
Alma Alexander, ***The Hidden Queen*** (book 1)

When a young queen's tyrannical half-brother usurps her throne, Anghara Kir Hama is forced into hiding and exile, and finds a new and godlike destiny waiting in a mystical desert land far from home.

★ Prism Award third place

Changer of Days (book 2)

Anghara Kir Hama returns to her native land from the hot sands of the desert. Treachery and conflict await on her return, and also fierce loyalty, deep friendship and the start of a great love. Born to rule her kingdom, she has truly become the Changer of Days.

The Secrets of Jin Shei

The story of eight unforgettable women and the secret vow of Jin Shei, which makes them sisters of the heart, and also changes the course of an Empire.

★ Endeavor Award finalist

Worlweavers 1

From the legends of the Anasazi to the cyber-dreams of the future with a cast of mages, Gods, tricksters, elves and a bunch of misfit American kids from the Last Ditch School for the Incurably Incompetent. Welcome to the world of Thea Winthrop

Lee Barwood, ***A Dream of Drowned Hollow***

There are spirits afoot deep in the Ozark hills. Ghosts walk. Elemental creatures dance. But now the hills are ravaged by bulldozers, chainsaws and hunters of man and beast. April Rue Stoner can see past and future, and capture it on film. Will her gift be enough to help her stop the destruction?

★ Andre Norton's Gryphon Award

Carol Berg, ***Transformation*** (Rai-kirah book 1)

Seyonne has made peace with his fate as a slave, but from the moment he is sold to the arrogant, careless Prince Aleksander, his uneasy peace begins to crumble. When he discovers a demon lurking in court, he must find hope and strength in a most unlikely place.

★ Geffen Award, Compton Crook/Stephen Tall Award finalist, Barnes & Noble Maiden Voyage Award finalist

Revelation (Rai-kirah book 2)

Two years after his battle with the Lord of Demons, Seyonne is tired, angry and frustrated. But a demon encounter unlike any in memory leads him to question everything he believes. And his search for a demon-possessed child becomes the search for his own soul and the soul of his people.

Restoration (Rai-kirah book 3)

Seyonne's hope that Prince Aleksander is destined for greatness seems doomed when a royal murder sends Aleksander on the run. Faith, friendship, gods and demons drive sorcerer and prince to the final battle of the demon war, with each man facing an opponent he could never have imagined.

2 ★ Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award finalist

Liquid Gold (book 2)

Liquid Gold can manipulate time, and it's been stolen. Now Kassa Daggersharp has been unexpectedly killed by a rampaging trinket. She should be safe in the Underworld while her crew take care of all the adventures and excitement in the real world, but Liquid Gold is just as much a danger to the dead as to the living.

Rebecca K Rowe, ***Forbidden Cargo***

The government calls them a crime against humanity. The Order swears they are mankind's only future, as man's creations outstrip human intelligence. But do they represent the next stage in human evolution? When human evolution is taken into our own hands, the fallout is never as simple as good versus evil.

Delia Sherman, ***Changeling***

Neef is a changeling, a human baby stolen by fairies. She lives in a parallel Manhattan of elves, fairies, demons and mythological spirits. She has always been protected by her rat nursemaid until she breaks Fairy Law. Now, unless she can meet the challenge of the Lady of Central Park, she'll be sacrificed to the Wild Hunt. But Neef is streetwise and sharp, and she's determined to beat the rap.

Kathryn Ann Sullivan, ***Agents & Adepts***

Sixteen stories of agents of change and those who are adept in more than magic. A young man whose dreams foretell the future contacts a wizard for help; a young girl who can talk with animals is sent to find the feather of a horse; and stories where tradition and love of knowledge clash.

★ EPPIE Award finalist, Dream Realm Award winner

The Crystal Throne

Peter Burns doesn't believe in magic, but when horses talk to him and a witch hound swoops out of the sky, how long can he disbelieve? Jeanne Tucker believes in magic, but she's teamed with someone who'd rather examine the special effects. Somehow, the two must learn to work together to unravel a curse that has enslaved an entire land.

★ EPPIE Award

Talking to Trees

Jody Burns takes her brother's silvery bracelet because it looks good with her outfits. But when a green-haired girl steps out of midair in the shopping mall in search of a hero with that bracelet, Jody is pulled into a land where no one listens to her and worse yet, there are no malls!

