

If You Liked Harry Potter...

...the thrill of immersing yourself into a fantasy world, the exhilarating fight of good versus evil, and the delicious prospect of even more books to enjoy after the first - then read on...

What about a trip to the city of Aramanth, in **William Nicholson's Wind on Fire** trilogy, where everyone from the age of two has to sit exams! In the first book *Kestrel Hath*, after rebelling against all the rules and running away, goes in search of the legendary voice of the **Wind singer** to heal the city and its people. The tale continues in **Slaves of the Mastery** with Aramanth becoming a kinder but weaker place and a target for the ruthless soldiers of the Mastery. Finally, in **Firesong**, one of the main characters is called upon to make a great sacrifice for the Manth people. (Key stage 3/4)

THE WIND SINGER 16492

SLAVES OF THE MASTERY 16562

FIRESONG 16607

Or why not visit Ancelstierre which lies across The Wall from the Old Kingdom where parasitical spirits, Mordicants, and Shadow Hands dwell. The **Old Kingdom** trilogy, by **Garth Nix**, begins with *Sabriel* leaving the safety of her school (where magic is included in the curriculum) to take on her father's role as the *Abhorsen*. Her task is to lay the disturbed dead back to rest before they invade the land of the living. In the sequel, the fate of the Old Kingdom lies in the hands of **Lirael** and the thrilling saga comes to a close in **Abhorsen**. (Key stage 3/4)

SABRIEL 16462
LIRAEAL 16485
ABHORSEN 16487

You might turn your nose up at a tale about fairies - in which case you've probably never met Captain Holly Short of the Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance (LEPrecon) Unit. When 12-year-old villain **Artemis Fowl** kidnaps Holly and demands the fairy folk's pot of gold (you know, the one that lies at the end of the rainbow) as a ransom, her senior officer unleashes the full force of advanced Leprechaun technology to get her back! According to one reviewer the Artemis Fowl books by **Eoin Colfer** 'could well do for fairies what *Harry Potter* has done for wizardry' what do you think? (Key stage 2/3)

ARTEMIS FOWL 16208
THE ARCTIC INCIDENT 16331
THE ETERNITY CODE 16395

Although most people are familiar with **C.S. Lewis' The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe** you may not realise that there are seven books in the magical **Chronicles of Narnia** series. They are as popular as ever, despite having been written fifty years ago. Why not read the whole series from the discovery of the dead world of Charn, and the creation of the Land of Narnia in **The Magician's Nephew**, to the concluding **Last Battle** - as well as all the exciting adventures in between? (Key stage 2 and above)

THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW 15410
THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE 15665
THE HORSE AND HIS BOY 15667
PRINCE CASPIAN 15666
THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER 15668

THE SILVER CHAIR 15669
THE LAST BATTLE 15121

Another great series to get your teeth into is the brilliant **Children of the Red King** by Jenny Nimmo featuring **Charlie Bone**; *some fans say it is even better* than Harry Potter – you be the judge. There are certainly a lot of similarities to HP - the boarding school setting, Charlie's magical powers and a boy and girl best friend. In the first book of the series (**Midnight for Charlie Bone**) Charlie is sent to Bloors Academy when his gift for hearing people in photographs talking is discovered. The gift leads him on a mission to find a missing child being hypnotised and held against her will. (Key stage 3)

MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE 16323
CHARLIE BONE AND THE TIME TWISTER 16387
THE BLUE BOA 16403
THE CASTLE OF MIRRORS 16477
CHARLIE BONE AND THE HIDDEN KING 16549

How about a journey to the frozen northern wastes in the company of Lyra and her daemon, Pantalaimon? So begins **Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials** trilogy with **Northern Lights** where Lyra's search for her missing friend Roger leads her to discover that a team of unscrupulous scientists is carrying out horrific experiments. In the second book, **The Subtle Knife**, she meets Will in a frightening parallel world where invisible Spectres suck the life out of adults. Each with a different mission, they encounter many dangers until the earth shattering conclusion in **The Amber Spyglass**. (Key stage 3/4)

NORTHERN LIGHTS 15983
THE SUBTLE KNIFE 16057

THE AMBER SPYGLASS 16147

With even more instalments than the Harry Potter novels and a seriously *bad* 'baddy', the misfortunes of the poor orphaned Beaudelaire children are related in **A Series of Unfortunate Events** by **Lemony Snicket**. (Key stage 2)

THE BAD BEGINNING 16248

THE REPTILE ROOM 16249

THE WIDE WINDOW 16312

THE MISERABLE MILL 16349

THE AUSTERE ACADEMY 16435

THE ERSATZ ELEVATOR 16440

THE VILE VILLAGE 16444

THE HOSTILE HOSPITAL 16482

THE CARNIVOROUS CARNIVAL 16486

Finally, how about the novels of **G.P. Taylor**, who has been described as being 'hotter than Potter'? In **Wormwood**, a supernatural thriller, a meteor devastates 18th century London. London is again plunged into chaos in **Tersias** when a comet narrowly misses the Earth – an event that has been predicted by a blind boy oracle. **Shadowmancer**, the first book in a series of the same name, is a tale of superstition, magic and witchcraft. (Key stage 3/4)

WORMWOOD 16448

TERSIAS 16538

SHADOWMANCER 16392

Denise James