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EVERYBODY HAS A STORY, NANA USED TO SAY WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

LISTEN TO IT, AND THEY'LL BE FRIENDLY. ENGAGE WITH IT, AND THEY'LL BE YOUR FRIEND.

> KWAME MBALIA, TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY

SERIES

Storm Runner series - Mayan

J.C. Cervantes (YT CERVANTES) The Storm Runner

To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-yearold Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry. SEQUELS:

- The Fire Keeper
- The Shadow Crosser

The Pandava Quintet - Hindu

Roshani Chokshi (YT CHOKSHI) Aru Shah and the End of Time

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. SEQUELS:

- Aru Shah and the Song of Death
- Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes
- Aru Shah and the City of Gold
- Aru Shah and the Nectar of Immortality

Sal & Gabi series - Cuban

Carlos Hernandez (YT HERNANDEZ) Sal & Gabi Break the Universe

In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. But no one expected him to be able to take it further and 'relax' things into existence. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.

SEQUEL:

Sal & Gabi Fix the Universe

The Gifted Clans series - Korean Grace Kim (YT KIM) The Last Fallen Star

After thirteen-year-old Hattie Oh casts a dangerous spell so her adopted sister, Riley, will get a share of her inherited magic, Riley must undertake a near-impossible quest to save Hattie from death. SEOUELS:

- The Last Fallen Moon
- The Last Fallen Realm (Summer 2023)

Thousand Worlds series - Korean

Yoon Ha Lee (YT LEE) Dragon Pearl

Min, a 13-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces. SEQUEL:

- Tiger Honor
- Untitled third book (TBA)

Tristan Strong series - African-American

Kwame Mbalia (YT MBALIA)

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

SEQUELS:

- Tristan Strong Destroys the World
- Tristan Strong Keeps Punching

Paola Santiago series - Mexican

Taylor Kay Mejia (YT MEJIA) Paola Santiago and the River of Tears

In Silver Springs, Arizona, her mother's stories of the monstrous La Llorona are thrilling but unbelievable to science-loving Paola until she and her best friends Dante and Emma take a walk through a cactus field near the Gila River. SEQUELS:

- Paola Santiago and the Forest of Nightmares
- Paola Santiago and the Sanctuary of Shadows

The Shadow Bruja series - Aztec & Mayan

J.C. Cervantes (YT CERVANTES, J.C.) The Lords of Night (Oct. 2022)

When fourteen-year-old godborn and shadow bruja, Renata, embarks on a quest to stop five rogue demigods from awakening the nine Aztec Lords of Night and overpowering the Maya gods, she confronts questions about her family, her magic, and her destiny.

Serwa Boateng series - Ghanaian

Roseanne A. Brown (YT BROWN, R) Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting After her home is attacked by shapeshifting vampires, twelve-year-old Serwa Boateng is sent to live with her aunt and cousin in Maryland, but the aspiring vampire hunter discovers that middle school is harder than it appears on television, especially when she has to avoid detention and turn her classmates into warriors before they become vampire food.

City of the Plague God series - Mesopotamian

Sarwat Chadda (YT CHADDA) City of the Plague God

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology. SEQUEL:

• Fury of the Dragon Goddess (Summer 2023)

Pahua series - Hmong

Lori M. Lee (YT LEE)

Pahua and the Soul Stealer

Pahua Moua has a bit of a reputation for being a weirdo. A lonely eleven-year-old Hmong girl with the unique ability to see spirits, one day Pahua accidentally untethers an angry spirit whoops. When her brother suddenly falls sick and can't be awoken, Pahua fears that the bridge spirit has stolen his soul. SEQUEL:

• Pahua and the Dragon's Secret (Fall 2023)

Winston Chu duology - Chinese

Stacey Lee (YT LEE, S)

Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies

Twelve-year-old Winston Chu saves Mr. Pang's Whimsies shop from being robbed and is allowed to choose one magical item from the store. Winston grabs spontaneously and accidentally picks an old broom and dustpan, much to his disappointment. But when things--and people-start disappearing from his home, Winston decides to look deeper at the store.

UPCOMING SERIES

Moko Magic series - Caribbean

STAND-ALONES

Navaho

Rebecca Roanhorse (YT ROANHORSE) Race to the Sun

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventhgrader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monsterslayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

Various Authors (YT RIORDAN, R) The Cursed Carnival and Other Calamities:

New Stories About Mythic Heroes

A collection of ten stories by authors from the Rick Riordan Presents imprint that remix myths for modern readers.