Martha Wells, ***City of Bones***

Khat and Sagai are relic dealers working on the edge of society. When Khat is hired to find relics believed to be part of one of the Ancients' arcane engines, both are reluctant to become involved, especially when they discover that the relics are the key to an Ancient magic of unknown power.

Star Ka'ats and the Winged Warriors

The Star Ka'ats make an interplanetary journey to another ka'at colony where life forms have grown to monstrous proportions and nearly exterminated the ka'at colonists.

Gloria Isabel Oliver, ***In the Service of Samurai***

Toshi never expected the strange visitor who one evening stepped into his master's shop. A samurai smelling of the sea, dripping on the ground, algae strung from his armor. Dragged from his home, Toshi must help the creatures who have taken him. Can he do what even the undead cannot? Or will he fail and be forced to wander the world as one of them?

★ EPPIE Award finalist

Vassal of El

Torren wanted nothing more than to forget his past, but a small act of kindness embarks him on a path that will bring him back to everything he has so heartily tried to avoid. Caught between the world of his birth and the one he currently lives in, will Torren be able to set aside his hate and guilt long enough to keep both from utter destruction?

★ EPPIE Award finalist

S. J. Reisner, ***Left Horse Black***

For centuries, several kingdoms have been set upon by zealot sorcerers. Without sorcery and outmanned, the kingdoms' only hope lies with an untrained sorceress and a troubled human prince who battle with meager weapons, few friends and only bare instinct. If they fail, their families will be enslaved, their kingdoms destroyed and the sorcerers' race exterminated.

Warrior's Blood Red

A wayward sorceress must obtain a magickal weapon of mass destruction with the help of two strangers and the men sent to assassinate her, or risk her race's destruction.

Tansy Rayner Roberts, ***Hobgoblin Boots***

Mocklore is a land where magic crashes and smashes through the landscape, the kind of place where a half-hobgoblin girl can transform an ordinary teenage boy into a famous, swashbuckling hero. If only she could stop him from falling in love with her.

Splashdance Silver (book 1)

Kassa has just heard that her dad's dead and she's heir to the trove of silver treasure from his famous pirate ship. Not that anyone knows where it is. But her inheritance is more than silver, it's the ghost of a pirate ship, a talent for magic (of the catastrophic variety) and the ability to cause trouble wherever she goes.

★ George Turner Prize

Son of Avonar (Bridge of D'Arnath book 1)

When a mute, half-mad fugitive violates her bitter peace, a disgraced noblewoman embarks on a journey of anguished memory and ancient riddles, hoping to unravel the mysteries of his identity, his mission and her own soul.

Guardians of the Keep (Bridge of D'Arnath book 2)

A child with secrets, a sorcerer with a broken mind, a woman armed only with courage and wit, and an illiterate boy who knows everything of honor: all are ensnared by the Lords of Zhev'Na in their plot to destroy D'Arnath's Bridge and plunge two worlds into chaos.

The Soul Weaver (Bridge of D'Arnath book 3)

Against the background of a war for three worlds, it's the story of a man whose soul and body are at odds, of a youth with a horrific past; of betrayal, of discovery, of dreadful choices and shaken trust, of a family struggling with sorcery and destiny.

Daughter of Ancients (Bridge of D'Arnath book 4)

When the beautiful D'Sanya walks out of the desert claiming to be the daughter of a long-dead king, Gerick must at last confront the Lords' dying curse. Risking the perils of memory and power, tangled in bonds of love and duty, he confronts the mystery of ancient kings, ancient evil and his own dreadful destiny.

★ Prism Award finalist

Song of the Beast

Brutal imprisonment has broken Aidan McAllister. His voice is silent, his hands ruined, his music destroyed. To discover the truth of his crime, he must unlock the mind of his god and the heart of his enemy.

★ Colorado Book Award

Elizabeth Burton, ***The Ugly Princess: A Karlathia Chronicle***

The king is dead and it's up to Sir Christopher Evergild to see that the new queen survives to take her throne, even if she is so ugly she's been locked away for 20 years. What he isn't ready for is having his entire world turned upside down and having to decide between love and the fear that has haunted him most of his life.

