

Which Series Should I Read Next?



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Looking to start a new middle-grade book series? There are so many different ones to choose from!

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Animal Heroes

Warrior cats, guardian owls, dragons with destinies...who says humans always have to save the day? If you like animal heroes, you might like:

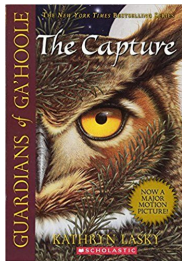


Bravelands

by Erin Hunter

Guided Reading Level: W

In this series: When a murderer breaks the code of honor and sends the Bravelands into chaos, it's up to a lion, a baboon, and an elephant to restore peace.



Guardians of Ga'Hoole

by Kathryn Lasky

Guided Reading Level: U–Y

In this series: After Soren the owl is pushed from his nest, he starts on a fantastical path to become a guardian of the Great Ga'Hoole Tree, dedicated to doing good deeds and fighting evil in the forest.



Seekers

by Erin Hunter

Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: When a brown bear, a black bear, and a polar bear get separated from their families, they start on a quest that will change their lives forever.



Spirit Animals

by Various Authors

Guided Reading Level: U–W

In this series: Four children in the world of Erdas discover that they each have a bond with an animal, and now they must use those bonds to defeat a dark force from the past.

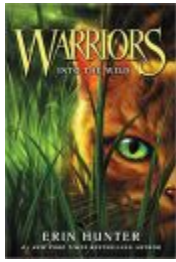


Survivors

by Erin Hunter

Guided Reading Level: U

In this series: After an earthquake in their city, a group of former Leashed Dogs flee to the forest where they encounter a pack of Wild Dogs.



Warriors

by Erin Hunter

Guided Reading Level: R–T

In this series: Four clans of wild cats share a forest, but they don't always live in peace.



Wings of Fire

by Tui T. Sutherland

Guided Reading Level: W, X

In this series: Centers around ten dragon tribes, wars, and world-saving prophecies.



Wolves of the Beyond

by Kathryn Lasky

Guided Reading Level: S–U

In this series: After being abandoned by his pack for his twisted paw, wolf pup Faolan survives on his own and grows up to change the wolf world forever.

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Cozy Magic

Not all magicians go on perilous quests. Some characters use magic to help them in school, or make birthday wishes come true. If you like cozy magic, you might like:

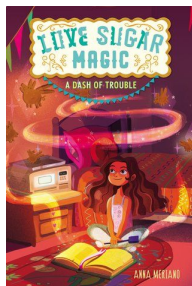


Ivy and Bean

by Annie Barrows

Guided Reading Level: M–O

In this series: Ivy and Bean are total opposites who become best friends. They’re constantly getting into trouble—especially since one of them is a witch.

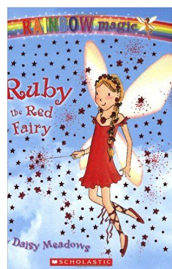


Love Sugar Magic

by Anna Meriano

Guided Reading Level: P–S

In this series: When Leonora Logroño discovers she is from a family of bruja bakers, she tries to use her magic, and it doesn’t go exactly as planned.

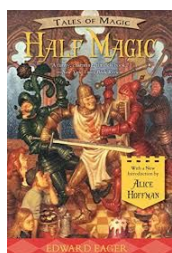


Rainbow Magic

by Daisy Meadows

Guided Reading Level: L, M

In this series: Magic fairies of all kinds help put a stop to the antics of Jack Frost.

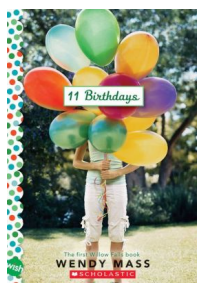


Tales of Magic

by Edward Eager

Guided Reading Level: R–T

In this series: we explore how magic enters the lives of ordinary children in many fantastical ways.



Willow Falls

by Wendy Mass

Guided Reading Level: X

In this series: The kids in Willow Falls all experience strange and wondrous “birthday magic” that changes their lives forever.

