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The Backstagers and the Ghost Light

Andy Mientus (YT MIENTUS)

When Jory transfers to St. Genesis Prep, he joins the stage crew and discovers the magic that happens backstage but when some cast members play with a Spirit board, the ghost light goes out and strange things begin to happen.



The Barren Grounds

David Robertson (YT ROBERTSON, D)

When two indigenous foster children find a secret portal to another reality, they encounter Ochek, the only hunter supporting his starving community of Misewa, and the three try to save Misewa before the icy winter freezes everything.

Fablehaven

Brandon Mull (YT MULL)

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

Frostborn

Lou Anders (YT ANDERS, L)

Destined to take over his family farm in Norrøngard, Karn would rather play the board game Thrones and Bones, until half-human, half frost giantess Thianna appears and they set out on an adventure, chased by a dragon, undead warriors, an evil uncle, and more.



The Girl From Earth's End

Tara Dairman (YT DAIRMAN, T)

To save her father, 12-year-old Henna, a gifted gardener, attends St. Basil's Conservatory, a botanical boarding school rumored to house a legendary, long-extinct plant with miraculous healing powers, and while searching for the seeds, Henna learns to flourish with a little help from her newfound friends.

Inkheart

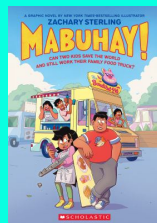
Cornelia Funke (YT FUNKE, C)

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

Mabuhay!

Zack Sterling (YT GN STERLING)

Struggling to fit in at school, first-generation Filipino siblings JJ and Althea find their world turned upside down when witches, ogres and other creatures from Filipino folklore come to life, forcing them to embrace who they really are to save their family.



Magyk

Angie Sage (YT SAGE)

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412—pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.



The Marvellers

Dhonielle Clayton (YT CLAYTON, D)

The first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute along with Marvellers from around the world, 11-year-old Ella must prove her innocence, with the help of a new friend, when a dangerous criminal escapes and her mentor disappears.

Mighty Jack, #1

Ben Hatke (YT GN MIGHTY #1)

Prompted by his sister, Jack trades his mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds, but soon their normal garden turns into a wild jungle filled with magical creatures and, one night, changes into a dragon.

Moonflower

Kacen Callender (YT CALLENDER, K)

Moon is convinced that they do not belong to this world: that most of the time they are invisible (unless they stay still too long), that they belong to the stars, and want to go back to them—they live entirely in their imagination with an imaginary spirit guide who can appear in any shape and refuses to speak to anyone, lest their words tie them to a world they reject.



My Aunt is a Monster

Kay O'Neill (YT GN YEE)

Safia thought that being blind meant she would only get to go on adventures through her audiobooks. This all changes when she goes to live with a distant and mysterious aunt, Lady Whimsy, who takes Safia on the journey of a lifetime! While

the reclusive Lady Whimsy stops an old rival from uncovering the truth behind her disappearance, Safia experiences parts of the world she had only dreamed about. But when an unlikely group of chaotic agents comes after Whimsy, Safia is forced to confront the adventure head-on. For the first time in her life, Safia is the hero of her own story, and she must do what she can to save the day.

Nura and the Immortal Palace

M. T. Khan (YT KHAN, M.)

Searching for her buried friend after the mines collapse, twelve-year-old Pakistani mica miner Nura finds herself at the Sijj Palace, a luxury hotel for the dangerous and deceitful jinn, where she must discover the truth beneath the glitter or be trapped forever.



The Ogress and the Orphans

Kelly Regan Barnhill

(YT BARNHILL, K)

When a child goes missing from the Orphan House in the town of Stone-in-the-Glen, the mayor suggests the kindly Ogress is responsible, but the orphans do not believe that and try to make their deluded neighbors see the real villain among them.

Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston

Esme Symes-Smith (YT SYMES-SMITH, E)

A 12-year-old nonbinary knight trapped in Helston's rigid hierarchy where girls learn magic and boys train as knights, Callie meets others like them and together they must first defeat the bigotry within the kingdom to win an ancient war.



The Secret of the Ravens

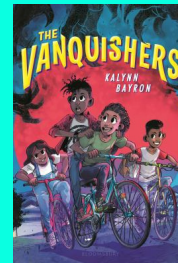
Joanna Cacao (YT GN RAVENS #1)

Twin homeless orphans Elliot and Liza take part in the Raven Quests—magical tasks that when completed promise the victors untold riches—but when a quest goes terribly wrong and Liza is poisoned, Elliot sacrifices everything to find the cure.

Tidesong

Wendy Xu (YT GN XU)

When she attempts to do magic on her own, young witch Sophie accidentally entangles herself with a water dragon named Lir whom she tricks into helping her get into the best magic school in the realm.



The Vanquishers

Kalynn Bayron (YT BAYRON, K)

In an alternate San Antonio, there have been no known cases of vampirism since a group of masked vampire hunters called the Vanquishers wiped out the last horde of the undead twenty years ago, but twelve-year-old Malika "Boog" Wilson's parents are not taking any chances, especially when Boog's new classmate Aaron goes missing.

Willa of the Wood

Robert Beatty (YT BEATTY)

In the late 1800s, a twelve-year-old night spirit living in the Great Smoky Mountains despairs as homesteaders destroy her forest habitat, until a chance encounter with a "day-folk" man changes everything she thought she knew about her people—and their greatest enemy.