Margaret L. Carter and Leslie Roy Carter, ***Wild Sorceress***

Sorceress Aetria returns to the army after retraining to control her wild talents, and unearths a traitor's plot and previously unknown secrets of the source of magic. At the same time, she discovers long-lost kin and encounters an unsuspected ally in the depths of her own mind.

Suzy McKee Charnas, ***The Kingdom of Kevin Malone***

Kevin, to save his imaginary kingdom from a frightful enemy, needs help from Valentine (whose lunch money he used to steal) and her friends.

★ Aslan Award

Dana Copithorne, *The Steam Magnate*

Eson inherited the steam-power legacy of his family lineage and along with it mysterious abilities. A young, enigmatic figure who wears his power like a second skin, he's hated by some, feared by others...and lonely. Meeting a young woman who isn't who she claims to be, he comes to find himself betrayed, and must defend himself against challenges far too dear.

Beth David, *Zorena and the Medallion of Corandu*

Adolescent Sonya is unceremoniously tossed into a world with no modern conveniences, hidden magic and purple strawberries. She has been drawn there by Zorena, heir-apparent to the Rule and wielder of an awesome yet subtle Power of the mind.

Sheila Finch, *Reading the Bones*

Alien-language translator Ries Danyo is so down on his luck that he's reduced to interpreting for the deputy commissioner's wife on her shopping sprees. But when an alien uprising leads to murder, Danyo must lead the commissioner's daughters to safety, a journey that changes the alien language itself.

Anne Harris, *Inventing Memory*

Shula is a slave in fabled Sumer until the Goddess appears before her and sets her on an uncertain path toward a mysterious destiny. Wendy is a graduate student who's researching her dissertation and recovering from a failed love affair. Separated by millennia, they are two very different women leading completely separate lives. Or maybe not.

Debra A. Kemp, *The House of Pendragon I: The Firebrand*

Despite the collar marking her as a slave, young Lin is fiercely determined to retain her pride and keep her family intact. But when her beloved brother Dafydd is placed on the auction block, her warrior spirit becomes apparent to all who challenge her, and the shocking secret of her lineage is finally revealed.

★ EPPIE Award finalist, Dream Realm Award finalist

Eileen Kernaghan, *The Alchemist's Daughter*

In Elizabethan England a year before the Armada, Sidonie Quince, the alchemist's daughter, is caught up in a web of Renaissance magic, dire portents and dangerous secrets.

★ British Columbia Book Prize shortlist, Aurora Award shortlist, Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award shortlist, Saskatchewan Book Award shortlist

Dance of the Snow Dragon

In an eighteenth-century Buddhist enclave in the Himalayas, a young monk and a female Bon shaman set out in search of Shambhala, the mystical kingdom beyond the farthest snow peaks.

Andre Norton, *Day of the Ness*

Nine-year-old Hal traces a frantic SOS to a group of friendly space aliens held captive inside a mountain by the evil Ness who plan to take over the world.

Daybreak 2250 (originally *Star Man's Son*)

Two centuries after an atomic war on earth, a silver-haired mutant sets out on a dangerous search for a lost city of the ruined civilization.

Dragon Magic

Four boys of Scandinavian, Welsh, Chinese and African origin find a puzzle in an abandoned house whose magic power takes each of them back to a time related to their ethnic history.

Dread Companion

A young governess accompanies her two charges to a frontier planet and finds the children are involved with an evil power.

Fur Magic

A young boy takes the oath of magic and is transported into the world described in Indian legends where animals are the only intelligent inhabitants and man does not yet exist.

Here Abide Monsters

Taking an abandoned road, two teenagers are transported back in time to Avalon of Arthurian legend where they are embroiled in a battle between good and evil.

Ice Crown

A young girl accompanies an expedition to a planet settled centuries before by colonists who were left there to develop as best they could after their minds were cleared of all previous memories.

Iron Cage

Snatched from his family by an alien race, Jony endures torturous experiments and comes to live with the People, a gentle tribe of intelligent animals.

Lavender Green Magic

A world of witches, rare herbs and a curse are quickly discovered by Holly and the twins, Judy and Crock, when they move away from their comfortable home to live with their grandparents. Inspired by a dream, the three children set out to explore the neglected garden at the edge of the property, where they find and enter a secret house and another century.

