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## Science Fiction & Fantasy

Grades 2-5 / March 2010

Alexander, Lloyd. **Prydain Chronicles**. (Book 1: The Book of Three; 1999) *The chronicles of Taran, the assistant pig-keeper, and his quest to become a hero.*

Avi. **Poppy Stories** (Book 1: Poppy; 1995) *Poppy the deer mouse must protect her family from Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl.*

Babbitt, Natalie. **Tuck Everlasting** (1975) *Problems arise for Winnie Foster when she discovers the Tuck family's secret.*

Banks, Lynne Reid. **The Indian in the Cupboard** (1980; series) *The adventures begin when Omri's toy Indian comes to life.*

Barrie, J.M. **Peter Pan** (1904) *The three Darling children take off Never-Never Land with Peter Pan, the boy who wouldn't grow up.*

Baum, Frank L. **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** (1900; series) *After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must find great Wizard in order to return to Kansas.*

Berkeley, Jon. **The Wednesday Tales** (Book 1: The Palace of Laughter; 2006) *Miles sets off to find a missing Storm Angel and ends up in a peculiar circus.*

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley** (1964; series) *Sliding under doors, traveling by post, solving crimes: Stanley learns that being flat has its advantages.*

Buckley, Michael. **The Sisters Grimm** (Book 1: The Fairy-Tale Detectives; 2005) *Sabrina and Daphne learn that their ancestors' famous book of fairy tales is actually a collection of case files.*

Byng, Georgia. **Molly Moon** (Book 1: Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism; 2002) *Living in a dreary English orphanage, Molly discovers a hidden talent and hypnotizes her way to NYC.*

Carman, Patrick. **Land of Elyon** (Book 1: The Dark Hills Divide; 2004) *Alexa finds the key to a secret passage leading to mysterious forests.*

Collins, Suzanne. **Underland Chronicles** (Book 1: Gregor the Overlander; 2004) *Gregor and his sister are pulled into a strange world while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.*

Cooper, Susan. **Dark Is Rising** (Book 1: The Grey King; 1975) *While visiting in Wales, Will Stanton is swept into a quest to find the golden harp.*

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (1964) *Charlie enters the bizarre world of Willy Wonka in this exciting, hilarious, and moral story.* **James and the Giant Peach** (1978) *When James spills some magic green crystals by an old peach tree, marvelous things begin to happen.*

Diane, Debbie. **So You Want to Be a Wizard?** (2001; series) *Two young wizards are on a mission to save the universe.*

DuBois, William Pène. **The 21 Balloons** (1947) *Professor Sherman's hot air balloon crashes on the strange and mysterious island of Krakatoa.*

Eager, Edward. **Half Magic** (1954) *Four children stumble upon a magical world of their own while reading the imaginative books of E. Nesbit*

Fleming, Ian. **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** (1964) *This car can fly like a plane, swim like a boat, print directions, and track down criminals!*

Gardner, Lyn. **Into the Woods** (2007) *A gothic, romp through the dream country of fairy tales celebrates the power of sisterhood.*

Grahame, Kenneth. **The Wind in the Willows** (1908) *The infamous escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside.*

Hunter, Erin. **Warriors** (Book 1: Into the Wild; 2006) *Peace among four Clans of wild cats is threatened when the sinister ShadowClan grows stronger.*

Ibbotson, Eve. **The Secret of Platform 13** (1998) *Can the hag, wizard, ogre, and fey rescue the king and queen's kidnapped son in London?*

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out** (2006; series) *Six stories of three toy best friends.*



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Jones, Elizabeth. **Twig** (1942) *After magic makes a girl very tiny, she almost goes to fairyland with an elf.*

Kingsley, Kaza. **Erec Rex** (Book 1: The Dragon's Eye; 2006) *Enter Alypium, a hidden world where strange and fantastical creatures abound.*

Lasky, Kathryn. **Guardians of Ga'hoole**. (Book 1: The Capture; 2003) *Owls from different kingdoms come together to fight a fierce enemy.*

L'Engle, Madeleine. **Time Quartet** (Book 1: A Wrinkle in Time; 1962) *Meg and Charles travel through space one planet at a time—behind the shadow on an evil power—to find their father.*

Lewis, C.S. **Chronicles of Narnia** (Book 1: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; 1950) *Four siblings help the lion Aslan break the White Witch's curse of eternal winter.*

Levine, Gail Carson. **Ella Enchanted** (1997) *Ella struggles against a curse that forces her to obey orders in this Cinderella tale.*

Lowry, Lois. **The Giver** (1993) *Jonas, "receiver of memories," discovers the terrible truth about his society.*

MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** (1947; series) *From her upside-down house, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle can issue a cure for anything!*

MacHale, D.J. **Pendragon** (Book 1: The Merchant of Death; 2002) *Bobby is swept off to an alternate dimension to save the world.*

Mull, Brandon. **Fablehaven** (2006; series) *Kendra and Seth discover that their grandparents' estate is a sanctuary for magical creatures.*

Nesbit, E. **Five Children and It** (1902) *A cranky sand fairy grants the five children who unearth him wishes that never quite turn out as expected.*

Nimmo, Jenny. **Children of the Red King** (Book 1: Midnight for Charlie Bone; 2003) *Charlie finds he can hear peoples' thoughts in photos.*

Norton, Mary. **The Borrowers** (1952; series) *Tiny people live cozily under the clock in an old country house until they are discovered one day.*

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House** (Book 1: Dinosaurs Before Dark; 1992) *Jack and Annie are transported to fascinating times and places.*

Rodda, Emily. **Fairy Realm** (Book 1: The Charm Bracelet; 2003) *Jessie discovers a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there.*

Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter** (Book 1: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; 1998) *Harry comes to terms with his true identity while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.*

Sage, Angie. **Septimus Heap** (Book 1: Magyk; 2006) *After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard.*

Scieszka, Jon. **Time Warp Trio** (Book 1: The Knights of the Kitchen Table; 1991) *Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book and meet giants, dragons, wizards, and knights.*

Snicket, Lemony. **A Series of Unfortunate Events** (Book 1: The Bad Beginning; 1999) *After the sudden death of their parents, the Baudelaire children depend on each other and their wits.*

Stewart, Paul & Chris Riddell. **The Edge Chronicles** (Book 1: Beyond the Deepwoods; 2004) *Rousing adventures of Twig, a misplaced human boy raised by woodtrolls.*

Tolkien, J.R.R. **The Hobbit** (1937) *The wizard Gandalf draws Hobbit Bilbo Baggins into an adventure involving savage wolves, giant spiders, and the dragon Smaug.*

**Lord of the Rings Trilogy** (1954) *In this quintessential fantasy, Frodo Baggins must face a perilous quest to destroy the One Ring of Power before the evil Lord Sauron can use it to enslave the world of Middle Earth.*

Travers, P.L. **Mary Poppins** (1934; series) *An English nanny blows in on the East Wind with her magic carpetbag and takes her two charges to some fantastic experiences.*

Yolen, Jane. **Wizard's Hall** (1991) *A young apprentice wizard saves the wizard's training hall by trusting and believing in himself.*