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Fablehaven by Brandon Mull (JF MUL)
Thirteen-year-old Kendra and her eleven year old brother Seth, are left in their Grandpa Sorenson's care. When they learn of Fablehaven, a secret preserve for magical creatures, they must face challenges such as defeating an evil witch and a powerful demon, defending the preserve from an evil society, stopping a plague that changes creatures of light into creatures of darkness, and ultimately, protecting the world from a horde of imprisoned demons.

Mark of Thief Trilogy by Jennifer Nielsen (SAILS)
When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing the lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he finds much more than gold and gemstones: He discovers an ancient bulla, an amulet that belonged to the great Caesar and is filled with a magic once reserved for the Gods, magic some Romans would kill for.

Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor (YA FAN OKO)
Sunny, who recently moved from Nigeria to the US, is struggling to fit in. Her albino skin makes her "other" in her new community. Then she makes a discovery that makes her even more of an outcast – she has magical powers. Little by little, she makes friends who also have magic and who help her find the best within herself.

The Gauntlet (series) by Karuna Riazi (SAILS)
A trio of friends from New York City find themselves trapped inside a mechanical board game that they must dismantle in order to save themselves and generations of other children in this action-packed debut that's a steampunk Jumanji with a Middle Eastern flair.

Mortal Engines (Hungry City Chronicles) by Phillip Reeve (YA SF REE)
Emerging from its hiding place in the hills, the great Traction City of London chases one terrified little town across the wastelands. In the attack, Tom Natsworthy, Apprentice Historian to the London Museum, is flung from its speeding superstructure into the barren wasteland of Out-Country. Can he get back to London in time?

Addison Cooke by Jonathan Stokes (SAILS)
Twelve-year-old Addison Cooke just wishes something exciting would happen to him. His aunt and uncle, both world-famous researchers, travel to the ends of the earth searching for hidden treasure, dodging dangerous robbers along the way, while Addison is stuck in school all day.

Cronus Chronicles Trilogy by Anne Ursu (YA SF URS)
After her cousin Zee arrives from England, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil.

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Amanda Meyer
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Cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Will Wilder (series) by Raymond Arroyo (SAILS)
Will Wilder didn't mean to unlock his otherworldly gift. But that is exactly what happens when Will "borrows" a sacred relic believed to protect the town of Perilous Falls for nearly a century. His intentions are good, but the impulsive twelve-year-old unwittingly awakens an ancient evil endangering all of Perilous Falls.

Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins (JF COL)
This is a story of a boy named Gregor and his adventures in the "Underland", a subterranean world located under New York City. The Underland is inhabited by humans who traveled below hundreds of years ago, along with various giant versions of creatures like bats, cockroaches, and rats.

Mazer Runner (series) by James Dashner (YA SF DAS)
This series tells how the world was devastated by a series of massive solar flares and coronal mass ejections. This is the story of Thomas and his role in the Maze.

Ranger’s Apprentice by John Flanagan (YA FAN FLA)
Will strives to keep the Kingdom of Araluen safe from invaders, traitors, and threats. He is joined on his adventures by his mentor Halt and his best friend Horace.

Theodosia Throckmorton (series) R.L. Fevers (JF FEV)
Theodosia, a clever and shrewd girl of sorts, has the "Old One" and thus destined to wield the powers of The Light in the ancient struggle with The Dark.

Jinn (series) by Sage Blackwood (JF BLA)
Set in a sentient primeval forest called The Urwald, the novel follows the adventures of a boy named Jinx who is abandoned in the forest and rescued by the wizard Simon Magus.

Min is a teenage fox spirit whose brother is missing and thought to have deserted the Thousand Worlds Space Forces in order to find the pearl of the title, an artifact that may have the power to save their struggling space colony.

Seven Wonders (series) by Peter Lerangis (JF LER)
Follow the story of Jack McKinley, who discovers a secret organization on a hidden island, and becomes the leader of a mission to retrieve seven lost magical orbs. As Jack and his three friends realize their lives are at stake, they have no choice but to accept the quest and embark on the challenge of their lives.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (JF LIN)
Minli is a young ten-year-old girl with a fast and eager spirit, and is constantly ready for adventure. She lives by a bare covered village known as the Village of Fruitless Mountain.

Tristan Strong by Kwame Mbalia (JF MBA)
This book features characters from African and African American folklore, from John Henry to Anansi to Br’er Rabbit. The novel offers the opportunity to discuss how African gods and goddesses differ from those of Greece and Rome.

Pendragon by D.J. MacHale (YA SF MAC)
This series chronicles the adventures of Bobby Pendragon, an American teenager who discovers that he must travel through time and space to prevent the destruction of the ten "territories": critical locations throughout the universe.

Gods of Manhattan (series) by Scott Mebus (SAILS)
When a magician's trick opens his eyes to Mannahatta, Rory finds an amazing spirit city coexisting alongside modern-day Manhattan. It’s place where Indian sachems, warrior cockroaches, and papier-mache children live, ruled by the immortal Gods of Manhattan - including Babe Ruth, Alexander Hamilton, and Peter Stuyvesant.

Paola Santiago and the River of Tears by Tehlor Kay Mejia (soon to be published, on order)
Pao has always relied on hard science to make sense of the world, but to find her friend she will have to enter the world of her nightmares, which includes unnatural mist, mind-bending monsters, and relentless spirits controlled by a terrifying force that defies both logic and legend. This book is based on the Mexican legend of La Llorona (the Crying Woman).