

Fantasy Books for Grades K to 5
Akron-Summit County Public Library

Picture books:

Davis, Kathy Ellen. **Ta-Da!**, 2018. JE

Two young storytellers start with "once upon a time" but quickly realize that a good story needs action, danger, and most of all, a happy ending.

Gauld, Tom. **The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess**, 2021. JE

When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess, she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.

Hatke, Ben. **Julia's House Goes Home**, 2021. JE

Julia's flying house has come down to earth--and sprouted legs! Now it roams the landscape looking for the perfect spot to settle down. Book #3 but can be read as a standalone.

Lê, Minh. **Drawn Together**, 2018. JE

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.

Okorafor, Nnedi. **Chicken in the Kitchen**, 2017. JE

When Anyaugo follows a giant chicken into her kitchen one warm night in Nigeria, she embarks on a fun-filled adventure in which nothing is quite as it seems.

Sima, Jessie. **Not Quite Narwhal**, 2017. JE

Born deep in the ocean, Kelp is not like the other narwhals and one day, when he spies a creature on land that looks like him, he learns why.

Tsarfaty, Einat. **Sandcastle**, 2020. JE

Building a grand sandcastle which attracts visiting royals from fairy-tale worlds, an imaginative young girl is dismayed by the constant sand that gets into everything, from the royal almond strudel and fig milk bath to the crocodile moat and badminton court.

Zollars, Jaime. **The Truth About Dragons**, 2020. JE

A girl's frightening and exciting first day of school is full of prowling dragons that aren't quite what they seem.

Fiction and Graphic Novels:

Alston, B.B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**, 2021. JFIC

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. When she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a

summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she is certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton.

Armstrong, Kelley. **A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying**, 2019. JFIC

Twelve-year-old Rowan is destined to be Queen, and her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Tragedy shatters the long-standing rule, and Rowan ends up hunting the most dangerous monster: a gryphon. The story contains violence. Book #1

Aster, Alex. **Curse of the Night Witch**, 2020. JFIC

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. Book #1

Auxier, Jonathan. **Willa the Wisp**, 2020. JFIC

One day eight-year-old Auggie Pound, the caretaker of the rare animals in the Fabled Stables, ventures into the swamp to save a new rare creature, the wisp.

Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**, 2017. JNBRY

A witch, a swamp monster, and a perfectly tiny dragon raise a young girl named Luna, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her to save the people of the Protectorate.

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time**, 2018. JFIC

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. Book #1.

Cuevas, Adrianna. **The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez**, 2020. JFIC

A Cuban-American boy must use his ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a witch that transforms into animals.

DasGupta, Sayantani. **The Serpent's Secret**, 2018. JFIC

Until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader. When her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, she needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world. Book #1

Farrant, Natasha. **Eight Princesses and a Magic Mirror**, 2020. JFIC

A magic mirror reveals itself to diverse princesses when each needs it most, illuminating how their power comes not from titles or beauty, but from inner strength.

Gidwitz, Adam. **The Creature of the Pines**, 2018. JFIC

Elliot Eisner isn't excited about starting at a new school, but things take an unexpected turn when his class takes a field trip. Book #1

Grine, Chris. **Secrets of Camp Whatever vol. 1**, 2021. JGN

Eleven-year-old Willow doesn't want to go to her dad's weird old summer camp any more than she wants her family to move to the weird old town where that camp is located. But her family--and fate itself--seem to have plans of their own.

Hanna Alkaf. **The Girl and the Ghost**, 2020. JFIC

Retells a Malaysian folk tale in which a lonely girl, Suraya, inherits from her grandmother a pelesit, a ghostly demon, who proves to be a good companion, bringing both danger and hope.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **Lalani of the Distant Sea**, 2019. JFIC

Twelve-year-old Lalani Sarita takes on the impossible task of traveling to the island called Isa.

Ostertag, Molly. **The Witch Boy**, 2017. JGN

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he hasn't shifted, and he is fascinated by witchery. Book #1

Probert, Tim. **Lightfall: Book one, The Girl & the Galdurian**, 2020. JGN

Bea and Cad, two unlikely friends are swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness.

Riess, Natalie. **Dungeon Critters**, 2020. JGN

Join the Dungeon Critters--a tight-knit squad of animal companions--on a wild adventure investigating a sinister botanical conspiracy among the furry nobility.

Royce, Eden. **Root Magic**, 2021. JFIC

Jez and Jay are fascinated by African American folk magic, their family legacy--especially the potions and powders Doc and Gran would make.

Troïanowski, Johan. **The Runaway Princess**, 2020. JGN

Adventures await when Robin (bored of princess-ing all the time) embarks on the best adventure of her life, meeting friends along the way as she travels through the magical landscape of her country. But her parents aren't so pleased.

West, Jacqueline. **Long Lost**, 2021. JFIC

Feeling lonely and out of place after her family moves to a new town, eleven-year-old Fiona Crane ventures to the local library, where she finds a gripping mystery novel about a small town, family secrets, and a tragic disappearance.

Young, Ethan. **The Dragon Path**, 2021. JGN

The Wong Clan must leave their ruined homeland for a better life in the mythical Old Land, but to get there they must follow the dragon path, where their sworn enemies, the Dragon Tribe, rule.