

## ***LIGHTNING THIEF READ-ALIKES*** ***Recommended for grades 5 to 8***

### **Suzanne Collins:** *The Underland Chronicles*

When eleven-year-old Gregor follows his little sister through a grate in the laundry room of their New York apartment, he hurtles into the dark Underland beneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, and rats--but the fragile peace is about to fall apart. Gregor discovers that a strange prophecy foretells a role for him in the Underland's uncertain future.

Gregor the Overlander; Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane; Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods; Gregor and the Marks of Secret; Gregor and the Code of Claw

### **Joseph Delaney:** *The Last Apprentice*

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.” Twenty-nine apprentices have tried--some fled, some failed to stay alive. Only Tom is left-- the last hope, the last apprentice.

Revenge of the Witch; Curse of the Bane; Night of the Soul Stealer;  
Attack of the Fiend; Wrath of the Bloodeye; Clash of the Demons; Rise of the Huntress;  
Rage of the Fallen; Grimalkin, the Witch Assassin; Lure of the Dead. (companion books are The Spook’s Tale and A Coven of Witches)

### **Chris D’Lacey:** *Last Dragon Chronicles*

When David moves in with Liz and Lucy, he discovers a collection of hand crafted, clay dragons that comes to life and has magical powers. David finds his personalized dragon Gadzooks crying and near death. Soon David is forced to save his friend and unlock the powers of the fire within.

The Fire Within; Icefire; Fire Star; Fire Eternal; Dark Fire; Fire World.

### **John Flanagan:** *Brotherband Chronicles*

Skandians are known for their size and strength. Not these boys... Hal, Stig, and the others are outcasts. Yet that doesn't mean they don't have skills. And courage--which they will need every ounce of to do battle at sea against the other bands, the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race.

The Outcasts; The Invaders; The Hunters

### **John Flanagan:** *Ranger’s Apprentice*

This adventure-filled fantasy introduces the magic-practicing Rangers, protectors of the kingdom. We also meet fifteen-year-old Will. Rejected by battleschool, Will becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

The Ruins of Gorlan; The Burning Bridge; Icebound Land; Battle for Skandia; Sorcerer of the North; The Siege of Macindaw; Erak’s Ransom; Kings of Clonmel; Halt’s Peril; Emperor of Nihon-Ja. (companion book is Lost Stories)

### **Julia Golding:** *The Companions Quartet*

Upon moving to her aunt's seaside home in the British Isles, Connie becomes part of a secret society that shelters mythical creatures. She must use her ability to communicate with these beings to protect them from evil and the incursions of humans.

Secret of the Sirens; The Gorgon’s Gaze; Mines of the Minotaur; The Chimera’s Curse

**Brandon Mull:** *Fablehaven*

For centuries, mystical creatures of all description were gathered to a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives as one of the last strongholds of true magic in a cynical world. Kendra and her brother, Seth, discover that their grandfather is the current caretaker of Fablehaven, where danger lurks everywhere.

Fablehaven; Rise of the Evening Star; Grip of the Shadow Plague; Secrets of the Dragon Sanctuary; Keys to the Demon Prison.

**Henry H. Neff:** *The Tapestry*

After glimpsing a hint of his destiny in a mysterious tapestry, twelve-year-old Max McDaniels becomes a student at Rowan Academy. Here he trains in "mystics and combat" in preparation for war with an ancient enemy that has been kidnapping children like him.

The Hound of Rowan; The Second Siege; The Fiend and the Forge.

**Michelle Paver:** *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness*

Six thousand years ago and evil stalks the land. Only twelve-year-old Torak and his wolf-cub companion can defeat it. Their journey together takes them through deep forests, across giant glaciers, and into dangers they never imagined.

Wolf Brother; Spirit Walker; Soul Eater; Outcast; Oath Breaker; Ghost Hunter

**Rick Riordan:** *Percy Jackson & the Olympians*

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself. He soon joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

The Lightning Thief; The Sea of Monsters; The Titan's Curse; Battle of the Labyrinth; The Last Olympian

**Rick Riordan:** *The Kane Chronicles*

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe. This quest brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

The Red Pyramid; Throne of Fire; Serpent's Shadow

**Rick Riordan:** *Heroes of Olympus*

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods. They are soon involved in a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

The Lost Hero; Son of Neptune; The Mark of Athena

**Angie Sage:** *Septimus Heap*

This enthralling series leads readers on a fantastic journey filled with quirky characters, clever charms, potions and spells, and a yearning to uncover the mystery at the heart of this story--who is Septimus Heap?

Magyk; Flyte; Physik; Queste; Syren; Darke