

***The Golden Compass**

by **Philip Pullman**

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.

***Wizard Children of Finn**

by **Mary Tannen**

Ten-year-old Fiona and her younger brother are transported back in time to ancient Ireland where they share extraordinary adventures with the boy who claims leadership of the Fianna.

***Dealing with Dragons**

by **Patricia C. Wrede**

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.

***The Wizard's Map**

by **Jane Yolen**

The Dyer children have come to Scotland with their parents to visit elderly cousins. Strange and magical events begin happening almost as soon as they arrive. They find an old garden that has its own weather; an unusual card game that finishes itself; and a map belonging to a thirteenth-century wizard. After the evil sorcerer imprisons most of the family, Jennifer must summon the help of some enchanted creatures and find her own magic to defeat the wizard and rescue her clan.

Other Recommended Authors

Piers Anthony
Marion Zimmer Bradley
Gillian Bradshaw
Terry Brooks
David Calder
C.J. Cherryh
Allan Cole
Bruce Coville
Roald Dahl
Edward Eager
David Eddings
Debi Gliori
Barbara Hambly
Eva Ibbotson
Robert Jordan
Ursula K. Le Guin
Gail Levine
C.S. Lewis
Rebecca Lickiss
L.E. Modesitt
Andre Norton
Terry Pratchett
Celia Rees
Pamela Service
William Sleator
Sherwood Smith
Christopher Stasheff
J.R.R. Tolkien
Vivian Van Velde
Laurence Yep
Mary Frances Zambreno

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Book List

What to read
while you're
waiting for
Harry Potter



*** These books have sequels or are the first of a series**

***Lost Year's of Merlin**
by T.A. Barron

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.

***Artemis Fowl**
by Eoin Colfer

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.

***Over Sea, Under Stone**
by Susan Cooper

Three children on a holiday in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest to reveal the true story of King Arthur. Along the way they meet Will Stanton, who discovers on his eleventh birthday 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.

***So You Want to be a Wizard**
by Diane Duane

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.

***Dragon's Milk**
by Susan Fletcher

Kaeldra, an outsider adopted by an Elythian Family as a baby, possesses the power to understand dragons and uses this power to try to save her younger sister who needs dragon's milk to recover from an illness.

***Ash Staff**
by Paul Fisher

The sword or the ash staff, which one tells the truth? Moleander (Mole for short) and five other orphans brave perils and adventures when they leave the Misty Mountain and it's enchanted winter to battle goblins, wolfmen and dragons on the way to Thrinedor.

***Redwall**
by Brian Jacques

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 which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

***Charmed Life**
by Diane Wynne Jones

After two centuries of feuding, the powers of the two families of magicians in mythical Caprona are too weak to stop an incipient war, but the younger members of the families find a way. Gwendolyn Chant and her brother Cat find the Chrestomanci Castle family's magic powers difficult to counter with the inferior power of the Coven Street witches.

***Sword of Culann**
by Betty Levin

The peculiar bronze object of an old Maine fisherman introduces two twentieth-century children to Iron Age Ireland.

***Dragonflight**
by Anne McCaffery

To the nobles in Benden Weyr, Lessa is nothing but a ragged kitchen girl. She has survived by serving those who betrayed her family. Now the time has come for Lessa to shed her disguise-and take back her stolen birthright. But everything changes when she meets a queen dragon and the world is threatened by Thread. Now Lessa must risk her life, and the life of her beloved dragon, to save the world.

***Hero and the Crown**
by Robin McKinley

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

***Alanna: the First Adventure**
by Tamora Pierce

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.