Detectives and Mystery

Whether it's a missing notebook, a missing person, or a riddle-filled library, life is full of mysteries. Are you on the case? If you like detectives and mystery, you might like:

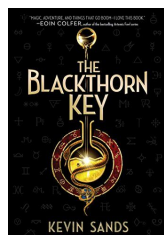


All the Wrong Questions

by Lemony Snicket

Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: Set before the Series of Unfortunate Events, this series centers around Lemony Snicket solving mysteries in a seaside town.

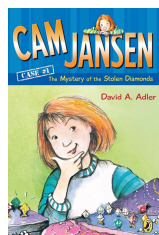


The Blackthorn Key

by Kevin Sands

Guided Reading Level: X

In this series: Apprentice apothecary Christopher Rowe must decipher codes and clues to save London from destruction by mysterious threats.

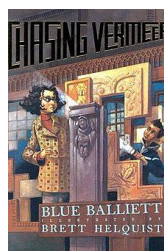


Cam Jansen

by David A. Adler

Guided Reading Level: J–O

In this series: Cam Jansen has a photographic memory and a knack for solving even the trickiest of mysteries.

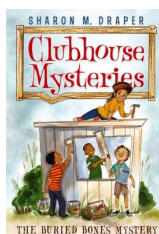


Chasing Vermeer

by Blue Balliett

Guided Reading Level: T

In this series: Chicago sixth-graders Petra and Calder are whisked into the world of mystery when a famous painting goes missing in their community.

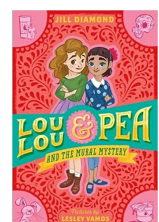


Clubhouse Mysteries

by Sharon M. Draper

Guided Reading Level: O–R

In this series: Ziggy, Rashawn, Jerome, and Rico form a club to solve mysteries, crack codes, and help their community.

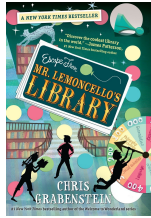


Lou Lou and Pea

by Jill Diamond

Guided Reading Level: R

In this series: Best friends Lou Lou and Pea solve unusual mysteries to protect their beloved neighborhood of El Corazón.



Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Guided Reading Level: U, V

In this series: Kyle and his friends must use books and their own wits to solve the clues created by master game-maker Luigi Lemoncello.

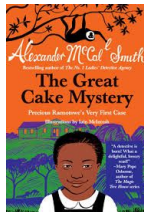


Nancy Drew Mystery Stories

by Carolyn Keene

Guided Reading Level: S

In this series: The clever young detective Nancy Drew can solve any mystery that comes her way, no matter how dangerous.

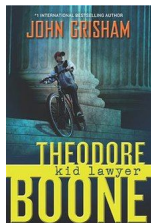


Precious Ramotswe

by Alexander McCall Smith

Guided Reading Level: O

In this series: Young Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's leading lady detective, solves cases from missing cake to missing lions.



Theodore Boone

by John Grisham

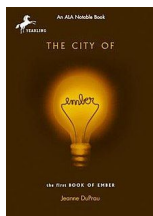
Guided Reading Level: T–W

In this series: Theodore Boone wants to be a lawyer someday, and he's already getting plenty of practice solving crimes.

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Dystopian

These societies have rules that are pretty different from the life we're used to, and usually not in a good way. If you like dystopian books, you might like:

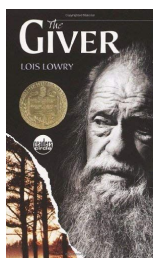


City of Ember

by Jeanne DuPrau

Guided Reading Level: V, W

In this series: Two teenagers discover lost instructions to help them escape from their decaying underground city.

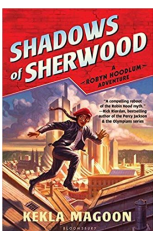


The Giver

by Lois Lowry

Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: Children try to make their way in a community where pain and strife have been eliminated in favor of Sameness.



Robyn Hoodlum Adventures

by Kekla Magoon

Guided Reading Level: X

In this series: After her parents go missing, Robyn Loxley becomes Robyn Hoodlum, the leader of a gang of rebellious heroes in her harsh home of Nott City.



