

GREAT FANTASY BOOKS AT THE PLEASANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Books are shelved in *Children's Fiction* by author's last name and/or *Children's Paperbacks* by first letter of author's last name (unless otherwise noted).

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THE BOOK OF THREE by Lloyd Alexander
Grades 5-8 (216 p) *Audiobook available*
Prydain Chronicles

Taran, assistant pig-keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil.



MIDNIGHT MAGIC by Avi
Grades 5-8 (249 p)

In Italy in 1491, Mangus the magician and his apprentice are summoned to the castle of Duke Claudio to determine if his daughter is indeed being haunted by a ghost.

THE LOST YEARS OF MERLIN by T.A. Barron
Grades 5-8 (326 p) *The Lost Years of Merlin series*
A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.



PETER AND THE STARCATCHERS by Dave Barry
Grades 4-7 (451 p) *Audiobook available*

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.

THE CURSE OF THE BLUE FIGURINE by John Bellairs
Grades 5-8 (200 p)

Johnny Dixon is plunged into a terrifying mystery-adventure when he removes a blue figurine called a ushabti from church.

ARTEMIS FOWL by Eoin Colfer
Grades 4-6 (277 p) *Artemis Fowl series*

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.

GREGOR THE OVERLANDER by Suzanne Collins
Grades 5-8 (311 p) *Audiobook available*
Underland Chronicles



When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

THE DARK IS RISING by Susan Cooper
Grades 5-8 (216 p) *The Dark is Rising Sequence*

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

DRAGON SLAYERS by Bruce Coville
Grades 4-6 (119 p)

A brave squire, an earnest page, and a strong-willed princess set out, each for individual reasons, to try to slay the dragon created to carry out a witch's revenge.

JEREMY THATCHER, DRAGON HATCHER by Bruce Coville
Grades 4-8 (148 p) *Audiobook available* — *Magic Shop series*
Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

JENNIFER MURDLEY'S TOAD by Bruce Coville
Grades 4-8 (159 p) *Magic Shop series*
When an ordinary-looking fifth grader purchases a talking toad with an attitude, she embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures.



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: HEROIC MISADVENTURES OF HICCUP HORRENDOUS HADDOCK III by Cressida Cowell

Grades 3-5 (214 p) *Audiobook available*

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.



THE WITCHES by Roald Dahl

Grades 4-8 (201 p) *Audiobook available*

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, try to foil a witches' plot.

THE FIELD GUIDE by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Grades 5-8 (107 p) *The Spiderwick Chronicles*

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

HATCHING MAGIC by Ann Downer

Grades 4-8 (242 p) *Sequel: The Dragon of Never-Was*

When a thirteenth-century wizard confronts twenty-first century Boston while seeking his pet dragon, he is followed by a rival wizard and a very unhappy demon, but eleven-year-old Theodora Oglethorpe may hold the secret to setting everything right.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WIZARD by Diane Duane

Grades 6-8 (369 p) *Young Wizards series*

Thirteen-year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

HALF MAGIC by Edward Eager

Grades 4-8 (217 p)

Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin.



THE 13TH FLOOR: A GHOST STORY

by Sid Fleischman

Grades 4-8 (134 p) *Audiobook available*

When his older sister disappears, twelve-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative.

DRAGON RIDER by Cornelia Funke

Grades 5-8 (523 p) *Audiobook available*

A brownie, a dragon and an orphan boy go on a quest for a place safe from humans.



JUNIPER by Monica Furlong

Grades 6-8 (198 p) *First in a trilogy*

While apprenticed to a witch woman, Juniper struggles to save her family from the evil machinations of her power-hungry aunt Meroot.

PURE DEAD MAGIC by Debi Gliori

Grades 3-6 (182 p) *Pure Dead series*

When their father is kidnapped and danger looms, the Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace to their Scottish castle.



