

The Amulet of Samarkand

Jonathan Stroud

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up cynical djinni Bartimaeus and commands him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand, unleashing a whirlwind among London's magicians and demons. (Fantasy, Magic, Humor, Adventure) Audiobook available. Sequel: The Golem's Eye.

The Beduin's Gazelle

Frances Temple

While Atiyah is studying at Fez University, his beloved Halima is lost in a sandstorm-and rescued by a powerful sheikh who demands marriage. Can Atiyah and Halima be reunited? (Historical Fiction, 14th century Middle East, Romance)

The Forestwife

Theresa Tomlinson

15-year-old Mary runs away to live in the forest with wise old Agnes, her former nurse. Renamed Marian, she meets an outlaw named Robert. (Retold Robin Hood Legends)

Dragon's Bait

Vivian Vande Velde

Hysterical villagers accuse 15-year-old Alys of witchcraft, then tie her to a stake as a human sacrifice to a dragon. The dragon shows up, and offers to help her avenge herself upon her accusers. (Fantasy, Medieval England, Dragons)

I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade

Diane L. Wilson

Nobody expected much from Oyuna, whose foot was crushed by a horse when she was a baby. It takes a ride across Mongolia in search of a horse race for Oyuna to bring good luck to her family-and prove her worth. (Historical Fiction, 14th century Mongolia, Adventure)

Searching for Dragons

Patricia Wrede

Book Two in the "Enchanted Forest Chronicles" finds Princess Cimorene teaming up with King Mendanbar and a broken-down magic carpet to rescue dragons from evil wizards. (Fantasy, Humor, Princesses, Dragons)

Summer 2005

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Drop back in to your library for teen events, and turn in your Reading Log in July or August for your one-time prize packet. Enjoy your prizes-and keep on reading. After all, unlike medieval teens, nobody's expecting to you to bake a three-foot wide eel pie, so you have all the time in the world to kick back and read!

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TEEN BOOKLIST

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Middle and high school teens will find fantastic medieval fiction-and fantasy fiction in mostly medieval-like settings-on this list:

Anna of Byzantium

Tracy Barrett

Anna has to be tough, smart, and bold if she is to hang on to her place as the heir to the throne, now that her younger brother and grandmother are plotting against her. (Historical Fiction, 11th century Byzantium, Intrigue)

Daughter of the Wind

Michael Cadnum

Invaders from Denmark kidnap 17-year-old Hallgerd to be the bride of a chieftain. Gauk and Hego returns from the frozen north, find their Norwegian village in smoldering ruins, and sail to the rescue. (Historical Fiction, Vikings)

The Seeing-Stone

Arthur Crossley-Holland

It's 1199, and 13-year-old Arthur de Caldicot is eager for knighthood. But then he sees the life of long-ago King Arthur reflected in a special stone, and his destiny becomes murky. (Historical Fiction, 12th century Britain, Arthurian Legends) Audiobook available. Sequels: *At the Crossing-Places* and *King of the Middle March*.

Catherine, Called Birdy

Karen Cushman

Spunky Catherine writes it all in her diary: eel pie for supper (again), how many fleas she picked off that morning, and what new weirdness she's using to scare away the latest guy who might marry her. (Historical Fiction, 12th century Britain) Audiobook available.

The Ropemaker

Peter Dickinson

Magic has protected their valley for many generations. But it is fading, and disaster looms. It's up to Tilja and her companions to travel into the evil empire and find Faheel, the magician who can renew the spell. (Fantasy, Pilgrimage)

Wizard's Holiday

Diane Duane

Sounded like a good idea to Nita and Kit: travel across the galaxy on a student exchange program. But once again, they get caught up in the evil plans of their arch enemy, the Lone Power. (Fantasy, Wizardry School, Adventure)

Inkheart

Cordelia Funke

12-year-old Meggie's father is a bookbinder with a difference: he can "read" fictional characters into life. The evil Capricorn wants to put his talent to wicked ends. (Magic, Books and Characters)

Pagan's Crusade

Catherine Jinks

Wise guy Pagan Kidrouk signs up to be squire to Lord Roland, helping pilgrims visit the Jordan River-and defending his home town, Jerusalem, from attack. (Historical Fiction, 12th century Jerusalem, Humor) Sequels: *Pagan in Exile* and *Pagan's Vows*.

Hunting of the Last Dragon

Sherryl Jordan

After the last dragon in England destroys his family and village, Jude joins a traveling circus. He rescues Jing-Wei, a Chinese girl, and they decide to slay the dragon. (Fantasy, Friendship, Dragons)

The Kite Rider

Geraldine McCaughrean

On the run after saving Mom from a murderous creep, Haoyou joins a traveling circus. Soon he's the star attraction, strapped to a kite and flying hundreds of feet in the air! (Historical Fiction, 13th-century China, Adventure) Audiobook available.

Spindle's End

Robin McKinley

Princess Rosie is condemned to die on her 21st birthday, when she cuts her finger on a spindle. A good fairy whisks her from the castle and raises her far from spindles, needles, and other sharp things in this unpredictable retelling of "Sleeping Beauty." (Retold Fairy Tales)

A Squire's Tale

Gerald Morris

14-year-old Terence's lazy days are over once he gets a job as Sir Gawain's squire. The two young men set off on a quest that will prove Sir Gawain's worthiness-and uncover the truth about Terence's identity. (Retold Arthurian Legends)

Crazy Jack

Donna Jo Napoli

Life is more than a hill of beans and a beanstalk for Jack, who sets off to find his real father, falls in love with Flora, and learns the value of true treasure. (Retold Fairy Tales) Audiobook available.

Sabriel

Garth Nix

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must bravely venture into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. (Fantasy, Magic) Audiobook available.

Eragon

Christopher Paolini

Eragon finds the blue egg and brings it home. What hatches is not a bluebird, but Saphira, a dragon. (Fantasy, Dragons)

East

Edith Pattou

15-year-old Rose follows a polar bear to his castle, where all is well until the wicked Troll Queen kidnaps the bear and hides him in an unfindable place. Unfindable-but if Rose doesn't find him, he will die. (Retold Fairy Tales, Romance, Adventure)

Street Magic

Tamora Pierce

Saved by Winding Circle School from a death sentence to the mines, former street thief Briar is a trained magician. Now it's his turn to mentor a young mage. (Fantasy, Friendship)

The Golden Compass

Philip Pullman

Lyra runs away from home to rescue her best friend and other teens kidnapped for a horrible scientific experiment. Her strongest ally? A polar bear who wears armor. (Fantasy, Adventure) Audiobook available. Sequels: *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*.