The Unwanteds

by Lisa McMann

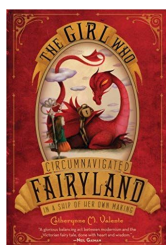
Guided Reading Level: Z

In this series: In the land of Quill, artistic children are considered "unwanteds" and sent to their deaths. But a magician opens a world called Arttime for them to hide in, until Arttime comes under threat.

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Fairy Tales

Some of these stories are new spins on the tales we've heard for years. Others involve whole new tales about, well, fairies. Either way, you're sure to find some magical characters with tricks up their sleeves. If you like fairy tales, you might like:

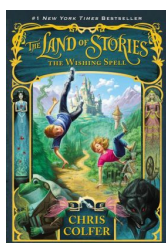


The Fairyland Series

by Catherynne M. Valente

Guided Reading Level: Q–S

In this series: Twelve-year-old September takes a fantastical trip from Nebraska to a place called Fairyland.



Land of Stories

by Chris Colfer

Guided Reading Level: U–Z

In this series: Twins Alex and Conner must find their way back home after they fall through a magical book into a world of fairytales.

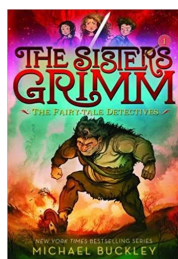


School for Good and Evil

by Soman Chainani

Guided Reading Level: X, Y

In this series: Sophie and Agatha are kidnapped from their village and forced to attend schools for fairytale heroes and villains, but neither feels they belong there and they must find a way to break free of the norms of good and evil.



Sisters Grimm

by Michael Buckley

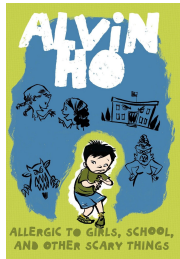
Guided Reading Level: R–U

In this series: Sabrina and Daphne Grimm live in a town filled with Everafters—characters from fairytales. They solve mysteries to find their missing parents, and prevent the evil Everafters of Ferryport Landing from escaping.

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Funny Ones

Are you in it for a laugh? These books have talking plants, dorky doodles, and the weirdest villains you've ever seen. If you like funny ones, you might like:

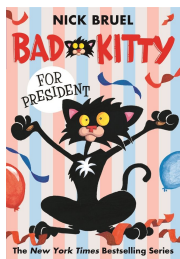


Alvin Ho

by Lenore Look

Guided Reading Level: P

In this series: At home, Alvin Ho is as loud and bold as a Chinese New Year. But when it comes to school, camping, and birthday parties, he's trying his best to not be a scaredy cat.

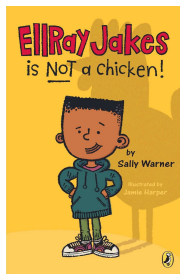


Bad Kitty

by Nick Bruel

Guided Reading Level: H–Q

In this series: A house cat named Kitty keeps getting into trouble, earning his bad reputation.

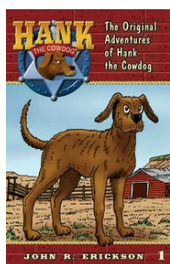


Ellray Jakes

by Sally Warner

Guided Reading Level: O, P

In this series: Ellray Jakes may be the shortest kid in his class, but that doesn't stop him from getting up to big trouble.

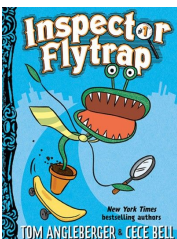


Hank the Cowdog

by John R. Erickson

Guided Reading Level: N–Q

In this series: Hank the dog must deal with all the issues and mysteries that arise as “head of security” for his ranch.

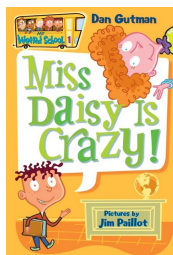


Inspector Flytrap

by Tom Angleberger

Guided Reading Level: P

In this series: This illustrated chapter book series follows a venus fly trap who solves mysteries.

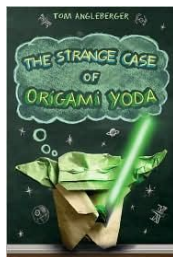


My Weird School

by Dan Gutman

Guided Reading Level: L–P

In this series: A.J. and his friends get into all kinds of wacky adventures at Ella Mentry School.

