Fantasy Fiction for Teens

The following books are located in the YA (Teen) section unless noted*, alphabetical by author’s last name.

Barron, T.A.  
**The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy**  
In accordance with prophecy, Avalon’s existence is threatened in the year that stars stop shining and at the time when both the dark child and Merlin’s heir are to be revealed. (Book 1 in the Great Tree of Avalon series)

Beddor, Frank.  
**The Looking Glass Wars**  
When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne. (Book 1 in series)

Caveney, Philip.  
**Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools**  
Accompanied by his sardonic buffalope Max, seventeen-year-old Sebastian Darke meets a spoiled princess and a diminutive soldier who aid in his quest to become court jester to the evil King Septimus. (Sebastian Darke series)

Cashore, Kristin  
**Graceling**  
In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Cast, P.C.  
**Brighid’s Quest**  
Centaur Brighid Dhianna has found peace and acceptance among humans but is forced to leave them to guide the brother of the centaur clan’s chieffain home. On the journey, she discovers the long dormant Shaman blood running in her veins and, as seductive powers beckon, she glimpses an unimaginable future. Soon she must make a challenging decision affecting not only her friendship with the humans, but the centaur herd and the world.

Chima, Cinda Williams  
**The Warrior Heir**  
After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

Clare, Cassandra.  
**Clockwork Angel**  
When sixteen-year-old orphan Tessa Fell’s older brother suddenly vanishes, her search for him leads her into Victorian-era London’s dangerous supernatural underworld, and when she discovers that she herself is a Downworlder, she must learn to trust the demon-killing Shadowhunters if she ever wants to learn to control her powers and find her brother. (Book 1 in Infernal Devices series)

Croggon, Alison.  
**The Naming**  
A manuscript from the lost civilization of Edil-Amarandah chronicles the experiences of sixteen-year-old Maerad, an orphan gifted in the magic and power of the Bards, as she escapes from slavery and begins to learn how to use her Gift to stave off the evil Darkness that threatens to consume her world. (Book 1 in the Pellinor series)

Cypess, Leah.  
**Mistwood**  
Brought back from the Mistwood to protect the royal family, a girl who has no memory of being a shape-shifter encounters political and magical intrigue as she struggles with her growing feelings for the prince.

Delaney, Joseph.  
**The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch**  
Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from “ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties.” Capturing witches Binding boggarts Driving away ghosts For years, Old Gregory has been the Spook for the county, ridding the local villages of evil. Now his time is coming to an end. But who will take over for him? Twenty-nine apprentices have tried—some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive. Only Thomas Ward is left. He’s the last hope; the last apprentice. Can Thomas succeed? (Book 1 in the Last Apprentice series)

Fisher, Catherine.  
**Incarceron**  
Finn lives Inside, in an enormous, labyrinthine prison. Claudia, the prison warden’s daughter, dwells Outside, in a stifling realm dreading her arranged marriage to a petulant prince. Each finds a crystal key through which they learn of the other’s existence and a shared hope for escape. (Book 1 in series)
Jones, Dianna Wynne. *The Pinhoe Egg*
Two powerful young enchanters, Cat, the future
Chrestomanci, and Marianne, who is being trained to be
Gammer of the Pinhoes, work together as friends to try to
end an illegal witches’ war and, in the process, right some
old wrongs. (*A Chrestomanci book*)

Kagawa, Julie. *Iron King*
Meghan Chase has never fit in at her small-town high
school, and now, on the eve of her 16th birthday, she finally
discovers why. For when her half-brother is kidnapped,
Meghan is drawn into a fantastical world she had never
imagined—the world of Faery. (*Book 1 in Iron Fey series*)

Kirk, Daniel. *The Low Road*
When Matt and his family move to a new development, they
stumble into the middle of massive upheaval in the fairy
world, and as the elves’ territory disintegrates and the dark
factions try to seize control, an apprentice mage sees in Matt
the key to saving the realms from destruction. (*Book 1 in the
Elf Realm series*)

Le Guin, Ursula K. *Gifts*
When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than
use his gift of "unmaking"—a violent talent shared by
members of his family—he upsets the precarious balance of
power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a
strange and deadly talent of its own.

Lo, Melinda. *Huntress*
Seventeen-year-olds Kaede and Taisin are called to go on a
dangerous and unprecedented journey to Tanlili, the city of
the Fairy Queen, in an effort to restore the balance of nature
in the human world. (*Prequel to Ash*)

Marchetta, Melina. *Finnikin of the Rock*
Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child
when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered
and replaced by an impostor, reluctantly joins forces with an
enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her
dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a
way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

Nix, Garth. *Sabriel*
Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must
journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to
rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. (*Series*)

Pierce, Tamora. *Terrier*
When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of
"Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her
police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help
them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower
City. (*Book 1 in series*)

Pratchett, Terry. *The Wee Free Men*
A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee
Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her
baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.
(*Book 1 in series*)

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass*
Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to
prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from
becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far
North. (*Book 1 in His Dark Materials series*)

Scott, Michael. *The Alchemyst: the Secrets of the
Immortal Nicholas Flamel*
While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San
Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly
find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old
struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John
Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book
holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.
(*Book 1 in The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel
series*)

Stroud, Jonathan. *The Amulet of Samarkand*
Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni
Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of
Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.
(*Book 1 in the Bartimeaus Trilogy*)

Turner, Megan Whalen. *The Queen of Attolia*
Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices,
Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit and
wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia.
(*Book 1 in series*)

**Fantasy Short Stories in YA Nonfiction:**

Datlow, Ellen & Terri Windling. *The Faery Reel: Tales
from the Twilight Realm*  YA 808.80375 FAERY
A collection of stories and poems about faeries in all parts of
the world by a variety of authors.

Black, Holly et al. *Magic in the Mirrorstone*
YA 813.0876 MAGIC
An anthology of fifteen stories featuring such themes as
amphibians that speak and enchanted jewelry.

Nielsen Hayden, Patrick. *New Magic*
YA 813.0876 NEW
A brand new collection of award-winning short stories of
fantasy for young adults.

November, Sharyn. *Firebirds Soaring: An Aanthology
of Original Speculative Fiction*  
YA 808.83876 FIREBIRD
The third anthology of original stories by some of today’s
finest writers of fantasy and science fiction.