

# Fairy Tales



For  
Young  
Adults

Teen Novel Block, F

***The Rose and the Beast: fairy tales retold,***

by Francesca Lia Block

Nine classic fairy tales set in modern, magical landscapes and retold with a twist

YFIC Cadnum, M

***In a Dark Wood,*** by Michael Cadnum

On orders from the King, the Sheriff of Nottingham seeks to capture the outlaw Robin Hood, but he finds him to be a tricky and elusive foe.

YFIC Fletcher, S; YRACK FLE

***Shadow Spinner,*** by Susan Fletcher

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

YFIC Galloway, P

***The Snake Dreamer,*** by Patricia Galloway

Haunted by terrifying dreams of snakes, Dusa goes to a clinic in Greece where two mysterious doctors, the Gordon sisters, promise to cure her of her nightmares.

YFIC Geras, A

***Pictures of the Night,*** by Adele Geras

In a modern version of the Snow White fairy tale, eighteen-year-old Bella is plagued by a series of mysterious accidents while singing with a small band in London and Paris during her summer break from school, and believes them to be caused by her jealous, malevolent stepmother

YFIC Geras

***The Tower Room,*** by Adele Geras

Living at the secluded girls' school where her foster mother is headmistress, Megan falls in love for the first time, with the young man her foster mother has chosen for herself.

YFIC Haddix, M; YRACK HAD

***Just Ella,*** by Margaret P. Haddix

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

YFIC Harrison, M

***Mira, Mirror,*** by Mette Ivie Harrison

Long after the disappearance of Snow White's stepmother, the witch trapped in her mirror manipulates a desperate peasant

and a merchant's daughter to seek the magic she needs to gain her freedom, but the girls show her a power far greater.

YFIC Kindl, P

***Goose Chase,*** by Patrice Kindl

Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers, before learning exactly who she is.

YFIC Martin, R

***Birdwing,*** by Rafe Martin

Prince Ardwin, known as Birdwing, the youngest of six brothers turned into swans by their stepmother, is unable to complete the transformation back into human form, so he undertakes a journey to discover whether his feathered arm will be a curse or a blessing to him.

YFantasy Levine; YRACK LEV

***Ella Enchanted,*** by Gail Carson Levine

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

\*\*Also try the companion novel *Fairest*.

YFantasy McKinley, R

***Beauty: a retelling of the story of Beauty & the beast***, by Robin McKinley

Kind Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay and through her love releases him from the spell which had turned him from a handsome prince into an ugly beast.

YFIC McKinley, R; YRACK MCK

***Rose Daughter,*** by Robin McKinley

Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay, and through her love he is released from the curse that had turned him from man to beast.

YFIC McKinley, R

***Spindle's End,*** by Robin McKinley

The infant princess Briar Rose is cursed on her name day by Pernicia, an evil fairy, and then whisked away by a young fairy to be raised in a remote part of a magical country, unaware of her real identity and hidden from Pernicia's vengeful powers

YFantasy Napoli, D

***Beast,*** by Donna Jo Napoli

Elaborates on the tale of "Beauty and the Beast," told from the point of view of the beast and set in Persia.

YFantasy Napoli, D

***Crazy Jack***, by Donna Jo Napoli

In this version of the traditional tale of the young boy who climbs a beanstalk, Jack searches for his father, falls in love with Flora, and learns the value of real treasure.

YFantasy Napoli, D; YRACK NAP

***The Magic Circle***, by Donna Jo Napoli

After learning sorcery to become a healer, a good-hearted woman is turned into a witch by evil spirits and she fights their power until her encounter with Hansel and Gretel years later

YFantasy Napoli, D

***Sirena***, by Donna Jo Napoli

The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War

YFIC Napoli, D; YRACK NAP

***Spinners***, by Donna Jo Napoli

Elaborates on the events recounted in the fairy tale, Rumpelstiltskin, "in which a strange little man helps a miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.

YFantasy Napoli, D

***Zel***, Donna Jo Napoli

Based on the fairy tale Rapunzel, the story is told in alternating chapters from the point of view of Zel, her mother, and the nobleman who pursues her, and delves into the psychological motivations of each of the characters

YFIC Pattou, E

***East***, by Edith Pattou

A young woman journeys to a distant castle on the back of a great white bear who is the victim of a cruel enchantment.

YFIC Pratchett, T

***The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents***, by Terry Pratchett

A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

YFIC Schmidt, G

***Straw into Gold***, by Gary D. Schmidt

Pursued by greedy villains, two boys on a quest to save innocent lives meet the banished queen whose son was stolen by Rumpelstiltskin eleven years earlier, and she provides much more than the answer they seek.

YFIC Sherman

***Windleaf***, Josepha Sherman

In 1510 eighteen-year-old Thierry, orphaned Count of Foreterre, undertakes a series of difficult challenges in order to free the half-human, half-fairy girl he loves from the hold of her cold-hearted father, Lord of Faerie

YFantasy Springer, N; YRACK SPR

***I am Mordred***, by Nancy Springer

When Mordred learns the identity of his father, he struggles with feelings of hatred, but also fights the fate which determines that he kill the good and gracious king.

\*\*Also try ***I am Morgan Le Fay***

YFIC Tomlinson, T; YRACK TOM

***The Forestwife***, by Theresa Tomlinson

In England during the reign of King Richard I, fifteen-year-old Marian escapes from an arranged marriage to live with a community of forest folk that includes a daring young outlaw named Robert

YFIC Vande Velde, V; YRACK VAN

***Curses, Inc.***, by Vivian Vande Velde

A witch who casts spells via the internet is the first of these modern creatures you will meet in this collection of stories.

YFIC Wein, E

***The Winter Prince***, by Elizabeth E. Wein

Medraut, the bitter, illegitimate son of King Artos, is tempted into joining Morgause, the king's treacherous sister, in a plot against Lleu, the legitimate Prince of Britain.

YRACK Fantasy WRE

***Dealing with Dragons***, by Patricia C. Wrede

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

YFIC Yolen, J

***Troll Bridge: a rock n' roll fairy tale***, by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple

Sixteen-year-old harpist prodigy Moira is transported to a strange and mystical wilderness, where she finds herself in the middle of a deadly struggle between a magical fox and a monstrous troll

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