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Family secrets combine with fantasy in this epic tale of battle, magic, strange creatures, power, and fate—a Game of Thrones for a younger audience. Separated at birth triplets, Tarlan, Elodie, and Gulph, have grown up knowing nothing about each other. However, an ancient prophecy says that the three will one day be reunited, overthrow the king, and bring peace to the land. Each of the triplets has a special power that sets him or her apart from other people. Tarlan can speak to animals. Elodie can hear the voices of ghosts. And Gulph can become invisible. But what use are these abilities if they can't stay alive long enough to claim the throne? As three new stars shine in the nighttime sky, events are driving them together, but will the triplets live? Let alone rule?

Falsely accused, Wynne is determined to clear her name. However, a trip to petition the Steward at Brighthelme turns disastrous when the Beasts, fearsome warriors from the frozen north, raze the city. When Wynne is carried away, she's determined to regain her freedom but Rune, her captor, has other ideas. Beast is set in Prydain, an imaginary place that combines Anglo-Saxon England with Medieval England, the Teutonic Kingdom and the Viking Age. For Mature Audiences. This is a graphic, lusty fantasy. It's darker than the usual AJ Adams but it is a Happily Ever After. Beast is the first of the Prydain series but it can be read as a standalone. It is a complete story, no cliffhangers.

Recommends books for gifted readers that provide insights and coping skills for issues they may face from preschool through high school, featuring more than three hundred titles with brief summaries, organized by reading levels; and includes an index arranged by theme.

Ewzad Vriil's keep has fallen and Justan has been reunited with his friends. But the kingdom remains in turmoil. The mother of the

moonrats still builds the Dark Prophet's army of monsters in the mountains and the Battle Academy's forces are weakened. Justan's bonds with Fist and Gwyrtha have made him stronger and faster, but the more he learns about his powers, the more questions he has. He seeks out the bonding wizard Master Coal, hoping that the man can teach him what he needs to know about his magic before he hurts his bonded and himself. Deathclaw has freed Talon from Ewzad Vriil's power only to find that she is no longer the sister he used to know. Meanwhile, a new creature is born; a beast designed to hunt dragons. Will they survive the Hunt of the Bandham? Hunt of the Bandham is the third book in the Bowl of Souls series. Book One: Eye of the Moonrat Book 1.5: Hilt's Pride Book Two: Messenger of the Dark Prophet Book Three: Hunt of the Bandham Book Four: The War of Stardeon Book Five: Mother of the Moonrat

Vesper and her friends are sailing off to the newly discovered archeological site of Troy. But danger is close behind—and the party is tricked and imprisoned in a fabulous palace called Xanadu. Xanadu's master is none other than Vesper's archenemy, Dr. Helvitius, who has a diabolical scheme to dominate the world. His first goal is to destroy Vesper, who has thwarted him once too often. Escape seems impossible. But if anyone can do it, Vesper can!

There is a Welsh legend about a harp of gold, hidden within a certain hill, that will be found by a boy and a white dog with silver eyes -- a dog that can see the wind. Will Stanton knew nothing of this when he came to Wales to recover from a severe illness. But when he met Bran, a strange boy who owned a white dog, he began to remember. For Will is the last-born of the Old Ones, immortals dedicated to saving the world from the forces of evil, the Dark. And it is Will's task to wake-with the golden harp -- the six who must be roused from their long slumber in the Welsh hills to

prepare for the last battle between the Dark and the Light.

After paying a silver penny to encourage a magician to perform in the town square, a carpenter's helper is conjured to a strange place where the people call him King of Abadan.

The first book in a thrilling animal fantasy series following the epic journey of three bears, from the #1 nationally bestselling author of Warriors. When three young bears from different species—black, polar, and grizzly—are separated from their families, fate brings them together on a path that will change their lives forever. Along the way, they will face great danger, terrible tragedies, new landscapes, and situations that require all their ingenuity to survive. For fans of Warriors, Survivors, and animal fantasy series like Wings of Fire and Foxcraft, Seekers is a sweeping and incredible journey through the beautiful, dangerous world of wild bears.