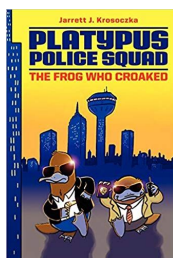


Origami Yoda

by Tom Angleberger

Guided Reading Level: T–V

In this series: Are finger puppets just finger puppets, or do they have a special connection to the Force?



Platypus Police Squad

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Guided Reading Level: S

In this series: Rick Zengo and Corey O'Malley are platypus detectives who bust criminals in their animal-filled city.

For more suggestions, ask a librarian!

Heroes and Quests

Whether they're trying to save their world, their kingdom, their friends, or themselves, we can't help but root for these bold adventurers. If you like heroes and quests, you might like:



39 Clues

by Various Authors

Guided Reading Level: T–V

In this series: Amy and Dan Cahill set out to find clues detailing their family history, left behind by their late grandmother.



The Dark is Rising Sequence

by Susan Cooper

Guided Reading Level: W, X

In this series: Simon, Jane, Barney, and Will join forces to collect powerful items and fend off the Dark.

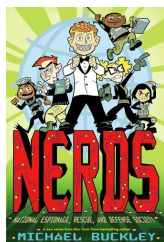


Five Kingdoms

by Brandon Mull

Guided Reading Level: N, O

In this series: On Halloween night, Cole's friends disappear underneath a haunted house. Cole follows them into the Outskirts and must try to find them while restoring balance to the five kingdoms he visits.



N.E.R.D.S.

by Michael Buckley

Guided Reading Level: U, V

In this series: A group of kid secret agents battle evil using their enhanced “nerdy” characteristics such as braces and glue-eating.

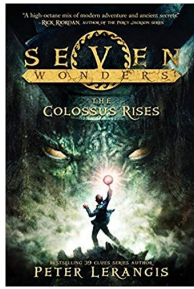


Ranger's Apprentice

by John Flanagan

Guided Reading Level: U–X

In this series: Will is chosen to be a ranger's apprentice, which means he'll have to learn skills like tracking and archery in order to protect the kingdom of Araluen.

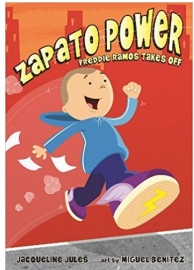


Seven Wonders

by Peter Lerangis

Guided Reading Level: L–N

In this series: Jack and his friends begin searching the seven wonders of the ancient world to find the missing Loculi that will save their lives, but they might end up saving the world in process.



Zapato Power

by Jacqueline Jules

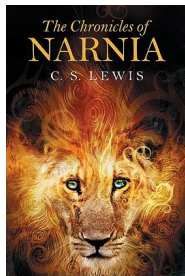
Guided Reading Level: O

In this series: Freddie Ramos comes home one day to find a pair of superpowered shoes, turning him into the neighborhood superhero!

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Journeys to Other Worlds

Through a wardrobe, through a vent, down a hole...other worlds are everywhere! Filled with magic, monsters, and danger, of course. If you like journeys to other worlds, you might like:

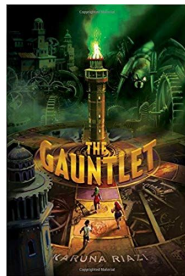


The Chronicles of Narnia

by C.S. Lewis

Guided Reading Level: T–W

In this series: The four Pevensie children stumble upon a magical world called Narnia on the other side of a wardrobe. Over the course of the series, Narnia is born, fought for, and destroyed.

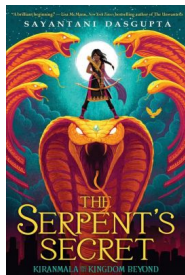


The Gauntlet

by Karuna Riazi

Guided Reading Level: Z

In this series: When Farah's baby brother Ahmed gets trapped inside an evil mechanical board game, she and her friends must enter to save him—and themselves!

