

J  
MERI, A

A Dash of Trouble  
Anna Meriano



Wanting to be a part of her family's Dia de los Muertos preparations, Leonora sneaks out of school to discover her mother, aunt, and older sisters have been keeping a secret.

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NIEL, J

The False Prince  
Jennifer Nielsen



In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

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RIAZ, K

The Gauntlet  
Karuna Riazi



When twelve-year-old Farah and her two best friends get sucked into a mechanical board game called The Gauntlet of Blood and Sand, a puzzle game akin to a large Rubik's cube, they know it is up to them to defeat the game's diabolical architect in order to save themselves and those who are trapped inside, including her baby brother Ahmed.

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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.

## MORE FANTASY SERIES:

- The Magisterium | Black
- The School of Good and Evil | Chainani
- Aru Shah | Chokshi
- Artemis Fowl | Colfer
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- Magyk | Sage



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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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CALE, R**

Charlie Hernández & the League of Shadows  
Ryan Calejo



Steeped in Hispanic folklore since childhood, middle schooler Charlie Hernández learns the stories are true when, shortly after his parents disappearance, he grows horns and feathers and finds himself at the heart of a battle to save the world.

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KELL, E**

Lalani of the Distant Sea  
Erin Entrada Kelly



Twelve-year-old Lalani Sarita takes on the impossible task of traveling to the legendary Mount Isa, towering on an island to the north. Generations of men and boys have died on the same quest--how can a timid young girl in a tiny boat survive the epic tests of the archipelago?

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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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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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MAFI, T**

Furthermore  
Tahereh Mafi



Twelve-year-old Alice Queensmeadow, with the help of her friend Oliver, travels through the dangerous, magical land of Furthermore in order to rescue her missing father and prove her own magical abilities.

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BARR, R**

Maya and the Rising Dark  
Rena Barron



Twelve-year-old Maya's search for her missing father puts her at the center of a battle between our world, the Orishas, and the mysterious and sinister Dark world.

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CYPR, N**

Sisters of Glass  
Naomi Cyprus



Halan is heir to the Magi Kingdom, a desert land ruled by ancient magic. But Halan has no magical powers of her own. Nalah lives in the land of New Hadar, where magic is strictly outlawed. When a legendary mirror connects them, Nalah and Halan finally meet and must work together to save their two worlds.

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MBAL, K**

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky  
Kwame Mbalia



Tristan feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend. On his first night at his grandparents' farm, a creature shows up and steals Eddie's notebook. Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass. In order to get back home, Tristan and his new allies will need to entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding.

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BEAT, R**

Serafina and the Black Cloak  
Robert Beatty



In 1899, a twelve-year-old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore estate teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

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GIDW, A**

The Creature of the Pines  
Adam Gidwitz



After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

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MEJI, T**

Paola Santiago and the River of Tears  
Tehlor Key Mejia



In Silver Springs, Arizona, her mother's stories of the monstrous La Llorona are thrilling but unbelievable to science-loving Paola until she and her best friends Dante and Emma take a walk through a cactus field near the Gila River.