Taran is desperate for adventure. Being a lowly Assistant Pig-Keeper just isn't exciting. That is, until the magical pig, Hen Wen, disappears and Taran embarks on a death-defying quest to save her from the evil Horned King. His perilous adventures bring Taran many new friends: an irritable dwarf, an impulsive bard, a strange hairy beast and the hot-headed Princess Eilonwy. Together, they face many dangers, from the deathless Cauldron-Born warriors, dragons, witches and the terrifying Horned King himself. Taran learns much about his identity, but the mysterious Book of Three is yet to reveal his true destiny. "Lloyd Alexander is the true High King of fantasy." - Garth Nix

Runner-up of the Katherine Briggs Folklore Award 2017 Winner of the Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Myth & Fantasy Studies 2019 This book examines the creative uses of "Celtic" myth in contemporary fantasy written for children or young adults from the 1960s to the 2000s. Its scope ranges from classic children's fantasies such as Lloyd Alexander's The Chronicles of Prydain and

Alan Garner's *The Owl Service*, to some of the most recent, award-winning fantasy authors of the last decade, such as Kate Thompson (*The New Policeman*) and Catherine Fisher (*Darkhenge*). The book focuses on the ways these fantasy works have appropriated and adapted Irish and Welsh medieval literature in order to highlight different perceptions of "Celticity." The term "Celtic" itself is interrogated in light of recent debates in Celtic studies, in order to explore a fictional representation of a national past that is often romanticized and political.

Master Dallben has decided it is time for Eilonwy, daughter of the House of Llyr, to learn to behave like a proper princess. He sends her away to the Isle of Mona but instead of training in the art of being a lady, Eilonwy falls into the hands of the evil enchantress, Achren, who wants to use Eilonwy's magical powers for her own ends. Taran and his companions must rescue the princess or the peaceful land of Prydain will face a fearful future. Their quest is a perilous one and demands bravery and sacrifice, but it also promises adventure, excitement and a touch of magic. The third book in Lloyd Alexander's classic fantasy epic *The Chronicles of Prydain*. "Lloyd Alexander is the true High King of fantasy." - Garth Nix

Folk and fairy tales exist in all cultures and are at the heart of civilization. This massive Encyclopedia gives students and general readers a broad, multicultural survey of folk and fairy tales from around the world. Included are hundreds of alphabetically arranged entries written by numerous expert contributors. Entries cover themes and motifs, individuals, characters and character types, national traditions, genres, and a range of other topics. Each entry cites works for further reading, and the Encyclopedia closes with a bibliography of print and electronic resources. Literature students will welcome this book as an aid to understanding and analyzing folk and fairy tales as literary forms, while social studies students will appreciate it as an exploration of the essence of world cultures. Folk and fairy tales exist in all cultures and are at the heart of civilization. The most comprehensive work of its kind, this massive Encyclopedia gives students and general readers a broad, accessible, multicultural survey of folk and fairy tales from around the world. Edited by one of the foremost authorities on the subject, the Encyclopedia draws on the work of numerous expert contributors and covers a broad range of themes and motifs, characters and character types, genres, individuals, nation-

al traditions, and other topics. Entry topics were chosen in consultation with a nine-member Advisory Board that includes some of the most prominent scholars currently pursuing the study of folk and fairy tales, such as Professor Jack Zipes of the University of Minnesota, whose work has revolutionized research on fairy tales. Entries cite works for further reading, and the Encyclopedia closes with a bibliography of print and electronic resources. Literature students will value this book as an aid to understanding and analyzing folk and fairy tales as literary forms, while social studies students will appreciate the book's examination of the foundations of world cultures. And because many of these tales continue to influence films, television, and popular culture, general readers will welcome the Encyclopedia as a means of understanding the modern world.

The end is near. The Battle Academy and Mage School forces have joined, but they are outnumbered by Ewzad Vriil's army of mutated men and Mellinda's forest of monsters. There are spies on both sides, assassins on the hunt, secrets to be revealed, and Justan's magic will be unleashed. But there is one thing they haven't considered. Even if they can somehow overcome Ewzad Vriil, will they be able to destroy The Mother of the Moonrats? Mother of the Moonrat is the fifth book in *The Bowl of Souls* series. Book One: *Eye of the Moonrat* Book 1.5: *Hilt's Pride* Book Two: *Messenger of the Dark Prophet* Book Three: *Hunt of the Bandham* Book Four: *The War of Stardeon* Book Five: *Mother of the Moonrat* Revised and updated, this essential and practical guide by an award-winning children's author explains how to write books for children, from where to look to inspiration to practical advice on how to create characters and structure a plot.

Chloe is a seasoned drug courier who finds herself in the wrong place at the wrong time. Facing a lingering and painful death at the hands of the Zeta cartel, Mexico's most brutal organized crime syndicate, she persuades their enforcer to claim her. Ex-marine and dark ops expert Kyle Suarez is chief enforcer for the Zeta cartel. Ruthlessly efficient, he is feared by his enemies. When he claims Chloe, he simply expects to enjoy a well-deserved and disposable bonus. Has Chloe made a huge mistake, or will her choice prove her salvation - and his?

