

# **Suggested Reading for Teens** **@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

## **Fantasy**

**Can't get enough magical creatures? Check out these fantastic novels:**

### ***Recommended for Grades 7 and Up***

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

*Awards:*

- Newberry Honor Book
- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- YALSA Quick Picks for the Reluctant Reader

**Call Number: YA F LEV**

**Bound** by Donna Jo Napoli

In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.

*Awards:*

- School Library Journal Best Book
- YALSA Best Book for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F NAP**

**Trickster's Choice** by Tamora Pierce

Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- Texas Tayshas Reading List

**Call Number: YA F PIE**

**The Goose Girl** by Shannon Hale

On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

*Awards:*

- Lone Star Reading List
- Garden State Teen Book Award Nominees

**Call Number: YA F HAL**

**Just Ella** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

**Call Number: YA F HAD**

**Over Sea, Under Stone (Dark Is Rising Series)** by Susan Cooper

Three children on a holiday in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest for a grail that would reveal the true story of King Arthur.

**Call Number: YA F COO**

**Sabriel** by Garth Nix

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

*Awards:*

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F NIX**

**Alanna: The First Adventure (Song of the Lioness Series)** by Tamora Pierce

Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, and learns many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

**Call Number: YA F PIE**

**Dragon's Keep** by Janet Lee Carey

In 1145 A.D., as foretold by Merlin, fourteen-year-old Rosalind, who will be the twenty-first Pendragon Queen of Wilde Island, has much to accomplish to fulfill her destiny, while hiding from her people the dragon's claw she was born with that reflects only one of her mother's dark secrets.

*Awards:*

- School Library Journal Best Books
- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F CAR**

**Fairest** by Gail Carson Levine

In a land where beauty and singing are valued above all else, Aza eventually comes to reconcile her unconventional appearance and her magical voice, and learns to accept herself for who she truly is.

*Awards:*

- School Library Journal Best Books
- Booklist Editor's Choice

**Call Number: YA F LEV**

**The Prophecy** by Hilari Bell

Guided by the words of a prophecy, Prince Perryndon, who loves books more than swords, sets out to slay the black dragon that is destroying his kingdom.

**Call Number: YA F BEL**

**Brave Story** by Miyuki Miyabe

With a determined plan to reunite his mother and father, the 10-year-old boy named Wataru knowingly enters a fantasy realm inhabited by a goddess who has the power to change destiny. With the help of the Lizard Boy, the Cat Girl, and the Fire-breathing Dragon, Wataru faces a series of seemingly insurmountable obstacles on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. One way or another, the young hero must reach the Tower of Destiny and bring his mother and father back together again.

*Awards:*

- ALA Notable Children's Books

**Call Number: YA F MIY**

**Black Horses for the King** by Anne McCaffrey

Galwyn, son of a Roman Celt, escapes from his tyrannical uncle and joins Lord Artos, later known as King Arthur, using his talent with languages and way with horses to help secure and care for the Libyan horses that Artos hopes to use in battle against the Saxons.

**Call Number: YA F MCC**

**Song of the Sparrow** by Lisa Ann Sandell

In fifth-century Britain, nine years after the destruction of their home on the island of Shalott brings her to live with her father and brothers in the military encampments of Arthur's army, seventeen-year-old Elaine describes her changing perceptions of war and the people around her as she becomes increasingly involved in the bitter struggle against the invading Saxons.

*Awards:*

- Texas Tayshas Reading List

**Call Number: YA F SAN**

**Recommended for Grades 9 and Up**

**Breath** by Donna Jo Napoli

Elaborates on the tale of "The Pied Piper," told from the point of view of a boy who is too ill to keep up when a piper spirits away the healthy children of a plague-ridden town after being cheated out of full payment for ridding Hameln of rats.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F NAP**

**Terrier** by Tamora Pierce

When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower City.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F PIE**

**The Rose and the Beast: Fairy Tales Retold** by Francesca Lia Block

Nine fairy tales are turned "inside out".

**Call Number: YA F BLO**

**A Great And Terrible Beauty** by Libba Bray

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Book

**Call Number: YA F BRA**

**Beastly** by Alex Flinn

A modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love before he can return to his human form.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers
- Texas Lonestar Reading List

**Call Number: YA F FLI**

**Wildwood Dancing** by Juliet Marillier

Five sisters who live with their merchant father in Transylvania use a hidden portal in their home to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- Texas Taysha Reading List

**Call Number: YA F MAR**

**The Crystal Cave** by Mary Stewart

Merlin spends his childhood in the court of his grandfather, the King of Wales, where he keeps secret his ability of "second sight."

*Awards:*

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Mythopoeic Award

**Call Number: F STE**

**The Fellowship of the Ring (Lord of the Rings Series)** by J.R.R Tolkien

Frodo the hobbit and his companions set out to deliver the One Ring of Power to the dark land of Mordor in order to destroy the ring in the forge of its creation.

**Call Number: F TOL**

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