

# Fantasy Books

## **Skellig Series** by David Almond (M)

Book 1: *Skellig*: Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

## **The Grisha Series** By Leigh Bardugo (S)

Book 1: *Shadow and Bone*: Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

## **The Mortal Instruments Series** by Cassandra Clare (S)

Book 1: *City of Bones*: Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

## **Artemis Fowl Series** by Eoin Colfer (M)

Book 1: *Artemis Fowl*: When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

## **Inkworld Series** by Cornelia Funke (M,S)

Book 1: *Inkheart*: Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

## **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman (M)

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

## **The Shades of London Series** by Maureen Johnson (S)

Book 1: *The Name of the Star*: Rory Deveaux, of Benouville, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

## **The Time Quintet** by Madeleine L'Engle (M,S)


Book 1: *A Wrinkle in Time*: Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

## **The Two Princesses of Bamarre** by Gail Carson Levine (M)

With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the the Grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

## **The Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis (M)

Book 1: *The Magician's Nephew*: When Diggory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech.



**The Children of the Red King Series** by Jenny Nimmo (M,S)

Book 1: *Midnight for Charlie Bone*: Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

**The Boundless** by Kenneth Oppel (M)

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

**His Dark Materials Series** by Phillip Pullman (M,S)

Book 1: *The Golden Compass*: Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

**Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series** by Rick Riordan (M)

Book 1: *The Lightning Thief*: After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

**Harry Potter Series** by J.K. Rowling (M,S)

Book 1: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*: Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

**The Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater (S)

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

**The Bartimaeus Trilogy** by Jonathan Stroud (M)

Book 1: *The Amulet of Samarkand*: Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

**Daughter of Smoke and Bone Series** by Laini Taylor (S)

Book 1: *Daughter of Smoke and Bone*: Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.

**The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien (M,S)

The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.

**The Haunting of Alaiabel Cray** by Chris Wooding (S)

As Thaniel, a wych-hunter, and Cathaline, his friend and mentor, try to rid the alleys of London's Old Quarter of the terrible creatures that infest them, their lives become entwined with that of a woman who may be either mad or possessed.

Grade Level Interest

**M** Middle School (defined as grades 6-8).

**S** Senior High (defined as grades 9-12).

