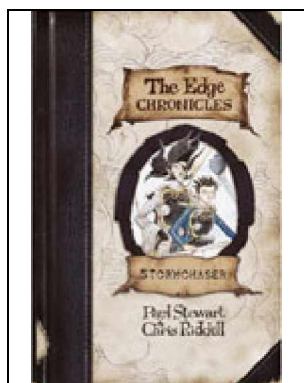
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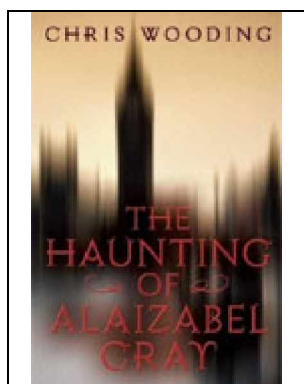
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