



If You Like Harry Potter ... for Grown Ups!

So, what exactly do you like about the Harry Potter novels? Do you enjoy the “coming of age” aspect? The humorous fantasy? The adventure, action and suspense? The magic and magical creatures? Or do you like how Harry’s magical world exists within our own “real” world?

This guide may help you choose the right books for you: **C** = coming of age / **H** = humorous fantasy / **A** = adventure, action & suspense / **M** = magic & magical creatures / **MR** = magic within our “real” world

In our **Fantasy** collection:

[On a Pale Horse](#) by Piers Anthony and the rest of the [Incarnations of Immortality](#) series **H—A—MR**

Zane finds himself forced to assume the office of Death, with all its duties and responsibilities, in a world revolutionized by magic. He must also figure a way out of the trap that Satan himself has laid for him.

[Running With the Demon](#) by Terry Brooks and [A Knight of the Word](#), [Angel Fire East](#) **C—A—MR**

Young Nest Freemark is discovering her magical heritage just in time for a battle with evil in Hopewell, Illinois.

[War for the Oaks](#) by Emma Bull **A—MR**

Being the only person who sees the other-worldly creatures, Eddi McCandry plunges into excitement and terror when she becomes a pawn in a bitter age-old battle between two faerie courts in modern Minneapolis.

[Storm Front](#) by Jim Butcher and the rest of the [Dresden Files](#) series. **H—A—MR**

Harry's a wizard and a detective, but his last name's Dresden, not Potter, and he lives in Chicago, not England.

[Ender's Game](#) by Orson Scott Card and the rest of the [Ender](#) saga **C—A**

Once again, the Earth is under attack. The survival of the human species depends on a military genius who can defeat the alien buggers. But who? Ender Wiggin. Brilliant. Ruthless. Cunning. A strategic master. And a child.

[Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell](#) by Susanna Clarke **MR** (In our **Adult Fiction** Collection)

In 19th-century England, all is going well for rich, reclusive Mr. Norell, who has regained some of the power of England's past magicians, until a rival magician, Jonathan Strange, appears and becomes Mr. Norrell's pupil.

[Lord Foul's Bane](#) by Stephen R. Donaldson and the rest of the [Chronicles of Thomas Covenant](#) **A—MR**

Because of the magical and fantastic strangeness of the Land and his place in it, Thomas Covenant finds it hard to believe it even exists. Thus, he calls himself "The Unbeliever" and does not realize the perilous fate of the world.

[Pawn of Prophecy](#) by David Eddings and the rest of the [Belgariad](#) series; **C—H—A—M**

A farm boy, Garion, begins a quest of unparalleled magic and danger to recover the magic Orb that protects the men of the West and prevent the evil god Torak from seizing power over the world.

[Magician: Apprentice](#) by Raymond Feist and the rest of the [Riftwar](#) Saga **C—A—M**

The orphan Pug came to study with the magician Kulgan, but Pug's strange sort of magic would one day change forever the fates of two worlds. For dark beings from another world opened a rift in the fabric of space-time.

[The Princess Bride](#) by William Goldman **H—A—M**

From the Cliffs of Insanity through the Fire Swamp and down into the Zoo of Death, this incredible journey is peppered with strange beasts both monstrous and gentle and memorable surprises both terrible and sublime.

[Wizard's First Rule](#) by Terry Goodkind and the rest of the [Sword Of Truth](#) series **A—M**

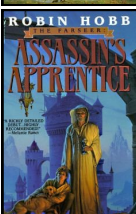
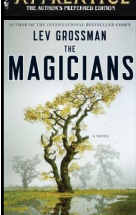
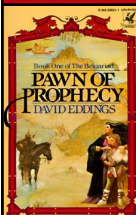
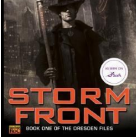
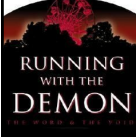
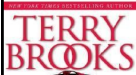
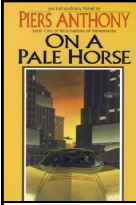
Richard Cypher and his trusted companions, the beautiful and mysterious Kahlan and the sorcerer Zedd, begin their quest to destroy Darken Rahl, an evil mage who bids to control the world by using his dark, magical powers.

