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Harry Potter

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Alexander, Lloyd. **The Book of Three**. 1964. From the **Chronicles of Prydain** series.

*(J Fiction ALE)

Taran is a lowly assistant pig-keeper, but he knows that he has the heart of a hero. When his beloved land of Prydain is threatened by a new and dangerous war lord, Taran has a chance to prove himself. Age 10 and up.

Barron, T.A. **The Lost Years of Merlin**. 1996. From the **Lost Years of Merlin** series.

*(Jr High Fiction BAR)

This book could be subtitled *Before They Were Wizards*. A young boy is tossed out of the sea onto a rocky shore, unable to remember anything about himself – not even his name. But he is destined to become Merlin, the greatest wizard of all time. Age 11 and up.

Baum, L. Frank. **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**. 1900. From the **Wizard of Oz** series.

*(J Fiction BAU)

This classic tale of a girl transported to the Land of Oz by a cyclone never loses its magic. If you're an Oz fan, you're in luck; there are 14 books in the series! Age 8 and up.

Carmody, Isobelle. **Night Gate**. 2005. From the **Gateway Trilogy** series.

(J Fiction CAR)

Twelve-year-old Rage's mother is in a coma following a near-fatal accident. Taking her beloved dogs with her, Rage goes to visit her mother. On her way through the forest, she discovers a strange gate, and hears a voice promise to save her mother if she will step through and deliver a package to a wizard. Age 9 and up.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl**. 2001. From the **Artemis Fowl** books.

*(Jr High Fiction COL)

Artemis Fowl is not a nice person. Artemis Fowl is the youngest member of a renowned crime family, recently fallen on hard times. Brilliant, unscrupulous and a computer wizard, Artemis has devised a nasty plan to recoup the family's losses. Read – and explore the depths of the criminal mind! Age 11 and up.

Coville, Bruce. **Into the Land of the Unicorns**. 1994. From the **Unicorn Chronicles** series.

*(J Fiction COV)

Cara and her grandmother are being followed by a strange man. Trying to escape him, Cara leaps off a roof and suddenly finds herself in the Land of Luster, a fantasy-land where she embarks upon a search for the Unicorn Queen. Age 10 and up.

Doyle, Debra. **School of Wizardry**. 1990. From the **Circle of Magic** series.

(J Fiction DOY)

Twelve-year-old Randall is thrilled when he is accepted into the School of Wizardry. His delight turns to horror as he begins to discover the truth about one of the school's master wizards. Age 8 and up.

Duane, Diane. **So You Want to be a Wizard**. 1983. From the **Young Wizards** series.

*(J Fiction DUA)

Thirteen-year-old Nita's habit of saying exactly what she thinks constantly gets her in trouble with school bullies. One day she takes refuge in the public library and discovers a book on wizardry that changes her life. Age 9 and up.



Griffin, Adele. **Witch Twins**. 2001. From the **Witch Twins** books.

(J Fiction GRI)

If you liked *The Parent Trap*, you will like this story of twins determined to get rid of their father's awful fiancé. Claire and Luna are normal fifth-graders, except for one thing: they are witches!

Age 8 and up.

Jones, Diana Wynne. **Charmed Life**. 1977. From the **Chrestomanci** series.

*(J Fiction JON)

Gwendolen Chant had been told by a fortune-teller that she was actually a powerful witch, and Gwendolen knows in her heart that the fortune-teller was right. So when a mysterious stranger suddenly appears in the Chant's kitchen, Gwendolen excitedly follows him. Her brother Cat comes along too, but Cat isn't excited — in fact, he's terrified. Age 9 and up.

Koller, Jackie French. **A Wizard Named Nell**. From **The Keepers** series.

(J Fiction KOL)

The Imperial Wizard of Eldearth, a magical land, is old and ill. Eleven-year-old Princess Nell sets out to prove that she alone is his successor — even though her father forbids it. Ages 8 and up.

Lee, Tanith. **Black Unicorn**. 1991. From the **Dragonflight** series.

(J Fiction LEE)

Tanaquil is the daughter of a famous sorceress, but she has no gift for magic herself. Tanaquil's talent is for mending things. When she mends a broken unicorn, he comes to life and takes her to a magical city by the sea, and the adventure begins. Age 10 and up.

