Fantasy Favorites

Step outside the confines of reality and into the realm of the imagination, with heroes and heroines who must journey through perilous mythic worlds to fight and overcome great evil in the classic tradition of J.R.R. Tolkien.

McKillip, Patricia
The Riddle-Master of Hed
What is the connection between three stars gracing an enchanted harp and sword and a similar mark on his forehead? With evil forces on the rise, Morgan, Prince of Hed, must solve the riddle. YA PB

McKinley, Robin
Beauty and Rose Daughter
Two very similar but unrelated versions of the classic fairy tale “Beauty and the Beast.” In Beauty, she more closely follows the traditional plot. Rose Daughter has a unique twist as the story’s events but if very much in the same style with equal depth of the characters. YA PB

Modesitt, L.E.
The Magic of Recluce
Told of his potential as a great wizard, bored young Lerris undertakes a dangergeld—a restrictive quest outside the rule-laden world of Recluce— to hasten his destiny and learn the value of an ordered world. SCI FIC MOD

Nix, Garth
Sabriel
Sabriel, a beautiful inexperienced necromancer, must battle the horrendous minions of an evil sorcerer as she travels to the realm of the Old Kingdom in an attempt to free her father from the Dead. YA NIX

Pratchett, Terry
The Colour of Magic
A spoof on conventional fantasy, this witty entertaining tale about Twoflower, a naïve interplanetary tourist, and a bumbling wizard named Rincewind takes readers on a romp through the wonders of Discworld. B-O-T PRA

Rawn, Melanie
The Dragon Prince trilogy
The Dragon Star trilogy
These two trilogies comprise an epic story that is both a complex political and ethical discussion, an also a very human tale about personal lives and interactions. The focus of the first trilogy is Rohan who is descended from sun runners who communicate with light, but is himself ungifted. The second trilogy is about Rohan’s son Pol, gifted with every imaginable power. SCI FIC RAW

Rowling, J.K.
The Harry Potter series
This famous fantasy series was intended for a children’s audience. But as Harry grows up, so do the books, and not just in size. Readers follow Harry from his twelfth birthday and arrival at wizard school until (presumably) he graduates and becomes an adult. Satisfy your curiosity and see what the excitement’s about. J FIC ROW

Tolkien, J.R.R.
The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings
The starting point for any discussion about fantasy. Written like a classic English take, it strikes some as old fashioned but there’s years of scholarship behind every detail. Find out why the movies were so successful. FIC TOL

Check for these titles on our Overdrive / Libby and Hoopla apps for an ebook or eaudiobook.
Alexander, Alma  
The Secrets of Jin Shei  
Eight disparate young women take the inviolable Jin-Shei oath of sisterhood in a mythical ancient China, vowing to protect and support each other through treachery, magic and political upheaval.  FIC ALE

Bakker, Scott R.  
The Darkness That Comes Before  
With holy war threatening, forces of good and evil vie with each other, as the sorcerer Drusas Achamain leads his compatriots in a battle against the No-God and the imminent destruction of their world.  FIC BAK

Berg Carol  
Son of Avonar  
Forced into exile herself as a member of a persecuted royal family, Seri shelters a fugitive warrior who is quite possibly mad: can solving the riddles of his identity and purpose save the Four Realms? SCI FIC BER

Bray, Patricia  
Devlin’s Luck  
Saddled with his brother’s widow and children after his entire family is killed, Devlin eagerly takes on the suicidal post of Chosen One—the single handed defender of Jorsk—a kingdom on the downslide. SCI FIC BRA

Britian, Kristen  
Green Rider  
Karigan runs away from school and on the way home encounters a dying green rider, one of the king’s famous magical messengers. She agrees to his dying request and begins a perilous journey alone. SCI FIC BRA

Bujold, Lois McMaster  
The Curse of Chalion  
In a well-drawn medieval world rife with magic and political intrigue, Cazaril, a former soldier crippled by his past, now plays the dual role of tutor and protector of royalty against a deadly curse. SCI FIC BUJ

Donaldson, Stephen  
The Runes of the Earth  
Linden Avery sets out on a quest against Roger Covenant and Lord Foul to find the lost Staff of Law, save a kidnapped child and deliver the Land from evil, in this first book of the final Covenant quartet. SCI FIC DON

Eddings, David  
The Pawn of Prophecy  
In his wildest dreams, Garion never imagined that he would play an important role in the magical battles between the ancient gods. The innocent young hero’s prophetic quest begins here. SCI FIC EDD

Feist, Raymond  
Shadow of a Dark Queen  
Beginning a new series set in Midkemia, this dark take of treachery and heroism follows two unlikely young men in a rite of passage that pits them against evil serpent aliens bent on ruling Midkemia. SCI FIC FEI

Goodkind, Terry  
Wizard’s First Rule  
When the wall between worlds threatens collapse, Richard Cypher’s journey begins. Wielding the Sword of Truth and carrying arcane knowledge concealed for ages, the quest leads him to evil’s source: Darken Rahl. SCI FIC GOO

Haydon, Elizabeth  
Rhapsody: Child of Blood  
Rhapsody’s musical magic and her companions, an assassin and a giant, aid her in a quest of mythic proportions through the center of the earth and through time to conquer a demonic evil. SCI FIC HAY

Jordan, Robert  
The Eye of the World  
Accepting Destiny’s call, Rand, Matt and Perrin seek to join forces with others against the Dark One, after his troll like creatures viciously attack their sleepy village of Emond’s Field. SCI FIC JOR

Kerr, Katherine  
Daggerspell  
Does love hold sway over darkness? Destiny dictates the reincarnation of souls as the eternal battle between good and evil continues over the centuries, and Jill is caught in the crossfire. SCI FIC KER

King, Stephen  
The Dark Tower series  
Beginning with The Gunslinger and ending with The Dark Tower it spans the entire length of Stephen King’s career. He references not only his own books, but also many of the other recent great works of fantasy by other authors. FIC KIN

Kurtz, Katherine  
In the King’s Service  
This new addition to the epic series explains Deryni history prior to the reign of King Kelson and reveals hidden agendas that caused a massive split between the Camberian Council and the royal family. SCI FIC KUR

Lackey, Mercedes  
The Outstretched Shadow  
Bored with his routine City life, Kellen, son of Arch Mage Lycaelon, experiments with the ancient Wild Magic he discovers in a set of forbidden books, and is subsequently cast into exile by his own father. SCI FIC LAC

Lackey, Mercedes  
Fortune’s Fool  
Ekaterina, youngest daughter of the sea king gets kidnapped by a wicked jinn when she investigates a kingdom that has no problems and no complaints. SCI FIC LAC

Maguire, Gregory  
Wicked  
This book is a retelling, almost a prequel, to the Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum, and it casts a whole new light on a childhood favorite. Discover the darker, more sophisticated Oz, ideal for the adult palate. FIC MAG