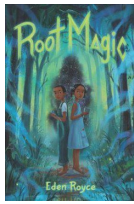


Fantasy

For Older Readers



Root Magic

by Eden Royce

It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. Her beloved grandmother has just passed away. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jez and her twin brother, Jay, are about to

begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. The biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork, African American folk magic. Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond small charms and elixirs... and not a moment too soon.

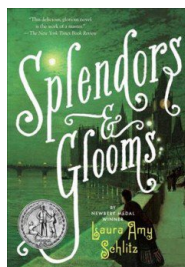
Grades 3-7 @

Splendors and Glooms

by Laura Amy Schlitz

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

670 Lexile



The Language of Spells

by Garret Weyr

Grisha is a dragon in a world that's forgotten how to see him. Maggie is a unusual child who thinks she's perfectly ordinary. They're an unlikely duo—but magic, like friendship, is funny. And magic

has chosen Grisha and Maggie to solve the darkest mystery in Vienna. **900 Lexile @**

* The Wishmakers

by Tyler Whitesides

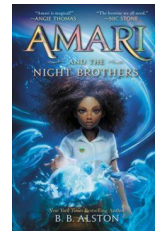
When 12-year-olds Ace and Tina accidentally release genies from seemingly ordinary jars, they are each given a week to complete two nearly impossible quests. If they fail, the world will end after all cats and dogs are turned into zombies! **680 Lexile @**



* Indicates first in a series

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HL High interest, low text complexity



Amari and the Night Brothers

by B. B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician. **Grades 3-7 @**

* The Jumbies

by Tracey Baptiste

In a spine-tingling tale rooted in Caribbean folklore, 11-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home. **680 Lexile @**



The Girl Who Drank the Moon

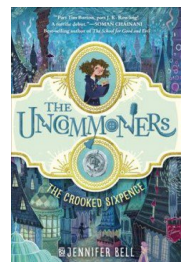
by Kelly Barnhill, Newbery Medal

A young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her to save her family. **640 Lexile @**

* The Crooked Sixpence

by Jennifer Bell

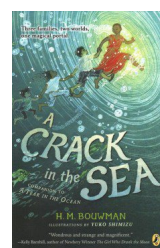
Forced to flee their home, Ivy and Seb find themselves in an enchanted world where they learn about their family's connection to a magical treasure. **700 Lexile**



* A Crack in the Sea

by H. M. Bouwman

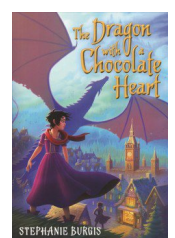
Three sets of siblings are brought together on the adventure of a lifetime by a little magic, helpful sea monsters, and the portal between two worlds. **740 Lexile**



* The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart

by Stephanie Burgis

After drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon is transformed into a twelve-year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate. **840 Lexile**

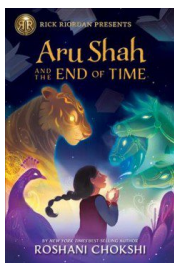


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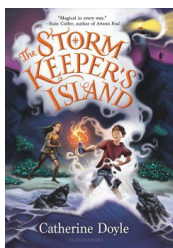


* Aru Shah and the End of Time

by Roshani Chokshi
Telling fibs in order to fit in with her peers, Aru Shah spends her school break at the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, where her decision to light a cursed lamp unwittingly releases an ancient demon. **630 Lexile @**

* The Storm Keeper's Island

by Catherine Doyle
Fionn Boyle, terrified of the sea, spends the summer with his sister and grandfather on Arranmore, an island that has been known to make people disappear. **780 Lexile @**



* Dragons in a Bag

by Zetta Elliott
A witch enlists Jaxon and his friends to help deliver a clutch of baby dragons to the safe magical world where they belong, a quest that is thrown into chaos by the trio's inability to follow strict dragon-care rules. **740 Lexile @**

The Afterwards by A. F. Harrold

When her best friend passes away suddenly, a bereft young girl discovers a way into the Afterworld and navigates unpredictable forces in her resolve to bring her friend back again. **690 Lexile**



* One Jar of Magic

by Corey Ann Haydu
Joining her family in her community's annual New Year's Day magic-capturing ceremony, a 12-year-old girl who has always been lucky captures just one tiny jar of magic, revealing the true nature and beliefs of her loved ones. **Grades 4-7**

Pity Party

by Kathleen Lane
Welcome to the Pity Party! This book is a perfect collection of surreal short stories that explores anxieties and twists them into funny, resonant, and reassuring psychological thrills. **Grades 3-7**

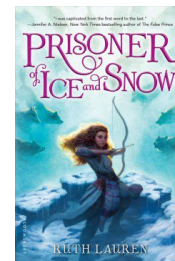


Midsummer's Mayhem

by Rajani LaRocca
Eleven-year-old Mimi Mackson entangles herself and her family with mischievous fairies when she seeks to win a baking contest, loosely based on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." **670 Lexile @**

* Prisoner of Ice and Snow

by Ruth Lauren
Orchestrating her own arrest so she can break her sister out of prison, Valor organizes a plan that requires her to forge alliances in order to prevent a fate worse than life imprisonment. **780 Lexile**



* Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky

by Kwame Mbalia
Seventh grader Tristan Strong dreads a visit to his grandparents' Alabama farm before a bizarre living doll snatches away his friend's notebook and draws him into a world of burning seas, iron monsters and exhausted black folk heroes. **HL680 Lexile @**



* A Dash of Trouble

by Anna Meriano
Wanting to be a part of her family's Día de los Muertos preparations, Leonora sneaks out of school to discover her mother, aunt, and older sisters have been keeping a secret. **850 Lexile @**



* Greenglass House

by Kate Milford
At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, guests arrive with strange stories, sending the innkeeper's son on a quest to solve the mystery of the house. **800 Lexile @**



* Dactyl Hill Squad

by Daniel José Older
In this alternate history, the Civil War rages between dinosaur-mounted armies. When Magdalys receives word that her brother Montez was wounded, she knows that she must reach him--and her ability to communicate telepathically with dinosaurs may come in handy. **800 Lexile @**

