

## Fantasy, Dark Fantasy, and Urban Fantasy Books for Teens

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#### Fantasy

Aveyard, Victoria. **Realm Breaker**, 2021. TEEN

When the heroes have fallen, who will take up the sword? Corayne an-Amarat soon discovers the truth: She is the last of an ancient lineage—and the last hope to save the world from destruction. But she won't be alone. Even as darkness falls, she is joined by a band of unlikely companions.

Jones, Diana Wynne. **Howl's Moving Castle**, 1986. JFIC

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

Oh, Axie. **The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea**, 2022. TEEN

In this retelling of the Korean legend "The Tale of Shim Cheong", sixteen-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms.

Rhodes, Morgan. **Echoes and Empires**, 2022. TEEN

Snarky seventeen-year-old Josslyn Drake gets infected by a dangerous piece of forbidden magic and teams up with wanted criminal Jericho Nox to remove the spell corrupting her soul.

Rogerson, Margaret. **Sorcery of Thorns**, 2019. TEEN

When apprentice librarian Elisabeth is implicated in sabotage that released the library's most dangerous grimoire, she becomes entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy that could mean the end of everything.

Ross, Rebecca. **Dreams Lie Beneath**, 2021. TEEN

Standing between people and their nightmares and on the brink of taking over as territory warden of Azenor, Clementine Madigan is unwittingly drawn into a century-old conflict by two magicians that forces her to unite with her rival to fight the realm's curse.

Saft, Allison. **A Far Wilder Magic**, 2022. TEEN

Sharpshooter Margaret Welty and alchemical apprentice Weston Winters form an unlikely team competing for glory in a magical fox hunt--while she wants to lure her mother home, Wes needs the prize money to support his family and his political aspirations.

Smart, Ciannon. **Witches Steeped in Gold**, 2021. TEEN

Two enemy witches must enter into a deadly alliance to take down a tyrant who threatens both their worlds--with unpredictable results.

Taylor, Emily J. **Hotel Magnifique**, 2022. TEEN

Seventeen-year-old Jani and her little sister Zosa secure jobs at a glamorous magical hotel, but when Jani realizes that their staff contracts are unbreakable, she embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery

of the magic at the heart of the hotel and free Zosa--and the other staff--from the cruelty of the ruthless maître d'hôtel.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The Thief**, 1996. TEEN

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

Vedder, Leslie. **The Bone Spindle**, 2022. TEEN

When she pricks her finger on a bone spindle, treasure hunter Fi is stuck with the spirit of Briar Rose, a prince under a sleeping curse, and must team up with a tough-as-dirt girl warrior to free the prince--and herself.

### Dark Fantasy

Brown, Roseanne A. **A Song of Wraiths and Ruin**, 2020. TEEN

The first in a gripping debut fantasy duology inspired by West African folklore in which a grieving crown princess and a desperate refugee find themselves on a collision course to murder each other despite their growing attraction.

Duncan, Emily A. **Wicked Saints**, 2019. TEEN

The paths of three characters become entwined during a centuries-long war filled with sinners and saints, magic and mystery, and a star-crossed romance that threatens to tip the scales between dark and light...forever.

Grace, Adalyn. **Belladonna**, 2022. TEEN

Nineteen-year-old orphan Signa Farrow confronts Death--and her own deathly powers--when she investigates the mysterious murder of a relative at the Thorn Grove estate.

Munda, Rosaria. **Fireborne**, 2019. TEEN

When a brutal revolution opens dragonrider classes to everyone, two orphans from very different backgrounds become rising stars in a new regime that is challenged by violent survivors of the former government.

Ryan, Lexi. **These Hollow Vows**, 2021. TEEN

To save her sister from the sadistic king of the Unseelie court, Brie makes a deal to steal three magical relics from the Seelie court and finds herself caught between two dangerous faerie courts and their seductive princes.

Scholte, Astrid. **League of Liars**, 2022. TEEN

Four teens caught up with the illegal use of magic band together to devise the ultimate jailbreak.

Schwab, Victoria. **Gallant**, 2022. TEEN

Olivia Prior has grown up at the grim Merilance School for Girls with no past except for her one treasure, her mother's journal, so when a letter arrives inviting her to come home to ruinous manor, Gallant, she seizes the chance to find out about her family.

## Urban Fantasy

Albert, Melissa. **Our Crooked Hearts**, 2022. TEEN

Told in alternating voices, years after it began, seventeen-year-old Ivy and her mom Dana's shared story comes down to a reckoning among a daughter, a mother, and the dark forces they never should have messed with.

Elle, J. **Wings of Ebony**, 2021. TEEN

A Black teen from Houston has her world upended when she learns about her godly ancestry and must save both the human and god worlds.

Isabelle, S. **The Witchery**, 2022. TEEN

When the Haunting Season approaches and students begin turning up dead, four witches from Mesmortes Coven Academy must harness their power to stop the killer Wolves, soon learning what it will cost to break the curse.

Laurens, Sasha. **Youngblood**, 2022. TEEN

Seventeen-year-olds Kat Finn and Taylor Sanger, two queer bloodsuckers at an elite vampire-only boarding school, must go up against all of Vampirdom when they uncover a frightening conspiracy on campus.

Len, Vanessa. **Only a Monster**, 2022. TEEN

When she discovers that her family are monsters with terrifying, hidden powers, Joan must embrace her own monstrosity if she is to save herself and her family from a legendary monster slayer who will do anything to bring her family down.

McLemore, Anna-Marie. **Lakelore**, 2022. TEEN

The world under the lake drifts above the surface. If Bastián and Lore don't want it bringing their secrets to the surface with it, they have to stop it, and to do that, they have to work together. There's just one problem: Bastián and Lore haven't spoken in seven years, and working together means trusting each other with the very things they're trying to hide.

Peyton Smith, Sasha. **The Witch Haven**, 2021. TEEN

Whisked away to Haxahaven Academy for Witches in 1911, seventeen-year-old Frances Hallowell soon finds herself torn between aligning herself with Haxahaven's foes, the Sons of St. Druon, to solve her brother's murder or saving Manhattan and her fellow witches.

Sambury, Liselle. **Blood Like Magic**, 2021. TEEN

To complete her Calling—a trial every witch must pass in order to come into their powers—and save her family's magic, Voya Thomas must kill her first love, which is no easy task since she'll have to find the perfect guy—and fast.

Thomas, Aiden. **Cemetery Boys**, 2020. TEEN

Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.