Lewis, C.S. **The Magician's Nephew**. 1955. From the **Chronicles of Narnia** series.

*(J Fiction LEW)

If you liked the *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, you will enjoy this prequel. Learn how the beautiful, magical kingdom of Narnia began! Age 8 and up.

McCaffrey, Anne. **Dragonflight**. 1991. From the **Dragonriders of Pern** series.

(Jr High Fiction MCC)

The planet Pern has been colonized by humans for centuries, in spite of the threat of "threads," a deadly life form which falls into the atmosphere destroying all it touches. Long ago, the settlers of Pern bred dragons that could burn the threads out of the sky, and trained riders to guide them. No threads have fallen for centuries. Is the planet safe at last? Age 11 and up.

Nimmo, Jenny. **Midnight for Charlie Bone**. 2002. From the **Children of the Red King** series.

*(J Fiction NIM)

Charlie Bone is a ten-year-old who discovers that he has inherited his family's psychic abilities - he can look at an old photograph and "hear" the conversations and thoughts that were going on when the photo was taken! Age 9 and up.

Nix, Garth. **Sabriel**. 1995. From the **Abhorsen Trilogy** series.

*(Jr High Fiction NIX)

A heavily guarded wall separates the sunny, modern world of Ancelestierre from the wintry, bleak Old Kingdom, a realm of magic, mystery and death. Eighteen year-old Sabriel is a citizen of both. She was born in the Old Kingdom, the daughter of a powerful wizard; but she was raised in the modern world. When her beloved father is placed in great danger, Sabriel must cross into the beautiful and treacherous Old Kingdom to save him. Age 11 and up.



Pullman, Philip. **The Golden Compass**. 1996. From the **His Dark Materials** series.

*(Jr High Fiction PUL)

Orphaned in infancy and raised by the elderly scholars at Oxford University, Lyra suddenly finds her life changed forever by a visit from her guardian, Lord Asriel, a powerful wizard. Hiding in a cupboard, she can't believe her ears when she hears the wise, kind scholars who raised her plotting to kill her uncle. Age 11 and up.

Sage, Angie. **Magyk**. 2005. From the **Septimus Heap** series.

*(J Fiction SAG)

Septimus Heap was born the seventh son of a seventh son, so he was destined to become a powerful magician. But Septimus was kidnapped shortly after his birth by a jealous wizard. In his place, his family found an abandoned baby girl. They took the baby in and named her Jenna. Now Jenna is ten, and beginning to discover that she has a magical destiny all her own. Age 10 and up.

Stroud, Jonathan. **The Amulet of Samarkand**. 2003. From the **Bartimaeus Trilogy** series.

(Jr High Fiction STR)

Nathaniel's parents sell him to the government at the age of five, to become a magician's apprentice. Over the next seven years he studies with a master magician, but secretly reads advanced magic manuals, gaining more skill than he should have – and using it. Age 11 and up.

Tolkien, J.R.R. **The Hobbit**. 1966. From the **Lord of the Rings** books.

*(Jr High Fiction TOL)

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit, a peaceful little creature who lives in a cozy hole and loves his simple, uneventful life. So when the wizard Gandalf comes to take him on a treasure-hunting expedition, Bilbo goes reluctantly. Little does he realize what adventures are in store for him. Age 11 and up.

Wrede, Patricia C. **Dealing with Dragons**. 1990. From the **Enchanted Forest** series.

*(J Fiction WRE)

Princess Cimorene is a strong-willed female. She would much rather have a swordfight than wear prissy dresses and drink tea, but no one will teach her how. So she runs away and offers her services to a dragon named Kazul—another female with a mind of her own! Age 10 and up.

Yolen, Jane. **The Wizard's Map**. 1999. From the **Tartan Magic** series.

(J Fiction YOL)

From the moment the Dyer kids arrive in Scotland to visit their elderly relatives, strange things begin to happen. First, Jennifer gets caught in a thunderstorm that only rains on one tiny place. Then Peter finds a card game that plays itself. And those events are mild compared to what happens next! Age 8 and up.

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