

Select Bibliography On the Arthurian Legends

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(This excellent collection includes Chretien's Perceval and seven other romances.)

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(Loomis's books are educational and fun to read.)