A companion book to *The Chronicles of Prydain*, this collection of short stories revisits beloved characters and reveals more about the history of the magical land of Prydain. Here, readers will find

Dallben, destined to be an enchanter; Angharad, a princess of the House of Llyr; Kadwyr, the rascal crow; and Medwyn, the mystical protector of all animals. They'll learn the grim history of the sword of Dyrnwyn and even find out how Fflewddur Fflam came by his enchanted harp. How did Coll rescue Hen Wen when she disappeared at the hand of Arawn, Lord of the Land of Death? Find the answer to this question and many more, in *The Foundling: And Other Tales of Prydain* by Lloyd Alexander.

He's a vicious Beast, violent and dangerous. Bliss knows she ought to walk away. After all, she has a dark and dangerous secret to preserve. When she can't leave him to burn, her rescue tumbles them both into danger, adventure and romance. *The Beast and the Sibyl* is set in Prydain, an imaginary place that combines Anglo-Saxon England with Medieval England, the Teutonic Kingdom and the Viking Age. *The Beast and the Sibyl* is the second novel in the Prydain series. This paranormal fantasy romance can be read as a standalone. It is a complete story, with no cliffhangers.

In this thrilling climax of the classic fantasy *The Chronicles of Prydain*, Death Lord Arawn has stolen the black sword Dyrnwyn, the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. At the request of Prince Gwydion, Taran rallies friends both old and new to raise an army to march against Arawn's terrible warriors. Together, they must battle through a frozen wasteland to Mount Dragon, where a deadly confrontation awaits and Taran's true destiny will at last be fulfilled. "Lloyd Alexander is the true High King of fantasy." - Garth Nix Winner of the Newbery Medal 1969

"[A] fantasy masterwork . . . a dirty, blood-soaked gem of a novel [that reads] like *Mad Max* set in Tolkien's Middle-earth."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) Jackal and his fellow half-orcs patrol the barren wastes of the Lot Lands, spilling their own damned blood to keep civilized folk safe. A rabble of hard-talking, hog-riding, whore-mongering brawlers they may be, but the Grey Bastards are Jackal's sworn brothers, fighting at his side in a land where there's no room for softness. And once Jackal's in charge—as soon as he can unseat the Bastards' tyrannical, seemingly unkillable founder—there's a few things they'll do different. Better. Or at least, that's the plan. Until the fallout from a deadly showdown makes Jackal start investigating the Lot Lands for himself. Soon, he's wondering if his feelings have blinded him to ugly truths about this world, and the Bastards' place in it. In a quest for answ-

ers that takes him from decaying dungeons to the frontlines of an ancient feud, Jackal finds himself battling invading orcs, rampaging centaurs, and grubby human conspiracies alike—along with a host of dark magics so terrifying they’d give even the heartiest Bastard pause. Finally, Jackal must ride to confront a threat that’s lain in wait for generations, even as he wonders whether the Bastards can—or should—survive. Delivered with a generous wink to Sons of Anarchy, featuring sneaky-smart worldbuilding and gobs of fearsomely foul-mouthed charm, *The Grey Bastards* is a grimy, pulpy, masterpiece—and a raunchy, swaggering, cunningly clever adventure that’s like nothing you’ve read before. Praise for *The Grey Bastards* “Saddle up the war boar and set off on a wild, gory thrill-ride that ends in an awesome climax and begs for a sequel.”—Daily Mail (UK) “Non-stop action, though not for faint hearts . . . the Grey Bastards live up to their name in all respects.”—The Wall Street Journal

Justan’s dream of entering the Dremaldrian Battle Academy has been put on hold. His burgeoning magic powers have been deemed too dangerous to go untrained and he has been sentenced to two years at the Mage School. How is he supposed to fit in amongst the mages and wizards, a physically weak group of people he has never identified with? Can he learn how to control his new powers without losing his identity as a warrior? Can he stick to his plans while the mother of the moonrats tries to destroy the school from within? Fist, the ogre who was estranged from his own people, has now found a home next to a friendly human settlement while Deathclaw, the raptoid who was changed into humanoid form, has left his homeland in search of his destiny. They escaped the wizard Ewzad Vriil’s grasp before, but his secret army grows as does his influence in the kingdom. What will they do upon coming face-to-face with The Messenger of the Dark Prophet once again? *Messenger of the Dark Prophet* is the second book in The Bowl of Souls Series Book One: Eye of the Moonrat Book 1.5: Hilt’s Pride: Book Two: Messenger of the Dark Prophet Book Three: Hunt of the Banham Book Four: The War of Stardeon Book Five: Mother of the Moonrat

