

# Fantasy Books for Tweens & Teens

#### Tween Reads



#### Hendrix, Isi. Adia Kelbara and the Circle of Shamans, 2023. JFIC HENDRIX

Twelve-year-old orphan Adia, a kitchen apprentice at the Academy of Shamans who has mysterious powers, embarks on an epic adventure through hidden realms when she discovers the kingdom's emperor is possessed by a demon -- and he's on his way to the Academy for a visit.



#### McNicoll, Elle. Like a Charm, 2023. JFIC MCNICOLL

Discovering a world she thought only existed in fairy tales, Ramya, who can see magic, must save both hidden and mortal worlds from the sirens - beautiful monsters who use their persuasive voices to convince those around them to do their bidding.



# Messenger, Shannon; Frenn, Celina; Chianello, Gabriella. Keeper of the Lost Cities: The Graphic Novel Part 1, 2023. JGN KEEPER

The beloved story by Shannon Messenger is reimagined as a graphic novel. At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as something special. After meeting Fitz, she learns she's from an otherworldly realm, and leaves her family to seek answers.



# Moulton, Deke. Don't Want to Be Your Monster, 2023. JFIC MOULTON

Two vampire brothers must set aside their differences to solve a series of murders in this humorous and delightfully spooky novel for tweens.

# Teen Reads

#### <u>Fantasy</u>



# Armstrong, Kate J. **Nightbirds**, 2023. TEEN ARMSTRONG At the mercy of well-paying clients, four Nightbirds, girls who have a unique and powerful magic they can gift with just a kiss, get a chance to remake the city that dared to clip their wings when the truth about their magic was revealed.



# Bakewell, Catherine. Flowerheart, 2023. TEEN BAKEWELL

Sixteen-year-old Clara accidentally curses her father with wild magic, and in order to save him, she makes a dangerous bargain with a local wizard, who happens to be her childhood best friend.



# Caprara, Rebecca. Spin, 2023. TEEN CAPRARA

Sixteen-year-old Arachne turns to weaving for solace, but when word spreads of her skill she is confronted by the goddess Athena and the two enter a weaving contest that results in transformation and redemption. This ancient myth is beautifully reimagined as a novel in verse.



# Griffin, Rachel. Bring Me Your Midnight, 2023. TEEN GRIFFIN

Tana Fairchild's fate has been planned for her since the day she was born: marry the governor's son and secure an unprecedented alliance between the witches and the mainlanders, but when Tana meets dark magician Wolfe and discovers the power of the dark magic within her, she must choose between her duty to her family and her burgeoning love for Wolfe.



# Jae-Jones, S. Zhara, 2023. TEEN JAE-JONES

Forbidden from practicing magic and burdened by her responsibilities, Jin Zhara's life takes an unexpected turn when she becomes involved with the Guardians of Dawn, a group dedicated to fighting a demonic plague that is corrupting magicians.

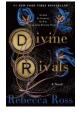


# Jones, Diana Wynne. Howl's Moving Castle, 1986. JFIC & TEEN JONES Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her

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.



# Kaufman, Amie. The Isles of the Gods, 2023. TEEN KAUFMAN When Prince Leander of Alinor commandeers her ship, demanding she take him to a sacred island, Selly finds their voyage leading to acts of treason and high-seas terror, bringing two countries to the brink of war and two strangers closer than they ever thought possible.



Ross, Rebecca. Divine Rivals, 2023. TEEN ROSS When two young rival journalists find love through a magical connection, they must face the depths of hell, in a war among gods, to seal their fate forever.



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

# Dark Fantasy



# Black, Holly. The Stolen Heir, 2023. TEEN BLACK

Hiding in the human world, Suren, the tormented child queen of the Court of Teeth, must guard her heart against a manipulative prince whom she cannot trust when she agrees to join him on a mysterious quest.



# Elle, J. House of Marionne, 2023. TEEN ELLE

To keep her mother safe, 17-year-old Quell is inducted into a debutante society of magical social elites called the Order that will go to deadly lengths to defend its wealth and power, forcing her to choose between embracing her forbidden magic or risk losing everything.



# Munda, Rosaria. Fireborne, 2019. TEEN MUNDA

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.



# Pau Preto, Nicki. Bonesmith, 2023. TEEN PAU PRETO

Ghost-fighting warrior Wren seizes a chance to solidify her place in the noble House of Bone, but when a saboteur gets her banished to the Border Wall, she stumbles upon a dark alliance brewing between the living and the dead while trying to rescue a kidnapped prince.



Reintgen, Scott. **A Door in the Dark**, 2023. TEEN REINTGEN Follows six teenage wizards as they fight to make it home alive after a malfunctioning spell leaves them stranded in the wilderness.



Scholte, Astrid. **League of Liars**, 2022. TEEN SCHOLTE Four teens caught up with the illegal use of magic band together to devise the ultimate jailbreak.

# Urban Fantasy



# Benton-Walker, Terry J. Blood Debts, 2023. TEEN BENTON-WALKER

Sixteen-year-old twins Clement and Cristina feel lost after their father's death but find a new sense of purpose as they work to quell the rising tensions between New Orleans's magic and non-magic communities and find out who cursed their mother.



Brown, Alex. **Damned If You Do**, 2023. TEEN BROWN Queer Buffy the Vampire Slayer meets Filipino folklore in this horror comedy about a high school stage manager who accidentally sells her soul to a demon.



Dennard, Susan. **The Luminaries**, 2022. TEEN DENNARD To reclaim her family's standing within the Luminaries, an ancient order standing between humanity and nightmares, Winnie must pass the hunter trials, entering a world of danger, lies and betrayal where she must protect her town, her family and her heart.



Hatzopoulou, Kika. **Threads That Bind**, 2023. TEEN HATZOPOULOU In a world where the children of the gods inherit their powers, a descendant of the Greek Fates must solve a series of impossible murders to save her sisters, her soulmate, and her city.



Lukens, F.T. **Spell Bound**, 2023. TEEN LUKENS Rival teenage apprentice sorcerers, Rook and Sun, must team up to save their teachers or risk losing their magic forever.



Montalban, Vanessa. **A Tall Dark Trouble**, 2023. TEEN MONTALBAN Alternating between 1980s Cuba and present-day Miami, this stunning story of a Cuban American family of brujas follows twin sisters Ofelia and Delfi as they secretly embrace their magical inheritance to stop a serial killer from taking even more innocent lives.

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