

**Suggested Reading for Children  
@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

**Lightning Thief Read Alikes**

**If you like the Lightning Thief, you'll love these mythical masterpieces**

***Recommended for Grades 4 and Up***

**Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

*Young Reader's Choice Award*

*Garden State Teen Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F COL**

**Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

*Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F COL**

**Island of the Aunts** by Eva Ibbotson

As they get older, several sisters decide that they must kidnap children and bring them to their secluded island home to help with the work of caring for an assortment of unusual sea creatures.

*School Library Journal Best Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F IBB**

**The Secret of the Sirens** by Julia Golding

Upon moving to her aunt's seaside home in the British Isles, Connie becomes part of a secret society that shelters mythical creatures, and must use her ability to communicate with these beings to protect them from evil and the incursions of humans.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F COM**

**Sea of Trolls** by Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

*School Library Journal Best Books*

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

*Parent's Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F FAR**

**The Oracle Betrayed** by Catherine Fisher

After she is chosen to be "Bearer-of-the-god," Mirany questions the established order and sets out, along with a musician and a scribe, to find the legitimate heir of the religious leader known as the Archon.

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F FIS**

**A House Called Awful End** by Philip Ardagh ; illustrated by David Roberts

When eleven-year-old Eddie Dickens's ill parents become "a bit crinkly round the edges," he is taken by his great-uncle and great-aunt, Mad Uncle Jack and Mad Aunt Maude, and embarks on adventures that involve strolling actors, St. Horrid's Home for Grateful Orphans, and a carnival float shaped like a giant cow.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ARD**

**The Thief** by Megan Whalen Turner

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

*Newberry Honor Book*

*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F TUR**

**The Mysterious Benedict Society** by Trent Lee Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

*School Library Journal Best Books*

*YALSA Popular Paperbacks*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: YA F STE**

**Skulduggery Pleasant** by Derek Landy

When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

*YALSA Best Books for Young Adults*

*Oprah Kids Reading List*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: YA F LAN**