The Black Cauldron, the Newbery Medal-winning second book in Lloyd Alexander’s *The Chronicles of Prydain* In the land of Prydain, evil is never far away. Arawn, Lord of the Land of Death, has been building an army of dark warriors to take over Prydain, and the only way to stop him is to destroy the Black Cauldron he uses to cre-

ate his dreaded soldiers. Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper, and his loyal companions must journey deep into Arawn’s domain to destroy the Black Cauldron. For each of them, the quest has special meaning. For Taran, it is a glorious opportunity to use his first sword in battle. But war requires a sacrifice greater than he’d ever imagined. . . . Includes a new pronunciation guide. This title has Common Core connections.

Do you believe there are ghosts and demons and Diviners among us? Evie O’Neill has been exiled from her boring old hometown and shipped off to the bustling streets of New York City—and she is pos-i-tute-ly ecstatic. It’s 1926, and New York is filled with speakeasies, Ziegfield girls, and rakish pickpockets. The only catch is that she has to live with her Uncle Will and his unhealthy obsession with the occult. Evie worries he’ll discover her darkest secret: a supernatural power that has only brought her trouble so far. But when the police find a murdered girl branded with a cryptic symbol and Will is called to the scene, Evie realizes her gift could help catch a serial killer. As Evie jumps headlong into a dance with a murderer, other stories unfold in the city that never sleeps. A young man named Memphis is caught between two worlds. A chorus girl named Theta is running from her past. A student named Jericho hides a shocking secret. And unknown to all, something dark and evil has awakened.... Printz Award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Libba Bray opens a brand-new historical series with *The Diviners*, where the glittering surface of the Roaring Twenties hides a mystical horror creeping across the country.

Justan was raised on the outskirts of the Dremaldrian Battle Academy. He watched his father ascend the ranks within the academy to become one of the most respected warriors in the kingdom. The only thing he has ever wanted is to become an academy student and follow the path of his father. Unfortunately, only the best can enter the academy and Justan is a horrible fighter. Everyone tells him that he is more suited to scholarly work than swordplay. In desperation he hurls himself into training, eager to overcome the doubters and walk into the academy triumphant, unaware that secretive powers plot to disrupt his plans. Meanwhile, an evil wizard of immense power is using magic to twist the bodies of the creatures of the land and transform them into monsters. With these creatures and the peoples of the wilds, he is building an army . . . Ogres and dragons, warriors and

wizards are destined to clash, their fates guided by The Bowl of Souls. *Eye of the Moonrat* is book one of The Bowl of Souls series. Book One: Eye of the Moonrat Book 1.5: Hilt’s Pride: A Bowl of Souls Novella Book Two: Messenger of the Dark Prophet Book Three: Hunt of the Bandham Book Four: The War of Stardeon Book Five: Mother of the Moonrat

The first in a series with the makings of a modern classic, *The Luck Uglies* is an irresistible cross between Chris Colfer’s *Land of Stories* series and Kelly Barnhill’s *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, overflowing with adventure, secrets, friendship, and magic. Rye O’Chanter has seen a lot of strange things happen in *Village Drowning*: Children are chased through the streets. Families are fined for breaking laws that don’t even exist. Girls aren’t allowed to read anymore, and certain books—books that hold secrets about *Drowning*’s past—have been outlawed altogether. Now a terrifying encounter has eleven-year-old Rye convinced that the monstrous, supposedly extinct Bog Noblins have returned. Before the monsters disappeared, there was only one way to defeat them—the Luck Uglies. But the Luck Uglies have long since been exiled, and there’s nobody left who can protect the village. As Rye dives into *Drowning*’s maze of secrets, rules, and lies, she begins to question everything she’s been told about the village’s legend of outlaws and beasts . . . and what she’ll discover is that it may take a villain to save them from the monsters. This critically acclaimed debut middle grade novel was named an ALA Notable Book and a New York Public Library Title for Reading and Sharing and won the Cybil Award for Middle Grade Speculative Fiction and a Sunshine State Young Readers Award.