POPULAR FANTASY SERIES

Most are shelved in J Paperbacks by first letter of series title. (may also be shelved in J Fiction by author's last name)

AVALON: WEB OF MAGIC by Rachel Roberts
Grades 4-6

CIRCLE OF MAGIC by Debra Doyle and James Macdonald
Grades 4-6

DELTORA QUEST by Emily Rodda
Grades 4-6

DINOTOPIA by various authors
Grades 3-6

DISNEY FAIRIES by various authors
Grades 2-4

DRAGON SLAYERS' ACADEMY by Kate McMullen
Grades 3-5

GUARDIANS OF GA'HOOLE by Kathryn Lasky
Grades 4-6 (J Paperbacks "L")

LILY QUENCH by Natalie Jane Prior
Grades 3-5

PENDRAGON by D. J. MacHale
Grades 5-8

PIXIE TRICKS by Tracey West
Grades 2-4

RAINBOW MAGIC by Daisy Meadows
Grades 2-4

SECRETS OF DROON by Tony Abbott
Grades 2-4

SEVENTH TOWER by Garth Nix
Grades 4-6

TIME WARP TRIO by Jon Scieszka
Grades 3-6

UNICORNS OF BALINOR by Mary Stanton
Grades 4-6

THE UNICORN'S SECRET by Kathleen Duey
Grades 2-4

WARRIORS by Erin Hunter
Grades 5-8

WEREWOLF CLUB by Daniel Pinkwater
Grades 2-4

VOYAGE OF THE BASSET by various authors
Grades 4-7

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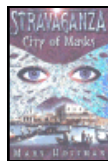


FALCON'S EGG by Luli Gray
Grades 5-8 (133 p) *First in a series*

Taking care of her younger brother and a loving but flighty mother had made Falcon very responsible for an eleven-year-old, but she needs the help of her great-great aunt, a friendly neighbor, and an ornithologist when she finds an unusual egg in Central Park.

STRAVAGANZA: CITY OF MASKS by Mary Hoffman
Grades 4-7 (334 p) *Stravaganza series*

While sick in bed with cancer, Lucien begins making journeys to a place in a parallel world that resembles Venice, Italy, and he becomes caught up in the political intrigues surrounding the Duchess who rules the city.



RAVEN'S GATE by Anthony Horowitz
Grades 6-8 (254 p) *Audiobook available* — *Gatekeepers series*
Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

THE SECRET OF PLATFORM 13 by Eva Ibbotson
Grades 5-8 (231 p) *Audiobook available*



Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their island to London to try to rescue their King and Queen's son who was stolen as an infant.

REDWALL by Brian Jacques
Grades 5-8 (351 p) *Audiobook available* — *Redwall series*

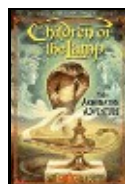
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior.

WITCH WEEK by Diana Wynne Jones
Grades 4-8 (351 p) *Audiobook available*

When a teacher at an English boarding school finds a note on his desk accusing someone in the class of being a witch, magical things begin to happen.

THE AKHENATEN ADVENTURE by P.B. Kerr
Grades 4-7 (355 p) *Children of the Lamp series*

When twelve-year-old twins Philippa and John discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers.



A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle
Grades 6-8 (203 p) *Audiobook available* — *Time Quartet*

Meg Murray 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.

ELLA ENCHANTED by Gail Carson Levine
Grades 4-8 (232 p) *Audiobook available*



In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE
by C.S. Lewis
Grades 4-8 (189 p) *Audiobook available*

Chronicles of Narnia series

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

THE MERCHANT OF DEATH by J. D. MacHale
Grades 4-7 (375 p) *Pendragon series*



Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery.

THE HERO AND THE CROWN by Robin McKinley
Grades 6-8 (246 p) *Audiobook available*

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe, fights for birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witch woman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.

THE SQUIRE'S TALE by Gerald Morris
Grades 4-7 (212 p)

In medieval England, fourteen-year-old Terence, finds his tranquil existence suddenly changed when he becomes the squire of the young Gawain of Orkney and accompanies him on a long quest, proving Gawain's worth as a knight and revealing an important secret about his own true identity.

MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE by Jenny Nimmo
Grades 4-7 (401 p) *Audiobook available*

Children of the Red King series

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.

SABRIEL by Garth Nix
Grades 6-8 (292 p) *Abhorsen Trilogy*

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to try to rescue her father.



THE BORROWERS by Mary Norton
Grades 4-8 (180 p)

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

ALANNA: THE FIRST ADVENTURE by Tamora Pierce
Grades 6-8 (241 p) *Audiobook available* – *Song of the Lioness Quartet*
Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, learning many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

FIRST TEST by Tamora Pierce
Grades 6-8 (216 p) *Protector of the Small Quartet*

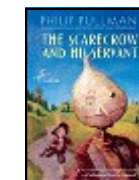
Protector of the Small, ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.

THE GOLDEN COMPASS by Philip Pullman
Grades 5-8 (399 p)

Audiobook available – *His Dark Materials Trilogy*

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.

THE SCARECROW AND HIS SERVANT
by Philip Pullman
Grades 4-7 (229 p) *Audiobook available*



A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous and funny adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley.

