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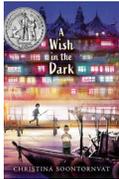
The Barren Grounds  
David Robertson



Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home--until they find a portal to another reality, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom.

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SOON, C

A Wish in the Dark  
Christina Soontornvat



A boy on the run. A girl determined to find him. A compelling fantasy looks at issues of privilege, protest, and justice. Set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world, Christina Soontornvat's twist on Victor Hugo's Les Miserables is a dazzling, fast-paced adventure that explores the difference between law and justice -- and asks whether one child can shine a light in the dark.

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TOWN, J

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow



Jessica Townsend  
A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organization called the Wondrous Society.

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VALE, D

Willow Moss and the Lost Day  
Dominique Valente



Willow Moss's small magic has always seemed unremarkable. But when the most feared witch in the land of Starfell appears on the Moss family's doorstep looking for help, it's not Willow's talented sisters she seeks, it's Willow. Because Willow is a finder of lost things--and Moreg Vaine says that last Tuesday has gone missing.

## MORE FANTASY BOOKS:

Serafina and the Black Cloak

| J Beatty

The School of Good and Evil

| J Chainani

Aru Shah and the End of Time

| J Chokshi

Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond

| J Dasgupta

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the

Sky. | J Mbalia



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# Recommended Reads Fantasy



**YF  
ELLI, Z**

Dragons in a Bag  
Zetta Elliot



In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

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BARR, R**

Maya and the Rising Dark  
Rena Barron



A twelve-year-old girl discovers her father is the keeper of the gateway between our world and The Dark, and when he goes missing she'll need to unlock her own powers and fight a horde of spooky creatures set on starting a war.

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FOOD, A**

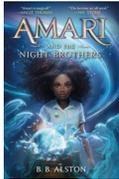
Wilderlore: The Accidental Apprentice  
Amanda Foody



Eleven-year-old Barclay Thorne yearns for the quiet life of a mushroom farmer, but after unwittingly bonding with a beast in the forbidden Woods, he must seek Lore Keepers to break the bond and return home.

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ALST, B**

Amari and the Night Brothers  
B.B. Alston



Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

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CHAD, S**

City of the Plague God  
Sarwat Chadda



Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology.

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HALB, K**

Silver Batal and the Water Dragon Races  
Kristin Halbrook



Silver Batal, a young desert-dweller, dreams of becoming a water dragon racer, and when she befriends a rare dragon that can swim and fly, she may just get her chance.

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ARMS, K**

A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying  
Kelley Armstrong



Rowan is destined to be Queen; her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Rowan would give anything to switch places, but the oldest child is always next in line, even if she is only older by two minutes. But tragedy shatters the longstanding rule, and Rowan finds herself hunting the most dangerous monster of all: a gryphon.

**J  
COLF, C**

A Tale of Magic  
Chris Colfer



Fourteen-year-old Brystal Evergreen risks everything by opposing her kingdom's repression of women, but Madame Weatherberry, seeing her potential, invites her to a school where she hopes to change the world's perception of magic.

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OTT, A**

Seekers of the Wild Realm  
Alexandra Ott



Bryn has always dreamed of becoming a Seeker, just like her dad. But the training master makes it clear he will not be training a girl. But then Bryn's biggest rival for the Seeker position shows up at her door. He reveals the baby dragon he's been hiding, and the two strike a deal--if Bryn helps care for the dragon, Ari will share all his training with her.

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ASTE, A**

Curse of the Night Witch  
Alex Aster



After changing the fate he has known since birth, twelve-year-old Tor Luna, accompanied by his friends Engle and Melda, must visit the notorious Night Witch to break the curse he now faces.

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CORD, Z**

The Way to Rio Luna  
Zoraida Córdova



Eleven-year-old Danny Monteverde believes in magic, he believes that the enchanted land of Rio Luna in his older sister's favorite book is real, and most of all he believes that if he can find the way to Rio Luna he will find his sister Pili there, because he does not believe that his sister would run away from the group home where they lived and leave him behind.

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RITT, W**

Oddmire: Changeling  
William Ritter



Twelve-year-olds Tinn and Cole, raised as human twins in sleepy Endsborough, risk their lives in the Wild Wood, Oddmire Swamp, and the Deep Dark to learn which is a goblin changeling with an important mission.