For fans of the *Chronicles of Narnia* comes the first book in the *Wildwood Chronicles*, the New York Times bestselling fantasy adventure series by Colin Meloy, lead singer of the Decemberists, and Carson Ellis, acclaimed illustrator of *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. *Wildwood* captivates readers with the wonder and thrill of a secret world within the landscape of a modern city. It feels at once firmly steeped in the classics of children’s literature and completely fresh. The story is told from multiple points of view, and the book features more than eighty illustrations, including six full-color plates, making this an absolutely gorgeous object. In *Wildwood*, Prue and her friend Curtis uncover a secret world in the midst of violent upheaval—a world full of warring creatures, peaceable mystics, and powerful figures with the darkest intentions.

And what begins as a rescue mission becomes something much greater as the two friends find themselves entwined in a struggle for the very freedom of this wilderness. A wilderness the locals call Wildwood. The bestselling trilogy from Colin Meloy and Carson Ellis consists of *Wildwood*, *Under Wildwood*, and *Wildwood Imperium*.

This is the fifth and last book in "The Dark Is Rising" sequence. The Dark is rising in its last and greatest bid to control the world. The servants of the light: Will Stanton, the last of the Old Ones, the mysterious Professor Merriman, and the strange albino Welsh boy, Bran, are helped by three ordinary children in this last desperate battle.

Children's literature is increasingly exposed to critical debate in England and America. There are indeed a number of histories and surveys of children's literature, but few works exist which discuss the contexts, ideologies and narrative structures of children's stories in a serious and detailed manner, or examine particular case-histories to see how the different forces interact. This is what this collection of essays attempts to do. The topics range from *Little Women* to *Winnie the Pooh* and from story forms such as 'The Adventure Story' to 'Fantasy'.

The Battle Academy has been besieged by an army of goblinoids under the control of the mother of the moonrats. They bide their time, keeping the academy out of the fight while Ewzad Vriil prepares to unleash a force of mutated monsters. Jhonate and Faldon

the Fierce have begun to unravel the mystery of the mother of the moonrat's identity, while Justan and Master Coal have learned the secret of Ewzad Vriil's powers. Both groups scramble to find a way to help the academy, but neither of them knows the full extent of the forces they are up against. Will they be able to gather the strength they need to win The War of Stardeon? The War of Stardeon is Book Four of The Bowl of Souls series. Book one: Eye of the Moonrat Book 1.5: Hilt's Pride Book two: Messenger of the Dark Prophet Book three: Hunt of the Bandham Book four: The War of Stardeon Book five: Mother of the Moonrat Upcoming (Tarah Woodblade)

Pursued by a secret witch-hunting arm of the Inquisition, 14-year-old bookmaker's apprentice Baltasar joins Columbus' expedition to escape and discovers secrets about his own past that his family had tried to keep hidden.

Taran dreams of fighting heroic battles instead of being an Assistant Pig-Keeper until Hen Wen, the magical pig, disappears. With the land of Prydain under threat from the Horned King, and Taran searching for Hen Wen, he is drawn into a deadly quest. Coming face-to-face with warriors and witches Taran is about to learn what it takes to be a hero.

From Lovecraft to Borges to Gaiman, a century of intrepid literary experimentation has created a corpus of dark and strange stories that transcend all known genre boundaries. Together these stories form *The Weird*, and its practitioners include some of the

greatest names in twentieth and twenty-first century literature. Exotic and esoteric, *The Weird* plunges you into dark domains and brings you face to face with surreal monstrosities. You won't find any elves or wizards here...but you will find the biggest, boldest, and downright most peculiar stories from the last hundred years bound together in the biggest *Weird* collection ever assembled. *The Weird* features 110 stories by an all-star cast, from literary legends to international bestsellers to Booker Prize winners: including William Gibson, George R. R. Martin, Stephen King, Angela Carter, Kelly Link, Franz Kafka, China Miéville, Clive Barker, Haruki Murakami, M. R. James, Neil Gaiman, Mervyn Peake, and Michael Chabon. *The Weird* is the winner of the 2012 World Fantasy Award for Best Anthology At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Taran the Assistant Pig-Keeper has led heroic adventures and is a friend of princes, yet he is still troubled by his lowly status and determined to discover the secret of his true identity. He sets out to consult the powerful witches of Morva and the mysterious Mirror of Llunet. On his quest to find the truth, Taran must journey through distant realms and undertake a series of challenging tasks. But his greatest struggle is against his own pride and fears, as he learns where true greatness lies. The fourth book in Lloyd Alexander's classic fantasy epic *The Chronicles of Prydain*. "Lloyd Alexander is the true High King of fantasy." - Garth Nix