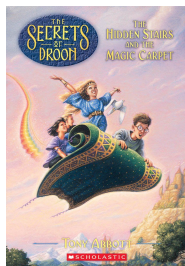


Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond

by Sayantani DasGupta

Guided Reading Level: O–S

In this series: When Kiranmala's parents are accidentally cast into another dimension, she must travel with a pair of Indian princes into The Kingdom Beyond.

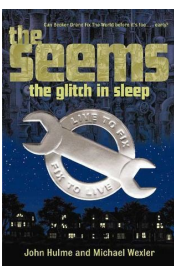


Secrets of Droon

by Tony Abbott

Guided Reading Level: M–P

In this series: Eric, Neal, and Julie discover a staircase to a magical world called Droon, where they must help fight the evil forces that threaten to conquer it.

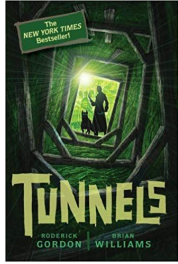


The Seems

by John Hulme and Michael Wexler

Guided Reading Level: S–Z

In this series: Becker Drane is a fixer who works in a world called The Seems to prevent disasters that might unravel our world.

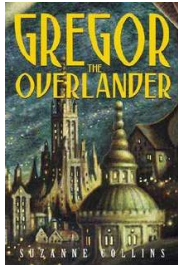


Tunnels

by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams

Guided Reading Level: W–Z+

In this series: Will Burrows ventures deeper and deeper into an underground world, making friends, family, and mortal enemies along the way.

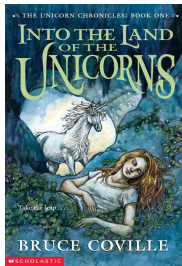


Underland Chronicles

by Suzanne Collins

Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: Gregor and his sister Boots fall through a vent in their basement and find themselves in the Underland, a city of beasts and hidden people underneath New York.



The Unicorn Chronicles

by Bruce Coville

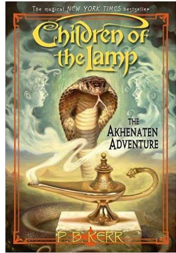
Guided Reading Level: Q, R

In this series: Cara Hunter is sent by her grandmother into Luster, a magical parallel universe, to deliver a message to the unicorn queen and save both worlds.

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Magical Adventures

Wizards, beasts, curses, genies, and dragons—these stories are where magic meets action. If you like magical adventures, you might like:

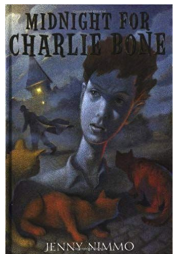


Children of the Lamp

by P.B. Kerr

Guided Reading Level: T–Y

In this series: Twins John and Philippa discover that they are genies, and must learn to use their powers to protect the balance of good luck and bad luck in the world.

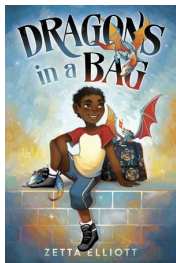


Children of the Red King

by Jenny Nimmo

Guided Reading Level: U

In this series: Charlie Bone, a magical descendant of the Red King, is sent to Bloor's Academy and takes on many adventures there.

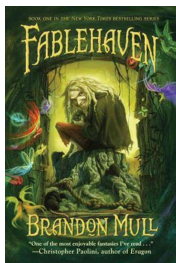


Dragons in a Bag

by Zetta Elliot

Guided Reading Level: P–S

In this series: Jaxon's mother leaves him to spend the day with Ma, who doesn't turn out to be his grandmother—she's a witch with a bag full of dragons. When Jax sets them loose, can he get them all back?

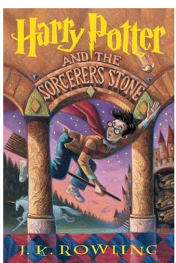


Fablehaven

by Brandon Mull

Guided Reading Level: O, P

In this series: When Kendra and Seth arrive at their grandparents' house, they discover it is a preserve for magical creatures—creatures in need of defending.

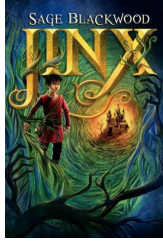


Harry Potter

by J.K. Rowling

Guided Reading Level: V–Z

In this series: Harry finds out he is a wizard and is invited to attend Hogwarts school to learn magic. He faces a destiny of defeating the evil he-who-must-not-be-named.

