

MYSTICAL WORLDS: Fantasy Fiction for Young Adults

Bradshaw, Gillian. [*The Dragon and the Thief*](#). (Teen Fiction B72911dr)

Seventeen year old Prahoteb befriends a dragon, who convinces him to join her on a search for other surviving dragons. They embark on their adventure through Egypt, unknowingly pursued by an evil magician.

Cooper, Louise. [*The Sleep of Stone*](#). (YA Fiction C78628sl)

Ghysla is a shapeshifter and wielder of magic, who vows to win the love of the kind and brave Prince Anyr. She uses her powers to deceive the prince, but such deceit comes with fierce consequences.

Doyle, Debra. [*The Knight's Wyrd*](#). (YA Fiction D773kn)

A wizard tells Will that he will die within a year, so Will sets out on an adventure, encountering ghostly knights, outlaws, a man-eating troll, and more.

James, Betsy. [*Dark Heart*](#). (Teen Fiction J2313da)

Seventeen-year-old Kat's struggle to learn the ways of her dead mother's people in the hill country is complicated by her failure in the bear ceremony, a spiritual rite of passage, and her attraction to the blind outcast Raim.

Jones, Diana Wynne. [*The Crown of Dalemark*](#). (YA Fiction J7134cr)

The Countess and Lord Keril send Mitt to kill a young woman named Noreth Onesdaughter, who claims to know where the lost crown is hidden.

Levine, Gail Carson. [*Ella Enchanted*](#). (Child Fiction L57862el)

A fairy bestows upon Ella the gift of obedience, which Ella discovers to be more like a curse, as she must immediately obey anyone's command. She sets off on a quest to break the curse and encounters ogres, giants and fairy godmothers along the way.

Levine, Gail Carson. [*The Two Princesses of Bamarre*](#). (YA Fiction L57862tw)

Timid Addie admires her older sister Meryl's bravery and courage, but when Meryl falls ill with the dreaded Gray Death, Addie must find her own courage to seek out a cure to save her sister.

McCaffrey, Anne. [*Dragonflight*](#). (YA Fiction M1233dr)

Exciting adventure as Lessa of Pern wages a single-handed secret battle against the dragonmen, her sworn enemies.

McKinley, Robin. [*Deerskin*](#). (YA Fiction M1257de)

Beautiful Princess Lissar is the mirror image of her dead mother, causing her grief-stricken father to react with misplaced desire. She flees her father's wrath, searching for peace and solitude in a magical forest.

McKinley, Robin. [*Rose Daughter*](#). (YA Fiction M1257ros)

A take on the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale, in which Beauty's love releases the curse that has turned her beloved from man to beast.

Napoli, Donna Jo. [*Beast*](#). (YA Fiction N162be)

Set in Persia, this retelling of the Beauty and the Beast fairy tale is told from the Beast's point of view.

Nix, Garth. [*Lirael*](#). (YA Fiction N6505li)

When a dangerous necromancer threatens to unleash a long-buried evil, Lirael and Prince Sameth are drawn into a battle to save the Old Kingdom and reveal their true destinies.

Pierce, Meredith A. [*Treasure at the Heart of the Tanglewood*](#). (YA Fiction P6115tr)

Hannah, a healer with unusual powers, lives in Tanglewood with only animal friends for company. Longing for human companionship, she sets off on a quest to save her beloved knight, and discovers the truth about her past along the way.

Pini, Wendy. [*Elfquest \(series\)*](#). (Graphic Novels P655)

A series of graphic novels telling the story of the "Wolfriders", a tribe of elves who have been burned out of their forest home by humans.

Richardson, Bill. [*After Hamelin*](#). (YA Fiction R3933af)

On the eve of her 11th birthday, Penelope loses her hearing, which allows her to escape the Pied Piper's enchanting spell. Now she must find a way to outwit the piper to save the town children.

Shetterly, Will. [*Elsewhere*](#). (YA Fiction Sh589e)

Ron, a teenage runaway, comes of age among the punk elves and humans of Bordertown, a run-down city on the border between the real world and the magic world of Faerie.

Springer, Nancy. [*I am Morgan le Fay: A Tale From Camelot*](#). (YA Fiction Sp835iam)

In a war-torn England where her half-brother Arthur will eventually become king, the young Morgan le Fay comes to realize that she has magic powers and links to the faerie world.

Stearns, Michael, ed. [*A Wizard's Dozen: Stories of the Fantastic*](#). (YA Fiction W792)

Wizards, dragons, giants and other mystical creatures populate this enchanting collection of thirteen spellbinding stories.

Tolkien, J.R.R. [*The Hobbit*](#). (YA Fiction T577ho)

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.

Tolkien, J.R.R. [*Lord of the Rings*](#). (YA Fiction T577wB)

A trilogy that tells of the great quest undertaken by the hobbit Frodo and the Fellowship of the Ring, to journey across Middle-earth and cast the One Ring -- filled with the power of the Dark Lord Sauron -- into the Cracks of Doom.

Vande Velde, Vivian. [*The Rumpelstiltskin Problem*](#). (YA Fiction V2868ru)

Ever wonder what was going on when that odd little man volunteered to spin straw into gold for the miller's daughter? Here are six alternative versions of the old legend with sometimes surprising endings.

Voigt, Cynthia. [*The Wings of a Falcon*](#). (YA Fiction V87185wi)

Fourteen-year-old Oriel and his friend Griff flee the slavery of Damall's Island and seek a new life on the mainland, where they face raiding Wolfers, rival armies, and other dangers.

Watt-Evans, Lawrence. [*Split Heirs*](#). (YA Fiction W3465sp)

After falling victim to the Gorgorians, a small group of Hydrangean exiles seek the means to retake the capital and expel the invaders.

Yolen, Jane. [*Sister Emily's Lightship*](#). (YA Fiction Y784seL)

A collection of short stories styled to emulate myths, legends, fairy tales and folklore.