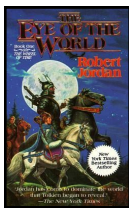
[The Magicians](#) by Lev Grossman **C—A—MR**

Preoccupied with a magical land he read about in a childhood fantasy series, Quentin Coldwater is unexpectedly admitted into an exclusive college of magic and educated in modern sorcery.

[Assassin's Apprentice](#) by Robin Hobb and [Royal Assassin](#), [Assassin's Quest](#) **C—A—M**

Young Fitz is a bastard son of Prince Chivalry, ignored by royalty and raised by his father's gruff stableman. He is secretly tutored in the arts of the assassin. For in Fitz's blood runs the magic Skill.





The Eye of the World by Robert Jordan and the rest of the *Wheel of Time* series C—A—M

Three young friends, Rand, Matt and Perrin, are attacked by monsters, but with the help of Lady Moiraine, the boys flee their homeland and begin an adventure across a fantastical world of strange and deadly wonders.



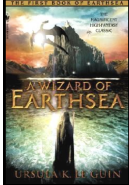
Deryni Rising by Katherine Kurtz and the rest of the *Deryni* series C—A—M

Young Prince Kelson is about to assume the throne after the mysterious death of his father. He must be told of his magical heritage, and learn a lifetime's worth of magic in a few short days to face a challenger for his throne.



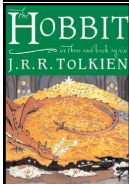
A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin and the rest of the *Earthsea* series C—A—M

Ged was the greatest sorcerer in all Earthsea, but once he was called Sparrowhawk, a reckless youth, hungry for power and knowledge, who tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world.



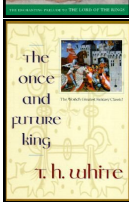
A Game of Thrones by George R.R. Martin and the rest of the *Song of Ice and Fire* series C—A—M

The cold is returning to Winterfell, where summers can last decades and winters a lifetime. The Stark family has long anticipated this shift of seasons, but are they prepared to deal with the treacherous Lannister family?



Color of Magic by Terry Pratchett and the rest of the *Discworld* series H—A—M

A disorganized, naive interplanetary tourist named Twosome joins up with a bumbling, wizard named Rincewind and embarks on a chaotic voyage through a world filled with monsters and dragons, heroes and knaves.



The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss C—A—M

A hero named Kvothe, now living under an assumed name as a humble inn proprietor, recounts his transformation from a magically gifted young man into the most notorious wizard, musician, thief, and assassin in his world.



The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy C—A—M

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an grand adventure from which he may never return.



The Once and Future King by T.H. White and *The Book of Merlyn* C—A—M

Here is the magical epic of King Arthur and his shining Camelot; of Merlin and Owl and Guinevere; of beasts who talk and men who fly, of wizardry and war. It is the book of all things lost and wonderful and sad.



In our **Young Adult** collection: (After all, that's what Harry is . . .)

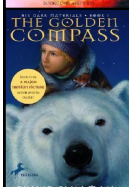
The Last Years of Merlin by T.A. Barron and the rest of the *Lost Years of Merlin* series C—A—M

A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name, as well as his developing magical powers, after a series of fantastic adventures.



So You Want to be a Wizard by Diane Duane and the rest of the *Young Wizards* series C—A—MR

Something stopped Nita's hand as it ran along the bookshelf. She looked and found a strange title: *So You Want to Be a Wizard*. If it was a joke, it was a great one. If it wasn't . . . ?



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis and the rest of *The Chronicles of Narnia* C—A—MR

Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.



Sabriel by Garth Nix and *Lirael* and *Abhorsen* C—A—M

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, has never been to the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom, but it is there she must journey to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

Eragon by Christopher Paolini and the rest of the *Inheritance* series C—A—M

In Agaesia, a fifteen-year-old orphaned farm boy called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman and the rest of the *His Dark Materials* series C—A—MR

Orphan Lyra Belaqua must travel with her Daemon, Pan, to the frozen North in order to rescue her friend from the Gobblers and find her father, Lord Asriel, who went missing while studying a mysterious celestial phenomenon.

The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud and the rest of the *Bartimaeus Trilogy* C—H—A—MR

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, taught himself spells well beyond his years and summons up the all-powerful djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Shadowmancer by G.P. Taylor and *Wormwood* C—A—MR

Three friends attempt to stop the power-hungry Vicar of Thorpe from becoming a god by dabbling in magic.