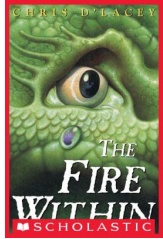


Jinx

by Sage Blackwood

Guided Reading Level: M

In this series: Jinx must learn to use the magic within him if he's going to survive in—and protect—his home forest of the Urwald.

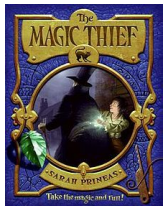


The Last Dragon Chronicles

by Chris D'Lacey

Guided Reading Level: X, Y

In this series: When David Rain moves in with Liz and Lucy Pennykettle, he doesn't expect to find a house full of magical clay dragons.

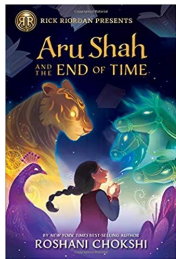


The Magic Thief

by Sarah Prineas

Guided Reading Level: T

In this series: Connwaer picks the pocket of a powerful wizard, who takes him on as an apprentice to help stop the disappearance of magic.



Pandava Series

by Roshani Chokshi

Guided Reading Level: O–S

In this series: Trying to impress her classmates, Aru Shah accidentally releases an ancient demon from a lamp and must stop it before it unleashes the God of Destruction.

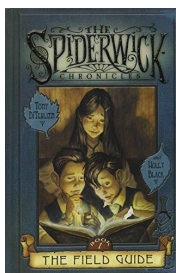


Septimus Heap

by Angie Sage

Guided Reading Level: W, X

In this series: As the seventh son of a seventh son, Septimus Heap has magical powers which he must use to defend his family, friends, and Castle from dark threats all around them.



The Spiderwick Chronicles

by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Guided Reading Level: R

In this series: When the three Grace children move into the Spiderwick Estate, they discover a hidden worlds of fairies, goblins, trolls, and more.

For more suggestions, ask a librarian!

Mythology

When ancient Gods are involved, there will always be adventure! Read as human, god, and demigod heroes fight to save (or destroy) the world. If you like mythology, you might like:

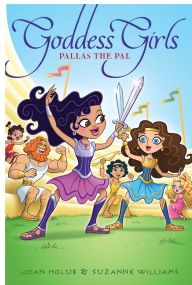


The Cronus Chronicles

by Anne Ursu

Guided Reading Level: W

In this series: Cousins Charlotte and Zee travel to the underworld, the high seas, and Mount Olympus fighting against the Greek Gods who are out to destroy them, and the world.

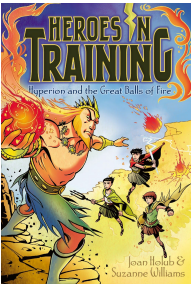


Goddess Girls

by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams

Guided Reading Level: S, T

In this series: See the Greek Goddesses Athena, Aphrodite, Artemis, and Persephone in a whole new light, as young girls attending Mount Olympus Academy to learn divine skills.

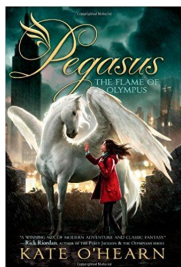


Heroes in Training

by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams

Guided Reading Level: Q

In this series: See the Gods of Olympus as young children facing adventures that put their powers to the test.

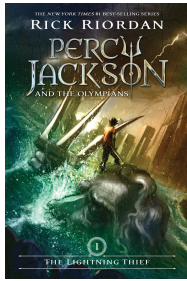


Pegasus

by Kate O'Hearn

Guided Reading Level: U, V

In this series: Emily and Pegasus are brought together by fate and must face off with gods, monsters, and mortals to save Olympus.

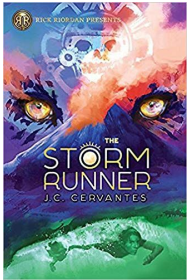


Percy Jackson Series

by Rick Riordan

Guided Reading Level: W

In this series: Percy Jackson, son of Poseidon, teams up with his demigod friends on perilous adventures which lead to a final showdown against the titan lord Kronos.