Octagon Magic

A shy, friendless little girl seeks refuge with the friendly occupants of a strange eight-sided house.

Andre Norton and Dorothy Madlee, *Star Ka'at World*

Two human orphans expand their relationship with a super race of cats and travel to their world where they soon feel more like prisoners than guests.

Thief of Dreams

Lord Devis' daughter has met the man she loves with all her heart, the one she would share her dreams with. Yet fate has other plans when he becomes trapped in a faery ring. Never step within a faery ring or you're theirs forever. Can their love break the spell that keeps them apart or will he forever be doomed to haunt her dreams?

★ EPPIE Award finalist, Sapphire Award finalist

Within the Shadow of Stone

Bree's people worship the stones, though they no longer hear the song within the silent megaliths. Now as the pulse of the land slows and the seasons fail, it's to the stones that Bree must turn and their whispers she must hear. For within their still forms is a truth that could save them all, if only she can hear their call.

★ IPPY Award semi-finalist

Virginia G. McMorrow, *Firewing's Journey*

Chase Bannon is only an innkeeper, and his adopted daughter is a peacekeeper with a single mage talent. Together, they gather forces to rescue the kingdom's princess (his secret daughter) from the clutches of a powerful mage. The princess is being enslaved by a magic bracelet; soon she'll be crowned queen and out of their reach forever.

***Mage Confusion* (book 1)**

Gifted with unique magic powers, Alexandra Keltie must decide whether to follow her heart and use her long-denied frightening abilities to save her friend's throne from rebellious sorcerers.

***Mage Resolution* (book 2)**

Alex must stop rogue mages from murdering the queen and kidnapping children. In doing so, she must overcome her estrangement from her father and find out the truth of her past.

***Mage Evolution* (book 3)**

Losing the magic she finally embraced, Alex fights to protect her daughter and all Tuldamorán mages from the threat of a poison that destroys magic.

Pat Murphy, *There and Back Again*

A rollicking adventure through space and time, from the Solar System's Asteroid Belt to the very heart of the galaxy and an homage to J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*.

Wild Angel

Raised by wolves, a young girl becomes the Wild Angel of California's Gold Rush, rescuing those in need while eluding the man who wants to see her dead.

The Snow Queen

In this feminist reworking of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, Ritva lives in the forest with her shaman mother and robber-baron father until a cultured teenager named Gerda is captured and brought to their camp. Gerda is on a quest to rescue her friend Kai from the Snow Queen, an evil enchantress whose wintry palace lies far to the north. Their quest leads each of the young women to find their individual futures on their own terms.

★ Aurora Award

Ellen Kushner, *The Privilege of the Sword*

In a labyrinthine city full of intrigue, secrets and scoundrels, Katherine dreams of a life of ladylike privilege. But her uncle is not called the Mad Duke for nothing. Her dreams crash when she discovers that her uncle wants to turn her into something the city has never seen: a swordswoman. But even the Mad Duke doesn't realize what giving that power to a young girl will mean.

★ Gaylactic Network Spectrum Award

Thomas the Rhymer

A minstrel lives by his words, his tunes and sometimes by his lies. But when the Queen of Elfland sweeps Thomas into her realm of magic, opulence and captivity, he learns at last what it is to be truly human. When he returns to his home with the Queen's parting gift, he will have to seek out the girl he loved and wronged, and offer the tongue that cannot lie.

★ World Fantasy Award, Mythopoeic Award,
NY Public Library Books for the Teen Age selection

Ursula K. Le Guin, *The Beginning Place*

Fleeing from the monotony of his life, Hugh finds his way to an unchanging world of eternal twilight. Irena has lived there seven years, has grown to love the gentle inhabitants there, and sees Hugh as a trespasser. When a monstrous shadow threatens, the two join forces and begin to fall in love. Are they on their way to a new beginning or a fateful end?

Gifts

The clans of the Uplands possess wondrous gifts: the ability to summon animals, bring forth fire and move the land. They can twist a limb, chain a mind and inflict a wasting illness. The Uplanders live in constant fear that one family might unleash its gift against another, so two young friends decide not to use them. How hard it is to find, in the world's darkness, gifts of light.

Very Far Away from Anywhere Else

Owen is seventeen and smart. He knows what he wants to do with his life. But then he meets Natalie and he realizes he doesn't know anything much at all.

