

Fantasy

Tunnels: Book 1 by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams 472 pages (J FIC GORDON, R)

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father.

Well Witched by Frances Hardinge 390 pages (J FIC HARDINGE, F)

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

House of Many Ways by Diana Wynne Jones 404 pages (J FIC JONES, D)

When Charmain is asked to housesit for Great Uncle William, the Royal Wizard of Norland, she is ecstatic to get away from her parents, but finds that his house is much more than it seems.

The Ruby Key by Holly Lisle 361 pages (J FIC LISLE, H)

Series: Moon and Sun Book 1. In a world where an uneasy peace binds Humans and Nightlings, fourteen-year-old Genna and her twelve-year-old brother Dan learn of their uncle's plot to gain immortality in exchange for human lives, and the two strike their own bargain with the Nightling lord, which sets them on a dangerous journey along the Moonroads in search of a key.

Savvy by Ingrid Law 342 pages (J FIC LAW, I)

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

The Magic Thief Book 1 by Sarah Prineas 419 pages (J FIC PRINEAS, S)

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.

Highway Cats by Janet Taylor Lisle 118 pages (J FIC LISLE,J)

A hard-bitten group of mangy highway cats is changed forever after the mysterious arrival of three kittens.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman 312 pages (J FIC GAIMAN, N)

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart 485 pages (J FIC STEWART, T)

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

The Titan's Curse by Rick Riordan 312 pages (J FIC RIORDAN, R)

Series: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Book 1. When the goddess Artemis disappears while hunting a rare, ancient monster, a group of her followers joins Percy and his friends in an attempt to find and rescue her before the winter solstice, when her influence is needed to sway the Olympian Council regarding the war with the Titans.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell 346 pages (J FIC JONELL, L)

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo 198 pages (J FIC DICAMILLO, K)

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

The Serpent Gift by Lene Kaaberbol 377 pages (J FIC KAA)

Series: The Shamer Chronicles Book 3. As her brother Davin is unjustly confined to a prison and looks for a way to escape, Dina, now twelve years old, meets her father and learns whether she shares his serpent gift of having the ability to give people dreams.

Whales on Stilts! by M.T. Anderson 188 pages (J FIC ANDERSON, M)

Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.

The Witch's Boy by Michael Gruber 377 pages (J FIC J GRU)

A grotesque foundling 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.

Fairy Dust And The Quest For The Egg by Gail Carson Levine 188 pages (J FIC LEV)

Prilla, the unusual new fairy in Neverland, finds her mettle, Mother Dove's wisdom, and Tinker Bell's courage tested by many trials, including a hurricane, a selfish fairy, and Captain Hook.

The Scarecrow and His Servant by Philip Pullman 229 pages (J FIC PULL)

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.

Inkspell by Cornelia Funke 635 pages (J FIC FUNKE, C)

Sequel to: Inkheart. When Dustfinger finds a crooked storyteller who can read him back to Inkscape, he leaves his apprentice Farid behind. Farid seeks out Meggie and the two follow him back into the enchanted book.

The Game of Sunken Places by M.T. Anderson 260 pages (J FIC ANDERSON, M)

When two boys stay with an eccentric relative at his mansion in rural Vermont, they discover an old-fashioned board game that draws them into a mysterious adventure.

Beyond the Deepwoods by Paul Stewart 276 pages (J FIC STEWART, P)

Series: The Edge Chronicles Book 1. Sequel: Stormchaser. Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs.

Messenger by Lois Lowry 169 pages (J FIC LOWRY, L)

In this novel that unites characters from "The Giver" and "Gathering Blue," Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand.

Stormchaser by Paul Stewart 384 pages (J FIC STEWART, P)

Series: The Edge Chronicles Book 2. Sequel to: Beyond the Deepwoods. In his continuing adventures, Twig, now sixteen years old, joins the crew of his father's sky pirate ship and embarks on a dangerous mission to collect the powerful stromphrax, a substance that purifies water and also prevents the city of Sanctaphrax from floating away.

Troll Fell by Katherine Langrish 264 pages (J FIC LANGRISH, L)

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.

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke 523 pages (J FIC FUNKE, C)

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.

Peter and The Starcatchers by Dave Barry 451 page (J FIC BARRY, D)
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo 267 pages (J FIC DECAMILLO, K)
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.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins 311 pages (J FIC COLLINS, S)
Series: Underland Chronicles Book 1. When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Rowan and the Zebak by Emily Rodda 198 pages (J FIC ROD)
Sequel to: Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal. After a flying lizard carries off his little sister, Rowan of Rin and three companions are guided by a rhyming riddle on a journey to the land of their old enemy, the Zebak, in order to rescue her.

Time Stops for No Mouse by Michael Hoeye 279 pages (J FIC HOE)
When Linka Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into his shop to be repaired and then disappears, Hermux Tantamog is caught up in a world of dangerous search for eternal youth as he tries to find out what happened to her.

Falcon and the Charles Street Witch by Luli Gray 138 pages (J FIC GRA)
Series: Falcon's Egg Book 2. Twelve-year-old Falcon must find the courage to save the day--and the dragon, Egg--after having a series of magical misadventures caused by her little brother, a distracted old dragon, and a bumbling witch.

Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest by Nancy Springer 170 pages (J FIC SPR)
In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy, befriends a half-wolf, half-dog, a runaway princess, and an overgrown boy whose singing is hypnotic, and makes peace with her elfin heritage.

Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda 151 pages (J FIC ROD)
Sequel: Rowan and the Travelers. Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

Goose Chase by Patrice Kindl 214 pages (J FIC KIN)

Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers, before learning exactly who she is.

Heaven Eyes by David Almond 233 pages (J FIC ALM)

Having escaped from their orphanage on a raft, Erin, January, and Mouse float down into another world of abandoned warehouses and factories, meeting a strange old man and an even stranger girl with webbed fingers and little memory of her past.

King of Shadows by Susan Cooper 186 pages (J FIC COO)

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.

The Hermit Thrush Sings by Susan Butler 282 pages (J FIC BUT)

After a natural disaster has all but destroyed the earth, the orphaned and "defective" Leora, while searching for her sister, defies the oppressive laws of the land and joins a band of rebels trying to overthrow the government.

Gypsy Rizka by Lloyd Alexander 195 pages (J FIC ALEXANDER, L)

Living alone in her wagon on the outskirts of a small town while waiting for her father's return, Rizka, a Gypsy and a trickster, exposes the ridiculous foibles of some of the townspeople.

The Folk Keeper by Franny Billingsley 162 pages (J FIC BILLINGSLEY, F)

Orphan Corinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps the Evil Folk at bay, and discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.

Skellig by David Almond 182 pages (J FIC ALMOND, D)

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.