

Magic Reading List

The Harry Potter Series - JK Rowling

Harry Potter leads his army of friends to defeat the evil Lord Voldemort's plan for the domination of wizards over muggles.

Tricks of the Mind - Derren Brown

Tricks of the Mind takes you on a journey into the structure and psychology of magic. Derren teaches you how to read clues in people's behaviour and spot liars. He discusses the whys and wherefores of hypnosis and shows how to do it. And he investigates the power of suggestion and how you can massively improve your memory.

Black Cats and Evil Eyes - Chloe Rhodes

This collection investigates the origins of our most intriguing old-fashioned superstitions, many of which we still find ourselves abiding by today. Hundreds of the beliefs passed down through the generations have their foundations in our ancestors' efforts to ward off evil, which they blamed for hardship, illness and injustice in times when life was, as often as not, 'nasty, brutish and short'.

The Witches - Roald Dahl

Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy and his grandmother know how to recognize these vile creatures, but can they get rid of them for good?

The Worst Witch - Jill Murphy

Mildred Hubble is a trainee at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, but she's making an awful mess of it. She keeps getting her spells wrong and crashing her broomstick. And when she turns Ethel, the teacher's pet into her worst enemy, chaos ensues...

Witches Abroad - Terry Pratchett

It seemed an easy job... After all, how difficult could it be to make sure that a servant girl doesn't marry a prince? But for the witches Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick, travelling to the distant city of Genua, things are never that simple... Servant girls have to marry the prince. That's what life is all about. You can't fight a Happy Ending. At least - up until now...

Weird Sisters - Terry Pratchett

Witches are not by nature gregarious, and they certainly don't have leaders. Granny Weatherwax was the most highly regarded of the leaders they didn't have. But even *she* found that meddling in royal politics was a lot more difficult than certain playwrights would have you believe...

The Once and Future King - T. H. White

The extraordinary story of a boy called Wart - ignored by everyone except his tutor, Merlin - who goes on to become King Arthur.

Wicked - Gregory MacGuire

An astonishingly rich re-creation of the land of Oz, this book retells the story of Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, who wasn't so wicked after all. Taking readers past the yellow brick road and into a phantasmagoric world rich with imagination and allegory, Gregory Maguire just might change the reputation of one of the most sinister characters in literature.

The Wizard Of OZ - L. Frank

Dorothy Gale and her little dog Toto are in for the ride of their lives when a tornado drops them off in the Land of Oz. Can Dorothy and her new friends survive the perils of Oz to reach the Wizard and find a way home?

Here Lies Arthur - Phillip Reeve

Everyone's heard of King Arthur. But no-one's heard the truth ... Gwyna's new master Myrddin says he is not an enchanter, yet he works his own magic. He turns Gwynan from a slave girl into a goddess, a boy, and a spy - and Arthur into a legend. But is Arthur really the greatest hero of all time?

The Witch Child - Celia Rees

1659. A time of fear and persecution. Mary, granddaughter of a witch, keeps a diary. It begins: I am Mary. I am a witch... She sees her grandmother hanged, is rescued by a stranger, takes ship for America and finds a place in a Puritan community there. All that befalls her, she records in her diary and as she writes, she stitches the pages inside a quilt for discovery would mean death. The quilt lies undisturbed for more than three hundred years. Then, during the process of conservation, the diary is discovered. Her story can be told.

Grimm's Fairy Tales - Wilhelm & Jacob Grimm

Originally titled Children's and Household Tales, The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales contains the essential bedtime stories for children worldwide for the better part of two centuries. The Brothers Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm, were

German linguists and cultural researchers who gathered legendary folklore and aimed to collect the stories exactly as they heard them.