

Historical Fantasy
Fantasy stories of the past



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<i>The Book without Words</i>	Avi	J FIC AVI
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It is the dawning of the middle ages, and a mysterious book that appears to have no words in it is the quest of many. An old alchemist named Thorston has possession of the book without words, but he has unveiled the secret to the book- only a person with green eyes and a desperate desire for wealth and immortality can see the words printed in the book.

<i>A Great and Terrible Beauty</i>	Libba Bray	YA FIC BRA
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In 1896, sixteen-year-old Gemma got into a huge argument with her mother because Gemma wanted to leave their home in India to attend a boarding school in England. After the argument, Gemma runs away, but she has a vision of her mother's death after she leaves and returns to discover that the vision was real.

<i>Pastwatch</i>	Orson Scott Card	FIC CAR
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In a futuristic society, three time travelers go back to the time of Christopher Columbus in order to redeem the western world's first encounter with the American Indians. It is a noble quest to save the American Indians from their oppression and heartache by the Europeans, but the time travelers do not consider the unknown repercussions that occur when one alters the past.

<i>King of Shadows</i>	Susan Cooper	YA COO
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Young Nat Field is ecstatic when his drama teacher offers him a role in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that his drama team will be performing at the remake of the Globe Theater in London. After his arrival in London, Nat falls ill, and the doctors are astonished to discover that he has somehow contracted the bubonic plague. Feeling dizzy and confused, Nat falls asleep one night and wakes up in 1599 as another Nat Field who will play the part of Puck at the real Globe Theater under the tutelage of William Shakespeare.

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<i>The Seeing Stone</i>	Kevin Crossley-Holland	YA CRO
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Thirteen-year-old Arthur is desperate to know what will become of his life. He longs to be a squire, but he fears that his father will force him into a scholarly life. Consequently, you can imagine his excitement when an old wizard named Merlin gives Arthur a magical stone that seems to see into the future.

<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	J CUR
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The Watsons are an African American family in Flint, Michigan in 1963. When 13-year-old Byron starts to get into some trouble, Momma Watson decides it's time for the family to take a trip to Birmingham, Alabama, so that Byron's strict grandmother can talk some sense to the boy. What the family doesn't plan on is the increasing racial prejudice that they will face as they travel further and further south.

<i>Sea of Trolls</i>	Nancy Farmer	YA FAR
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11-year-old Jack and his 5-year-old sister find themselves prisoners aboard a Viking ship after their Anglo town is attacked. Forgetting his manners, Jack offends the Viking Queen, and she retaliates by telling him that she will murder his little sister if he does not successfully complete an impossible quest for her.

<i>I, Coriander</i>	Sally Gardner	YA FIC GAR
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Coriander lives in Commonwealth England with her cruel stepmother. After her stepmother imposes a particularly harsh punishment, Coriander awakens in a fairy land and discovers that her real mother was a fairy princess. Now, she is on a quest to restore the fairy world that is controlled by an evil queen by locating the hidden object of power.

<i>The Minister's Daughter</i>	Julie Hearn	YA FIC HEA
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In England in 1645, young Nell realizes that her grandmother, who is also her caretaker, is losing her mind. Nell must find work for herself, so she learns to be a midwife to both fairies and humans. When the minister's beautiful eldest daughter discovers she is pregnant, she decides to blame it on witchcraft rather than face the wrath of her Puritan father. Nell is accused of being the witch who cast a spell on the minister's eldest daughter.

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The Stones are Hatching

Geraldine McCaughrean

J MCC

World War I has awakened the dreaded Stoor Worm, and now stones are hatching in the Stoor Worm's mouth, producing the most unthinkable and detestable creatures imaginable. 11-year-old Phelim Green has just been informed by his Slavic house-guardian that he is the only one who can save the world from the Stoor Worm.

47

Walter Mosley

YA FIC MOS

In 1832 a fourteen-year-old slave boy in Georgia called "47" meets an odd African American man named Tall John. Tall John seems to have come from beyond Africa in some mythical land. Tall John inspires 47 to lead his other maltreated and enslaved companions to freedom.

The King of Attolia

Megan Whalen Turner

YA FIC TUR

Gen and Eugenides return once again in this third book after *The Thief* and *The Queen of Attolia*. Gen and Eugenides are now happily married, but the royal staff still struggles to accept their former enemy and new king. The story is told from the point of view of Costis, Gen's personal assistant.

Doomsday Book

Connie Willis

FIC WIL

The year is 2048, and Kivrin is a history student at Oxford University involved in a time-travel project. Kivrin is supposed to travel back in time to the year 1320, but a fluke in the system sends her back to 1348 instead- the year of the Black Death epidemic in England.

The Devil's Arithmetic

Jane Yolen

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Twelve-year-old Hannah is Jewish, but she is tired of hearing her grandfather's stories about the Holocaust and her heritage. During a Passover ceremony, Hannah is magically transported to a death camp in Poland during the Holocaust.

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