



## CHALLENGE-LEVEL FANTASY

*Pyrdain* series including Tale of Three and The Foundling and Other Tales of Pyrdain by Lloyd Alexander FIC ALE

Taran, an assistant pig-keeper in the land of Pyrdain, seems like a lowly servant destined to spend his life on the farm. But on a quest to save a magical pig, Taran discovers that his destiny will take him across Pyrdain where he will fight with legendary heroes against mythical villains whose dark magic threaten his world.

Ragweed and Poppy by Avi FIC AVI

Ragweed, a young country mouse, leaves his family and travels to the big city, where he finds excitement and danger and sees cats for the first time.

*Lost Years of Merlin* series including The Lost Years of Merlin and The Seven Songs of Merlin by TA Barron FIC BAR

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* series including Artemis Fowl, The Arctic Incident, and The Eternity Code by Eoin Colfer FIC COL

Twelve-year-old millionaire, genius, and criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl finds himself in over his head after he kidnaps a dangerous fairy.

Pure Dead Magic and Pure Dead Wicked by Debi Gliori FIC GLI

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 after the childrens' father is kidnapped.

The Secret of Platform 13 by Iva Ibbotson FIC IBB

Edge 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 rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer FIC FAR

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke FIC FUN

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.



## MORE CHALLENGE-LEVEL FANTASY

Redwall by Brian Jacques

FIC JAC

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.

Troll Fell by Katherine Langrish

FIC LAN

Forced to move to Troll Fell to live with his uncles, Baldur and Grim, after his father's death, young Peer Ulfsson learns of his uncles' sinister plan to sell children to the trolls and sets out with an adventurous neighbor girl named Hilde to stop them.

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin

FIC LEG

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

The Lampfish of Twill by Janet Taylor Lisle

FIC LIS

An old fisherman leads Eric down a whirlpool to an ancient and beautiful world in the core of the Earth.

The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett

FIC PRA

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

Rowan of Rin and Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal by Emily Rodda

FIC ROD

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.

Dragonwings by Lawrence Yep

FIC YEP

In the early twentieth century, a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.



# FANTASY CLASSICS

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt FIC BAB  
The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Peter Pan by JB Barrie FIC BAR  
The adventures of the three Darling children in Neverland with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.

The Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum FIC BAU  
Presents a one-hundredth anniversary edition of the story of Dorothy, a young girl who is transported by a cyclone to the magical world of Oz where she makes wonderful friends, battles evil, and must face down a wizard to return home to Kansas.

Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput by Ann Beneduce FIC BEN  
Gulliver in Lilliput by Margaret Hodges FIC HOD  
Based on Jonathan Swift's classic story of an Englishman is shipwrecked in a land where the people are only six inches tall.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll FIC CAR  
A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame FIC GRA  
The adventures of four amiable animals, Rat, Toad, Mole and Badger, along a river in the English countryside.

Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis FIC LEW  
Follow the tales of a magical land called Narnia and the magnificent lion Aslan.  
Titles in order are:

- The Magician's Nephew
- The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
- The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
- Prince Caspian
- The Silver Chair
- The Horse and His Boy
- The Last Battle

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



# FANTASY BOOKS

Touch the Moon by Marion Dane Bauer FIC BAU  
When the china horse Jennifer receives for her birthday is magically transformed into a real horse, they share an evening of fantastic adventures.  
Adventure

The Revenge of the Incredible Dr. Rancid and his Youthful Assistant, Jeffrey  
by Ellen Conford FIC CON  
Short, skinny Jeffrey, who is always being picked on by the class bully, finds solace in writing a fantasy story in which he, with the help of the Incredible Dr. Rancid, emerges as hero.

The Dark is Rising and The Grey King by Susan Cooper FIC COO  
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.

*Spiderwick Chronicles* series by Tony DiTerlizzi FIC DIT  
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.

Dinotopia by James Gurney FIC GUR  
Professor Denison and his son Will set out on a Darwinian voyage of exploration. Through the kindly intervention of dolphins, they are transported to the lost island of Dinotopia, a land where dinosaurs and humans live together.

Castle in the Air by Diana Wynn Jones FIC JON  
Having long indulged himself in daydreams more exciting than his mundane life as a carpet merchant, Abdullah unexpectedly purchases a magic carpet and his life changes dramatically as his daydreams come true and dangerous adventures become daily fare.

Amy's Eyes by Richard Kennedy FIC KEN  
A girl who has changed into a doll and a doll who has changed into a sea captain sail the pirate-ridden high seas with a crew of Mother Goose animals, in search of gold treasure.

The Pagemaster by David Kirschner FIC KIR  
Richard Tyler, a ten-year-old boy, learns lessons about literature, life, and humanity when he enters the Pagemaster's fantasy world of books where literary classics become reality.



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The Ogre Downstairs by Diana Wynn Jones FIC JON  
When a disagreeable man with two boys marries a widow with three children, family adjustments are complicated by two magic chemistry sets which cause strange things to happen around the house.

Catwings by Ursula LeGuin FIC LEG  
Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

Escape from Exile by Robert Levy FIC LEV  
Thirteen-year-old Daniel is transported to the land of Lithia, where he discovers that his ability to communicate mentally with the strange native animals makes him a key figure in the civil war there.

Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Taylor Lisle FIC LIS  
As Hillary works in the miniature village, allegedly built by elves, in Sara-Kate's backyard, she becomes more and more curious about Sara-Kate's real life inside her big, gloomy house with her mysterious, silent mother.

The Dragon of Ord by David McAdoo FIC MCA  
When the Prince of Darkness sends a dragon to steal King Oric's gold, the mighty warrior, Flare comes to the rescue.

The Same Place but Different by Perry Nodelman FIC NOD  
Young John Nesbit enters the world of the Strangers in order to rescue his baby sister whom the fairies have replaced with a Changeling.

*The Borrowers* series by Mary Norton FIC NOR  
Miniature people who lived in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

*The Littles* series by John Lawrence Peterson FIC PET  
When the Biggs go on a three-month vacation and an untidy family from the city moves into the house, the Littles must take action.

Instead of Three Wishes by Megan Whalen Turner FIC TUR  
A collection of seven stories featuring such elements of fantasy as leprechauns, ghosts, and the supernatural.

Dragon of the Lost Sea by Lawrence Yep FIC YEP  
Shimmer, a renegade dragon princess, tries to redeem herself by capturing a witch with the help of a human boy.

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