

The New Kid At School

PB By Kate McMullan *Wiglaf decides to leave home for the Dragon Slayers' Academy to become a hero. It doesn't hurt that he'll also escape his mean family and the hard, dull work on their smelly farm. Wiglaf just didn't expect that he'd have to defeat a dragon on his very first day. This is an adventure with lots of jokes. This is the first book in the Dragonslayers' Academy Series.* Grades

JF, PB JF 2-4

OSB & Christmas in Camelot

Audio J By Mary Pope Osborne *Annie and Jack's magic treehouse whisks them to Camelot. From there they have to journey into the Otherworld to rescue three knights and lift an evil enchantment. This is #29 in the Magic Treehouse series and the first of the Magic Treehouse Merlin Missions.*

Grades 2-5

JF

ROD Rowan of Rin

By Emily Rodda *None expects Rowan the herd-boy to ever grow up to be very brave. Then one day the stream that runs down the mountain to Rin stops flowing.*

Without the water, the village will die. The six bravest adults in Rin are ready to set out to find the source of the stream, even though the mountain is ruled by a fearsome dragon.

Sideways Stories From Wayside School

JF, PB JF By Louis Sachar *Wayside School is actually sideways; the builders read the plans wrong, so they built a thirty-story building with one class on each floor, instead of a one-story school with thirty classrooms. Find out what happens to evil Mrs. Gorf, a teacher who hates children but loves apples. Joe can only do math if he counts out of order, and another kid can only read upside down... This is probably the weirdest school you'll ever read about. Also look for other books about Wayside School.* Grades 3-6

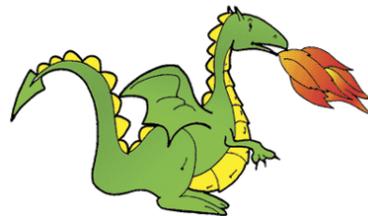
JF, PB JF Knights of the Kitchen Table

SCI By Jon Scieszka *Have you ever read a book that really sucked you in? When Joe opens the book he got for his birthday, suddenly he and his two buddies are actually in Camelot, facing a charging knight, a horrible giant and a menacing dragon. How will these modern smart alecks survive the middle ages, let alone get home? This is the first book of the Time Warp Trio series.* Grades 2.5-5

JF

Dragon's Egg

THO By Sarah L. Thompson *Mella is a twelve-year-old dragonkeeper who dreams of the gi-*



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Magical Books for Grades 2-5

Fantasy Adventures for growing readers

James and the Giant Peach

JF, PB JF By Roald Dahl *Poor James is miserable living with his horrid Aunt Sponge and nasty Aunt Spiker. He dreams of going to New York. Instead, he goes someplace even better. When an enormous magical peach grows in his yard, James can't resist sneaking out for a taste. Instead, he finds a tunnel leading inside the peach, where James makes friends with glow worms, has daring adventures with Cloudmen and sharks, and even goes through a New York tickertape parade.* Grades 4-5 (or ages 7+ read aloud)

PB JF Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher

COV By Bruce Coville *Jeremy's dad is a veterinarian, so it's not like he isn't comfortable with animals. Still, even Jeremy is totally unprepared for the creature that hatches from the beautiful egg he bought at a magic shop. What do you do with a pet who wants to eat your other pets? And what do you do when it*



The Tale of Despereaux

JF, PB JF By Kate DiCamillo *This is the story of an unusual mouse named Despereaux, who is in love with a princess. It's also the story of that princess, of a servant girl who'd do anything to be a princess, and of a devious rat plotting destruction. Despereaux has a needle instead of a sword, and a spool of thread instead of rope, but this mouse is at least as brave as any knight in armor.* Grades 3-6 (or ages 6+ if read aloud)

JF, PB JF The Field Guide

Dit & Audio CD By Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black *When Jared finds a fascinating old book full of strange faery creatures, it's the best thing that's happened since the Grace kids and their mom moved into the creaky old house—and someone is going to make the whole family suffer if he doesn't give the book back. This is the first book in The Spiderwick Chronicles.* Grades 2.5-5 (or ages 5+ read aloud)

DOW Hatching Magic

By Ann Downer *Wycca is a small dragon called a wyvern, and she's about to lay an egg. So, she's very pleased to find the perfect place to make her nest. Gideon, the magician who takes care of Wycca, is not so pleased with Wycca's choice of nesting places; Wycca has gone through a small magic bolthole from Medieval England into modern Boston, where a girl named*

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang:: The Magical Car

JF By Ian Fleming *The Potts are a most unusual family, and they have a most unusual car.*
FLE *Mr. Potts is an inventor. Between the changes he makes to the car and the fact that the car was magic to begin with, the Potts end up having some wild adventures when they decide to take a trip.*
Grades 4-6

JF, PB JF My Father's Dragon

By Ruth Stiles Gannett *Here is the story of Elmer Elevator, who befriends a baby dragon named Boris on an island of talking animals.*
Grades 2-3 (or ages 4+ read aloud)

JF Falcon's Egg

GRA By Luli Gray *Falcon's life changes forever when she finds an unusual egg in Central Park. Together, Falcon, her Great-great-aunt Emily and a neighbor named Ardene nurture the egg until it hatches—that's when Falcon's adventures really begin.* Grades 4-7

JF LEV The Fairy's Mistake

By Gail Carson Levine *Rosella and Myrtle are twins, but they couldn't be more different. When they meet an old woman, Rosella helps her, but Myrtle is mean to her. The old woman turns out to be the fairy Ethelinda in disguise, and she gives Rosella a magical reward and punishes Myrtle. The problem is, Rosella's "reward" is almost as bad as her sister's punishment—and it keeps getting worse! This is the first book in the Princess Tales*

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

JF, JPB By C.S. Lewis *Even if you've seen the movie, you won't want to miss this fantastic book. Peter, Edmund, Susan and Lucy are bored and playing hide-and-seek in a strange old house. When Lucy hides in an old wardrobe, she discovers the entrance to an entire world behind the old coats—a world called Narnia, filled with fauns, dwarves, centaurs and talking animals. There is wonder and magic in Narnia, but there's also evil. None of the children will be safe until the cruel and beautiful queen is defeated forever. This is the second book in the Chronicles of Narnia.* Grades 3-6 (or ages 5+ if read aloud)

JF The Secret of Platform 13

IBB By Eva Ibbotson *The secret about Platform 13 at the old London railway station is that a doorway in the bathroom opens onto a magical island once every nine years. The last time the door opened, the island's prince was kidnapped. Now, the door has opened again, and the king and queen are sending an old wizard, a fairy and a young hag into London to rescue their prince. Unfortunately, no one's met him since he was a baby. What if he's really awful?*
JF & PB JF
LEG Grades 4-7

Catwings

By Ursula LeGuin *"Mrs. Jane Tabby could not explain why all four of her children had*