The Word For World Is Forest

When the inhabitants of a peaceful world are conquered, their existence is irrevocably altered. Desperation causes them to retaliate against their captors and abandon their strictures against violence. But in defending their lives, they have endangered the very foundations of their society. For every blow against the invaders is a blow to their humanity. And once the killing starts, there is no turning back.

★ Hugo Award

A Wizard of Earthsea (book 1)

Ged is the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea who once was a reckless youth, hungry for power and knowledge, who tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tale of his testing: of how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon and crossed death's threshold to restore the balance.

★ Boston Globe/Hornbook Award

The Tombs of Atuan (book 2)

When young Tenar is chosen as high priestess to the ancient and nameless Powers of the Earth, everything is taken away: home, family, possessions, even her name. Now she is the Eaten One, guardian of the Tombs of Atuan. As she learns her way through the dark labyrinth, a young wizard, Ged, comes to steal the Ring of Erreth-Akbe from the tomb. He brings with him the light of magic, and together, he and Tenar escape from the darkness that has become her domain.

★ Newbery Award Silver Medal

The Farthest Shore (book 3)

Darkness threatens to overtake Earthsea. As the world and its wizards are losing their magic, Ged embarks on a sailing journey with highborn young prince Arren. They travel far beyond the realm of death to discover the cause of these evil disturbances and restore magic to a land desperately thirsty for it.

★ National Book Award

Tehanu (book 4)

Years before, Tehanu and Ged had escaped together from the sinister Tombs of Atuan. Now she is a farmer's widow, having chosen the simple pleasures of an ordinary life. He is a broken old man, mourning the powers he's lost. A lifetime ago, they helped each other at a time of darkness and danger. Now they help one another, and the scarred child whose own destiny remains to be revealed.

★ Nebula Award

Louise Marley, ***The Child Goddess***

A child who does not age has been captured for study, but the girl has never uttered a word. To her captors, she is a resource to be used and discarded. But to Mother Isabel Burke, she is an innocent who needs help. Now, against those who would sacrifice the child in their quest for power, Isabel must fight a desperate battle to protect a little girl who may hold the keys to life itself.

★ Endeavour Award

The Maquisarde

Life in Paris is quiet for Ebriel Serique until her husband and daughter are murdered. Driven by grief and a hunger for justice, she becomes a resistance fighter, a maquisarde against her own deceitful government. And while she never would have suspected it, Ebriel discovers that deep inside, she has the courage for anything.

★ Endeavour Award finalist

Sing the Warmth

On the ice planet of Nevya, only the Cantrixes can reach into the air and provide warmth, light, and healing for the people of Nevya. Kept captive for four years by a dying city, the Cantrix Sira is freed after training another Singer to sustain life. Sira travels the continent in search of others to become her pupils. Though branded a traitor, she is the frozen planet's only hope.

Singer In the Snow

Nevya is an ice planet whose people rely on Singers to create heat and light. Mreen is talented, but unable to speak aloud. Her companion and interpreter, Emle, cannot create heat and light. Together, they must find out about young Gwin, whose abusive stepfather wants to exploit her talents. In reaching out to help her, they also help themselves.

★ ALA nominee for Best Books for Young Adults

Sheri L. McGathy, ***The Ancient One***

When Talwyn follows her people from the mist, she finds herself reborn into a wondrous world of greens and blues and light and warmth, finding the oneness she thought she'd lost. But the spirits show her a future where her beloved trees will be destroyed, and vowing to protect them, she knows it might mean never returning to the mist again.

★ EPPIE Award finalist

The Birth of Spring

When the Winter King refuses to allow the season to turn, the Summer Queen has no choice but to declare war, even though the land and all that depend on it will suffer. Astarra, daughter of the Summer Queen, takes it upon herself to journey alone to the northern realms and seek out the Winter King. Somehow, she must persuade him before the bitter chill of winter silences her voice forever.

The Season of Gold (book 1)

The Season of Silver (book 2)

A tale of magic from a time lost to lore, a tale of sacrifice and sorrow, yet one of hope offered to a future not yet written. It's the tale of a young elfen maiden and the human male she is destined to meet. Two very different and unique individuals are brought together by fate, and guided by ancient magic as they venture forward to save the kingdom, or die trying.