



What You Should Read after *Harry Potter*

A Bibliography Compiled by the Pelham Public Library Teen Department

In J.K. Rowling's epic children's/YA fantasy series, Harry Potter attends Britain's prestigious Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, while also trying to prevent the return of the terrifying Lord Voldemort. If you're looking for your next "fantasy school" series to binge-read, check out these titles. (Please note: not all titles will be appropriate for all teens.)

Cast, P.C. & Kristin

Marked (House of Night #1)

Gr 9 Up. After Oklahoma teenager Zoey Redbird changes into a vampyre, she flees her ultra-religious family for the safety of her city's House of Night, an exclusive boarding school and refuge for newly turned vampyres. There, she quickly gains new abilities, friends, enemies, and frenemies. Elements of intrigue, world building, touching character relationships, and Zoey's increasingly ridiculous love triangles make this series a soapy, addictive treat for older teens.

Clare, Cassandra

City of Bones (Shadowhunters: The Mortal Instruments #1)

Gr 8 Up. "Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, 15 year old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizzare world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster." (Publisher's summary)

Messenger, Shannon

Keeper of the Lost Cities (#1)

Gr 6 Up. "Twelve-year-old Sophie Foster has a secret. She's a Telepath—someone who hears the thoughts of everyone around her. It's a talent she's never known how to explain. Everything changes the day she meets Fitz, a mysterious boy who appears out of nowhere and also reads minds. She discovers there's a place she does belong, and that staying with her family will place her in grave danger. In the blink of an eye, Sophie is forced to leave behind everything and start a new life in a place that is vastly different from anything she has ever known. Sophie has new rules to learn and new skills to master, and not everyone is thrilled that she has come 'home.' There are secrets buried deep in Sophie's memory—secrets about who she really is and why she was hidden among humans—that other people desperately want. Would even kill for." (Publisher's summary)

Riordan, Rick

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson #1)

Gr 6 Up. "Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. When Percy's mom finds out, she knows it's time that he knew the truth about where he came from,

and that he go to the one place he'll be safe. She sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods (on Long Island), where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends—one a satyr and the other the demigod daughter of Athena—Percy sets out on a quest across the United States to reach the gates of the Underworld (located in a recording studio in Hollywood) and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.” (Publisher’s summary)

Rowell, Rainbow

Carry On (Simon Snow #1)

Gr 9 Up. “Simon Snow is the worst Chosen One who’s ever been chosen. That’s what his roommate, Baz, says. And Baz might be evil and a vampire and a complete git, but he’s probably right. Half the time, Simon can’t even make his wand work, and the other half, he sets something on fire. His mentor’s avoiding him, his girlfriend broke up with him, and there’s a magic-eating monster running around, wearing Simon’s face. Baz would be having a field day with all this, if he were here—it’s their last year at the Watford School of Magicks, and Simon’s infuriating nemesis didn’t even bother to show up. *Carry On* is a ghost story, a love story and a mystery. It has just as much kissing and talking as you’d expect from a Rainbow Rowell story—but far, far more monsters.” (Publisher’s summary)

Similar titles by this author:

- *Fangirl*

Scott, Michael

The Alchemyst (Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel #1)

Gr 7 Up. “Nicholas Flamel was born in Paris on 28 September 1330. Nearly seven hundred years later, he is acknowledged as the greatest Alchemyst of his day. It is said that he discovered the secret of eternal life. The records show that he died in 1418. But his tomb is empty and Nicholas Flamel lives. The secret of eternal life is hidden within the book he protects—the Book of Abraham the Mage. It’s the most powerful book that has ever existed. In the wrong hands, it will destroy the world. And that’s exactly what Dr. John Dee plans to do when he steals it. Humankind won’t know what’s happening until it’s too late. And if the prophecy is right, Sophie and Josh Newman are the only ones with the power to save the world as we know it. Sometimes legends are true. And Sophie and Josh Newman are about to find themselves in the middle of the greatest legend of all time.” (Publisher’s summary)