ROWAN OF RIN by Emily Rodda
Grades 3-7 (197 p) *Rowan series*

Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak, and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

THE CHARM BRACELET by Emily Rodda
Grades 3-5 (113 p) *Fairy Realm series*

When Jessie searches for her ill grandmother's missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there.

MAGYK by Angie Sage
Grades 5-8 (564 p) *Audiobook available* — *Septimus Heap series*

After she learns that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412. They are pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.



KNIGHTS OF THE KITCHEN TABLE by Jon Scieszka
Grades 4-6 (55 p) *Time Warp Trio series*

Joe receives a magic book for his birthday present from his uncle. Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported to a time when evil knights, fire-breathing dragons, and vile-smelling giants roamed the land.

TRAVELS OF THELONIOUS by Susan Schade & Jon Baller
Grades 4-8 (214 p)

At a time when animals only know myths about the talking humans who once dominated and nearly destroyed the world, a young chipmunk escapes danger in the City of Ruins and, with new friends, searches for the Fog Mound, where all creatures live in peace and harmony. Chapters alternate between text and graphic format.

BEYOND THE DEEPWOODS by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell
Grades 4-7 (384 p) *Edge Chronicles*



Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs.

THE PRINCESS IN THE PIGPEN
by Jane Resh Thomas
Grades 4-6 (130 p)

Elizabeth, a duke's daughter sick with fever, travels through time from Elizabethan England to a farm in modern Iowa, where she has difficulty convincing anyone of the truth of her story.

THE HOBBIT by J.R.R. Tolkien
Grades 6-8 (317 p) *Audiobook available*

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.

THE THIEF by Megan Whalen Turner
Grades 5-8 (219 p) *Audiobook available* — *First in a series*
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.



CASTLE IN THE ATTIC by Elizabeth Winthrop
Grades 4-8 (179 p) *Audiobook available*

Sequel: Battle for the Castle

A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

DEALING WITH DRAGONS by Patricia Wrede
Grades 4-8 (212 p) *Audiobook available*



Enchanted Forest Chronicles
Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

WIZARD'S HALL by Jane Yolen
Grades 4-8 (133 p) *Audiobook available*

A young apprentice wizard tries to save the wizard's training hall.

THE WIZARD'S MAP by Jane Yolen
Grades 3-6 (146 p) *Tartan Magic series*
Three children visiting relatives in Scotland become involved in the plans of a diabolical wizard.



DRAGON'S BLOOD by Jane Yolen
Grades 4-8 (293 p) *Pit Dragon series*
Jakkin, a bond boy who works as a Keeper in a dragon nursery on the planet Austar VIV, secretly trains a fighting pit dragon of his own in hopes of winning his freedom.

DRAGON OF THE LOST SEA by Laurence Yep
Grades 5-8 (211 p) *Dragon series*

Shimmer, a renegade dragon princess, tries to redeem herself by capturing a witch with the help of a human boy.

SHELVED IN NON-FICTION

FAIRYOPOLIS: A FLOWER FAIRIES JOURNAL
by Cicely Mary Barker — **J133.14 Barker**

WIZARDOLOGY as told by Master Merlin
J133.43 Wizardology

DRAGONOLOGY: THE COMPLETE BOOK OF DRAGONS edited by Dugald A. Steer — **J398.2454 Dragonology**

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO DRAGONS
by Lisa Trutkoff Trumbauer — **J398.2454 Trumbauer**

FANTASY ENCYCLOPEDIA by Judy Allen
J398.403 Allen

FAIRY ISLAND by Laura and Cameron Martin — **J398.45 Martin**

DR. ERNEST DRAKE'S DRAGONOLOGY HANDBOOK: A PRACTICAL COURSE IN DRAGONS by Ernest Drake
J398.469 Drake

FAIRIE-ALITY: THE FASHION COLLECTION FROM THE HOUSE OF ELLWAND by Eugenie Bird — **J398.45 Fairie-ality**

DRAGONS by Michael J. Wylly
J398.469 Wylly — *The Mystery Library series*

THE BOOK OF FAIRY POETRY
selected and illustrated by Michael Hague — **J821.00803 Book**

THE SORCERER'S COMPANION: A GUIDE TO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF HARRY POTTER
by Allan Zola Kronzek and Elizabeth Kronzek — **J823.914 Kronzek**

THE WORLD OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS COURT
by Kevin Crossley-Holland — **J942.014 Crossley-Holland**