The Storm Runner Series

by J. C. Cervantes

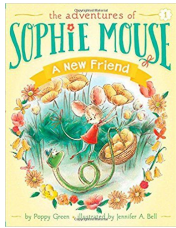
Guided Reading Level: M–O

In this series: Zane Obispo discovers a powerful connection between him, his limp, the volcano near his house, and the ancient Maya Gods.

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Real-World Adventures

These stories don't have magic or monsters, but they still have young heroes who face school troubles, friendship drama, and summertime mischief. If you like real-world adventures, you might like:

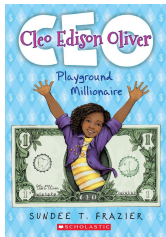


The Adventures of Sophie Mouse

by Poppy Green

Guided Reading Level: L–O

In this series: Sophie Mouse goes to school in the Silverlake forest, where she and her animal friends aren't so different from you and me.



Cleo Edison Oliver

by Sundee T. Frazier

Guided Reading Level: R, S

In this series: Future businesswoman Cleo Edison Oliver puts big ideas to action, while finding her place in her adoptive and birth families.

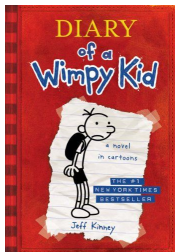


Dear America

by Various Authors

Guided Reading Level: S–Y

In this series: Through their diaries, young American women recount their experiences at different points in history.

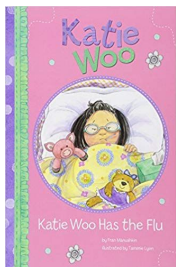


Diary of a Wimpy Kid

by Jeff Kinney

Guided Reading Level: S–T

In this series: Read Greg Heffley's comic journals about his life as a wimpy middle schooler.

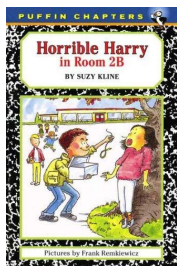


Katie Woo

by Fran Manushkin

Guided Reading Level: H–J

In this series: Katie Woo thinks every day is an adventure, even when she's hit with the flu or the blues.

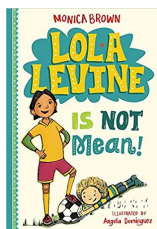


Horrible Harry

by Suzy Kline

Guided Reading Level: L–O

In this series: Follow the misadventures of third grader Harry and his best friend, Doug.

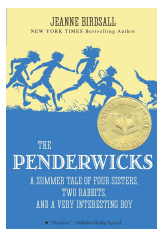


Lola Levine

by Monica Brown

Guided Reading Level: M–P

In this series: Second grader Lola Levine tackles problems from the soccer field to the drama stage.

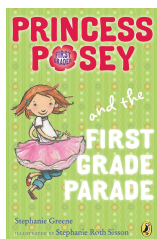


The Penderwicks Series

by Jeanne Birdsall

Guided Reading Level: L–P

In this series: Follow the Penderwick sisters through mischief and heartfelt fun as they grow up together on Gardam Street.

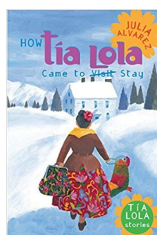


Princess Posey

by Stephanie Greene

Guided Reading Level: K–L

In this series: Dressed in her favorite tutu, Princess Posey tackles all the challenges first grade throws at her.



Tia Lola

by Julia Alvarez

Guided Reading Level: R

In this series: Tia Lola is like Mary Poppins, showing up in Vermont one day to help take care of Miguel and Juanita.



Track

by Jason Reynolds

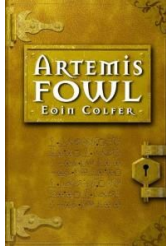
Guided Reading Level: X, Y

In this series: Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and Lu all join an elite track team, and they each have something to lose and a lot to prove—to each other, and themselves.

For more suggestions, ask a librarian!

