

## Fans of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and the Olympians, and 39 Clues might love . . .

- [The Mysterious Benedict Society](#) (Adventure) by Trenton Lee Stewart - Four very intelligent children must solve puzzles and to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and resourceful children could complete. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (8+)
- [39 Clues](#) by Various - Grace Cahill is the last matriarch of the Cahills, the world's most powerful family, yet the source of the family power is lost. 39 Clues hidden around the world will reveal the family's secret and the clues race is on. Young Amy and Dan must decide what's important: hunting clues or uncovering what REALLY happened to their parents. (8+)
- [On the Run](#) by Gordon Korman - Two kids break out of a juvenile detention center and become fugitives in order to clear their convicted parents' names in this heartstopping series from kid-read master Gordon Korman. (8+)
- [City of Ember Series](#) (Adventure) by Jeanne DuPrau - The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever! (10+)
- [A Series of Unfortunate Events](#) by Lemony Snicket - The three Baudelaire children learn that their parents perished in a fire that destroyed their whole house. The children are ushered to the dilapidated doorstep of the miserable, thin, unshaven, shiny-eyed, money-grubbing Count Olaf and know that they--and their family fortune--are in real trouble. Still, they could never have anticipated how much trouble. (8+)
- [The name of this Book is Secret](#) (Humour) by Pseudonymous Bosch - Reading these books will surely put your life in grave danger, so don't read them . . . unless you can forget everything you haven't read. (8+)
- [Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan](#): LOTR-esque, this series follows Will, a Ranger's apprentice who must learn the highly skilled and dangerous art of being a Ranger (10+)
- [Alex Rider by Anthony Horowitz](#): Alex Rider must take over his uncle's mission in a top-secret government organization. (10+)
- [The Everest Series](#) by Gordon Korman - Four kids come from all across America to be the youngest kid ever to climb Everest. But only one will reach the top first. The competition is fierce. The preparation is intense. The challenge is breathtaking. When the final four reach the higher peaks, disaster strikes—and all that separates the living from the dead is chance, bravery, and action. (8+)
- [Dangerous Days of Daniel X](#) by James Patterson - Yes, it's true: Daniel X is special. X-traordinarily special. He may be just a kid, but Daniel is strong enough to fight anything in the world. And it's a good thing, because not many guys you meet have a host of deadly criminals hunting them to the ends of the Earth. And none of them are extraterrestrials. (8+)

- [Lightning Thief \(Percy Jackson Series\)](#) by Rick Riordan - At first glance, Perseus Jackson seems like a normal but troubled kid, but he's really the son of Poseidon and a mortal woman. As he discovers his heritage, he also loses that mother and falls into mortal danger. The gods are about to go to war over a lost thunderbolt, so Percy and sidekicks Grover (a young satyr) and Annabeth (daughter of Athena) set out to retrieve it. (10+)
- [The Worst-Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure Novels](#) by David Borgenicht - On this epic climb up Mount Everest, readers are part of the youngest team ever to climb the world's tallest peak. Only YOU can make the right choice about your own survival and then experience the consequences of those choices. (9+)
- [Fablehaven by Brandon Mull](#): Very Hobbit-like. An evil breaks out at the mystical place of Fablehaven, portal to a world of trolls, imps, and evil, and two young adults must fight to defend the world. (9+)
- [Charlie Bone](#) by Jenny Nimmo - Harry Potter-esque Charlie Bone is sent off to a school for "gifted children" and must use his newfound friends and powers to solve the mysteries surrounding found clues. (9+)
- [Septimus Heap](#) by Angie Sage - Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, disappears the night he is born, pronounced dead by the midwife. That same night, the baby's father, Silas Heap, comes across an abandoned child in the snow -- a newborn girl with violet eyes. The Heaps take her into their home, name her Jenna, and raise her as their own. But who is this mysterious baby girl, and what really happened to their beloved son Septimus? (8+)
- [Keys to the Kingdom](#) by Garth Nix - Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world -- where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets. (10+)
- [Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos Series](#) by R.L. LaFevers - Theodosia Throckmorton is able to see all the black magic and ancient curses that still cling to the artifacts in her father's museum. Theo uses old, nearly forgotten Egyptian magic to remove the curses and protect her father and the rest of the museum employees from the ancient, sinister forces that lurk in the museum's dark hallways. (9+)
- [Dark is Rising series](#) by Susan Cooper - On the Midwinter Day that is his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers a special gift -- that he is the last of the Old Ones, immortals dedicated to keeping the world from domination by the forces of evil, the Dark. At once, he is plunged into a quest for the six magical Signs that will one day aid the Old Ones in the final battle between the Dark and the Light. (8+)

**The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott** - Harry Potter fans may remember Nicholas Flamel from his appearance in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Legend has it that the real-life Flamel discovered the secret to eternal life. Twins Sophie and Josh find out the legend is true when they become entangled in a battle for the Book of Abraham the Mage. In it lies the secret to the elixir of life — and the power to destroy the world.

**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs** - Jacob, 16, alone in the world stumbles upon an abandoned orphanage on a remote island. Who were the children who lived under this roof? What were they capable of? And is it possible they're still alive? Vintage photographs combine with haunting text in this bestselling series.

**The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan** - After their father is captured by Set, the Egyptian god of evil, Carter and Sadie must tap into parts of themselves they never knew existed and battle unimaginably powerful forces.

**His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman** - Taking place across multiple universes and containing some pretty complex religious references (not to mention criticisms), His Dark Materials grounds itself in the journey of Lyra Belacqua, a 12-year-old girl with a knack for lying. Lyra and her dæmon (the external, animal manifestation of her "inner self") travel the worlds of the series in search of kidnapped children, and a mysterious elemental matter called "Dust."

Sabriel by Garth Nix

**Pennyroyal Academy Series by M.A. Larson** - When Evie unexpectedly joins Pennyroyal Academy, a school where courageous young children are trained to become princesses and knights, she's not sure what to expect.

**Sam London Adventure Series by Todd Calgi Gallicano** - When Sam discovers an incredible secret - not only do mythical creatures exist, but they live in our national parks - he's recruited by Dr. Vance Vantana to keep others (especially others with ill intent) from finding out about the gryphons, selkies, and more.

**An Epic Series of Failures Series by Chris Rylander** - Like young Harry Potter, the charmingly odd Greg Belmont discovers his true identity later in life: he's a Dwarf, part of a disaster-prone group of people who have lived beneath Chicago for centuries. But magic wasn't only awakened in Greg - it returned to all of the Dwarves - and now there's a war brewing between the Dwarves and the Elves.

**The Uncommoners Series by Jennifer Bell** - When intruders (brandishing toilet brushes?!) show up at their house, siblings Ivy and Seb flee to Lundinor, a mysterious city beneath London where everyday items are enchanted with amazing abilities.

**Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer** - Artemis is a preteen genius - slash - billionaire - slash - criminal - mastermind who kidnaps a fairy (you heard that right) to ransom for gold. Fowl's nefarious nature is a great twist on the "precocious youngster uses special gifts to save the world"