

Action, Adventure, and Spies

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Spy High Mission One

By A. J. Butcher

Call #: YF Butcher

As students at a special high school that trains secret agents, six teenagers struggle to complete the training exercises as a team before being sent out into the field to sink or swim.



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Ender's Game

By Orson Scott Card

Call #: SciFi/Fantasy Area F Card

An outstanding tale of the child-hero Ender Wiggin, who must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.



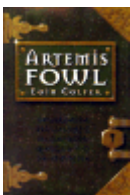
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The Warrior Heir

By Cinda Williams Chima

Call #: YF Chima

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, 16-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.



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Artemis Fowl

By Eoin Colfer

Call #: YF Colfer

When a 12-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.



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Shen and the Treasure Fleet

By Ray Conloque

Call #: YF Conloque

Shen and his sister are on the run. To escape from rebel forces in the Chinese royal city of Nanjing in 1403, thirteen-year-old Shen and his younger sister Chang take refuge with a traveling acrobat troupe on their way to explore the world.



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Love Undercover

By Jo Edwards

Call #: YF Edwards

Kaitlyn Nichols craves a little mystery and mayhem in her life. Having a secret agent for a father should do the trick, but unfortunately Dad is no 007, and danger is nowhere on the horizon.



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Stardust

By Neil Gaiman

Call #: YF Gaiman

In the English countryside near a magical land, teenager Tristran Thorn loses his heart to the beautiful Victoria Forester and promises his love that he'll get a fallen star from the magical realm.



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The Princess Bride

By William Goldman

Call #: F Goldman

Heartbroken over the death of her beloved Westley, beautiful Buttercup finally succumbs to the advances of the wicked Prince Humperdinck. When suddenly kidnapped by a motley band of deviants, who comes to the rescue?



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The Specialists: Model Spy

By Shannon Greenland

Call #: YF Greenland

Recruited by a secret government spy agency, Kelly goes undercover as a model to rescue the kidnapped father of the boy she has a huge crush on.



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River Secrets

By Shannon Hale

Call #: YF Hale

Young Razo travels to Tira as part of a diplomatic corps, but mysterious events in the Tiran capital fuel simmering suspicions. Razo must spy out who is responsible before it is too late and he becomes trapped in an enemy land.



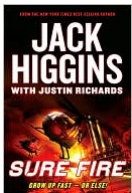
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The Seer and the Sword

By Victoria Hanley

Call #: YF Hanley

Princess Torina, who can see the future, and her friend Landen, who seeks a sword that belongs to his conquered kingdom, are separated when a treacherous murderer gains power. From exile each works to restore peace and the rightful rulers.



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Sure Fire

By Jack Higgins

Call #: YF Higgins

After the death of their mother, twins Rich and Jade go live with their estranged father. They find they have more complicated problems when their father is kidnapped.





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Silverfin: A James Bond Adventure

By Charlie Higson

Call #: YF Higson

Prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, introduces the young James when he is just starting boarding school in England and is about to become involved in his first adventure.



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Downriver

By Will Hobbs

Call #: YF Hobbs

15-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.



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Stormbreaker

By Anthony Horowitz

Call #: YF Horowitz

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, 14-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.



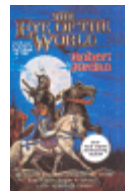
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13 Little Blue Envelopes

By Maureen Johnson

Call #: YF Johnson

When 17-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.



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The Eye of the World

By Robert Jordan

Call #: SciFi/Fantasy Area F Jordan

When his village is attacked by Trollocs, a savage tribe of half-man, half-beasts, Rand al'Thor and his friends are lucky to be alive. For Rand there is no time to celebrate. It was not the village the Trollocs were after--it was Rand.



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Son of the Mob

By Gordon Korman

Call #: YF Korman

17-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.



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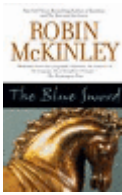
White Fang

By Jack London

Call #: YF London

The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf, and who eventually makes his peace with man.





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The Blue Sword

By Robin McKinley

Call #: YF McKinley

Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.



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Acceleration

By Graham McNamee

Call #: YF McNamee

Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, 17-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.



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Bloody Jack

By L.A. Meyer

Call #: YF Meyer

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.



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The Recruit

By Robert Muchamore

Call #: YF Muchamore

CHERUB agents are all seventeen and under. They wear skate tees and hemp, and look like regular kids. However, they are trained professionals who are sent out on missions to spy on terrorists and international drug dealers.



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Airborn

By Kenneth Oppel

Call #: YF Oppel

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.



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The Angel Experiment

By James Patterson

Call #: YF Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.



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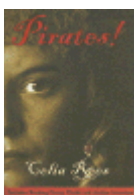
Alanna: The First Adventure

By Tamora Pierce

Call #: YF Pierce

Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, learning many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.





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Pirates!

By Celia Rees

Call #: YF Rees

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, Nancy escapes with her slave friend, Minerva, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.



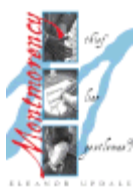
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The Lightning Thief

By Rick Riordan

Call #: YF Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. He is sent to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.



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Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?

By Eleanor Updale

Call #: YF Updale

In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself.



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Jackaroo

By Cynthia Voigt

Call #: YF Voigt

When hard times among the People revive the old stories of the hero Jackaroo, an innkeeper's daughter follows her own quest to unlock the secret reality behind the legend.



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Fight Game

By Kate Wild

Call #: YF Wild

Freedom Smith is a fighter, just like all of his relatives who have the "Hercules gene," which leads him to a choice between being jailed for attempted murder or working with a covert law enforcement agency.



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Sorcery and Cecelia

By Patricia Wrede and Caroline Stevermer

Call #: YF Wrede

In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.



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The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

By Richard Yancey

Call #: YF Yancey

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