Strange and Spooky

Enter the worlds of the weird, the dark, and the creepy-crawly. If you like strange and spooky books, you might like:



Artemis Fowl

by Eoin Colfer

Guided Reading Level: W–Y

In this series: Genius anti-hero Artemis Fowl enters the magical world as a criminal, but eventually joins forces with his fairy enemies to save the world.

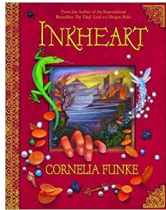


Franny K. Stein

by Jim Benton

Guided Reading Level: N–P

In this series: Franny is a spunky young mad scientist who is constantly battling creepy creatures and spooky situations.

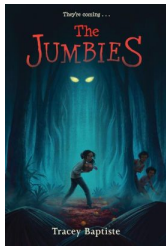


Inkheart

by Cornelia Funke

Guided Reading Level: W, X

In this series: Meggie and her father Mo have the ability to bring book characters into their world by reading them aloud—but this power doesn't come without consequence.



Jumbies

by Tracey Baptiste

Guided Reading Level: U–W

In this series: After a strange encounter in the forest, Corinne LaMer learns that Jumbies are real—and she must protect her island from their dangerous tricks.

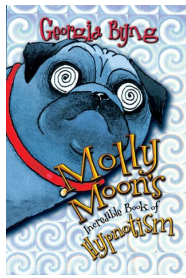


The Last Apprentice

by Joseph Delaney

Guided Reading Level: W

In this series: Tom Ward becomes a Spook's apprentice, training to fight ghosts, witches, and other dark forces in the County.

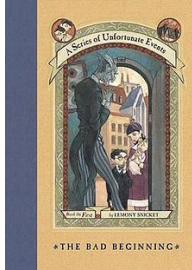


Molly Moon

by Georgia Byng

Guided Reading Level: T

In this series: A young orphan gains the power to hypnotize anyone she wants, but many evil villains want that power for themselves.

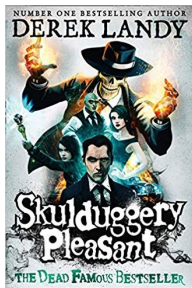


A Series of Unfortunate Events

by Lemony Snicket

Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: After the death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children attempt to escape from the custody of their murderous uncle, Count Olaf.



Skulduggery Pleasant

by Derek Landy

Guided Reading Level: U-Z

In this series: Twelve-year-old Stephanie Edgley teams up with four-hundred-year-old Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton detective, to solve her uncle's murder and eventually save the world.



Spirit Hunters

by Ellen Oh

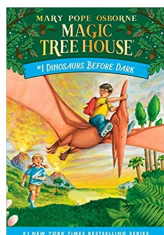
Guided Reading Level: V

In this series: Harper Raine's visions may scare her, but they're helpful for getting rid of haunting spirits in her home and out in the world.

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Time Travel

Get lost on these epic adventures into the past, future, and the fabric of time and space!
If you like time travel, you might like:

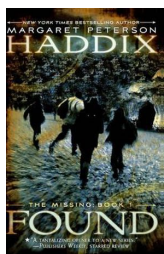


Magic Tree House

by Mary Pope Osborne

Guided Reading Level: M, N

In this series: Jack and Annie are sent by two magicians, Morgan and Merlin, on time-traveling missions in their treehouse.



The Missing

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Guided Reading Level: X

In this series: Follow Jonah Skidmore, one of a group of famous babies who were kidnapped and sent to the future. Jonah and his adoptive sister Katherine travel through time to right wrongs and preserve the world as they know it.



Pendragon

by D.J. MacHale

Guided Reading Level: T–X

In this series: Bobby Pendragon travels through time and space to defend the ten “territories” from the demon Saint Dane.

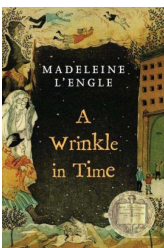


Ranger in Time

by Kate Messner

Guided Reading Level: S, T

In this series: Join Ranger, the time-traveling search-and-rescue dog, as he teams up with kids from all different times and places in the world.



The Time Quintet

by Madeleine L'Engle

Guided Reading Level: V, W

In this series: The Murray family gets caught up in time travel and fantastical, otherworldly struggles of good and evil.

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