

COMMON ELEMENTS IN FANTASY

- **Fantastical creatures and people:** Expect to see animals like unicorns, dragons, and griffins in these worlds. People can be human or something humanoid yet entirely different such as elves, dwarves, or faeries. Anthropomorphic animals may be central characters too.
- **Magic:** Magic appears in many forms; it may be an inherited quality or something studied and learned. It may be a gift/curse endowed upon someone. Heroes and villains may clash against one another using magic or magical implements as their weapon(s) of choice - or magic may be a divisive factor, resulting in conflicts between characters with and without magical abilities opposing one another.
- **Real-world values in a fantastic world:** Although fantasy worlds and cultures may seem very different from real-life, they often reflect our values, issues, and prejudices. Characters within fantasy stories contend with issues like systematic oppression, racism, sexism, and other serious problems.

TOP THEMES

- **Chosen one:** Prophets foretold of these heroes. They are destined for greatness.
- **Court intrigue:** What's better than power? More power. In the halls of the mighty, any cup might be poisoned, and any friend may be a foe.
- **Laws of magic:** A wizard did it!...In accordance with the author's complex magical system.
- **Quest for magical items:** The objects of power are scattered - bet it takes several books to collect them all!
- **Zero to hero:** You've got to start somewhere. The lead characters in these books achieve greatness from the humblest beginnings.

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ADULTS

FANTASY



All the Birds in the Sky

by *Charlie Jane Anders (Fantasy)*

Reunited as adults in the hipster mecca San Francisco as the planet falls apart around them, childhood friends Patricia Delfino, who is magically gifted, and Laurence Armstead, an engineering genius, discover that something bigger than either of them has brought them together to either save the world, or plunge it into a new dark ages.

Black Sun

by *Rebecca Roanhorse (Fantasy)*

Xiala, a disgraced Teek who can calm waters or cause madness with her song, arrives and disrupts the holy city of Tova during the winter solstice.

Book of Night

by *Holly Black (Fantasy)*

In a world where shadows have feelings and memories and can be altered, a low-level con artist/bartender is pitted against doppelgangers, mercurial billionaires, shadow thieves and her own sister while trying to keep out of trouble.

The Book Eaters

by *Sunyi Dean (Fantasy)*

Part of The Family, a secret line of people for whom books are food, Devon, raised on a carefully curated diet of fairytales and cautionary stories, discovers that real life doesn't always come with happy endings when her son is born with an insatiable hunger for human minds.

City of Brass

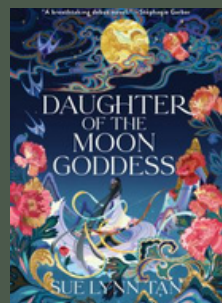
by *S. A. Chakrabarty (Reserve Today)*

Nahri, a young con artist, inadvertently summons a mysterious djinn warrior to her side during one of her cons, revealing the existence of true magic before the future of a magical Middle Eastern kingdom falls into her hands.

A Darker Shade of Magic

by *V.E. Schwab (Fantasy)*

Prepare to be dazzled by a world of parallel Londons - where magic thrives, starves, or lies forgotten, and where power can destroy just as quickly as it can create.



Daughter of the Moon Goddess by *Sue Lynn Tan (Fantasy)*

A debut fantasy inspired by the legend of the Chinese moon goddess, Chang'e, in which a young woman's quest to free her mother pits her against the most powerful immortal in the realm and sets her on a dangerous path- where choices come with deadly consequences, and she risks losing more than her heart.

The Fifth Season

by *N.K. Jemisin (Reserve Today)*

When her husband murders their son and abducts their daughter, grief-stricken and vengeful Essun pursues him across The Stillness, a vast and dynamic super-continent on the brink of catastrophe that will usher in a "fifth season," a time of uncertainty and hardship. But Essun is as formidable as the land she traverses - she's an orogene, which means that she can shape the contours of the land. Although she's spent much of her life hiding from those who would kill her on account of her race, Essun is about to prove how dangerous a woman on a mission can be. Set in a richly detailed, fully realized world inhabited by numerous well-drawn and complex cultures, The Fifth Season launches the "Broken Earth" series.

The Found and the Lost

by *Ursula K. Le Guin (Fantasy)*

Collects all of the author's novellas published throughout her career, from 1971's "Vaster than empires and more slow" to 2002's "Paradises lost."

The Golem and the Jinni

by *Helene Wecker (Fantasy)*

After her creator dies en route to America, Chava, a golem from a Polish shtetl, must navigate the streets of 1899 New York City by herself -- her only ally is a rabbi unsure whether to destroy her, or allow her to fulfill her destiny as the harbinger of destruction. Ahmad, a jinni from Syria's deserts has been released from his thousand-year-old glass bottle by a tinsmith but has little intention of remaining a metalworker, despite his uncanny talent for it. Chava and Ahmad meet and discover that they're soul mates, but a dangerous adversary threatens their future. This vibrant blend of myth, adventure, and romance will enchant fans of stories based on folklore.

Jade City

by *Fonda Lee (Fantasy)*

In this action-packed series opener, Green Bone warriors use the magic-enhancing powers of jade to protect their island nation of Kekon and its capital, Janloon. But times are changing, as rival syndicates headed by the feuding Ayt and Kaul families go to extreme lengths to consolidate their power and gain control of the city. Detailed world-building and exciting martial-arts battles enhance this gritty crime drama, which takes place in an East Asia-inspired fantasy world.

Midnight Bargain

by *C. L. Polk (Fantasy)*

A romantic fantasy set in a magical Regency England. A sorceress with the ambition to become the world's first great sorceress is bound by familial duty to be married off.



Nettle & Bone

by *T. Kingfisher (Fantasy)*

To save her sister and topple a throne, Marra is offered the tools she needs if she completes three seemingly impossible tasks with the help of a disgraced ex-knight, a reluctant fairy godmother and an enigmatic gravewitch and her fowl familiar

Piranesi

by *Susanna Clarke (Fiction)*

Living in a labyrinthine house of endless corridors, flooded staircases and thousands of statues, Piranesi assists the dreamlike dwelling's only other resident throughout a mysterious research project before evidence emerges of an astonishing alternate world.

The Queen of the Tearling

by *Erika Johansen (Fantasy)*

Coming out of exile to ascend her rightful throne, Princess Kelsea Raleigh Glynn, with a cadre of soldiers and the magical Tearling sapphire to protect her, makes a daring decision that evokes the wrath of the evil Red Witch, forcing her to embark on a quest to save her kingdom and fulfill her destiny.

The Raven Tower

by *Ann Leckie (Fantasy)*

The kingdom of Iraden, under the protection of a god known as the Raven, faces unrest and challenges from invaders when a usurper takes over the throne and discovers that the Raven's power is weakening.

Sorcerer to the Crown

by *Zen Cho (Fantasy)*

Born a slave, Zacharias Wythe has just been appointed England's new Sorcerer Royal - much to the dismay of the socially conservative Royal Society of Unnatural Philosophers, who are already plotting to oust him from his post. But Zacharias has more urgent problems, including a dwindling national supply of magic and strained diplomatic relations with the Faerie realm. Unexpected assistance arrives in the form of fellow outsider Prunella Gentlewoman, an orphaned witch of uncertain origins and immense power.

Ten Thousand Doors of January

by *Alix E. Harrow (Fiction)*

A woman navigating the out-of-place artifacts in her caretaker's sprawling early 20th-century mansion discovers a mysterious book that reveals impossible truths about the world and her own past.