



Suggested Reading for Teens

Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor

Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer.

Amber @ Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz

The Newbery Medal-winning author of *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!* gives readers a virtuoso performance in verse in this profoundly original epic pitched just right for fans of poetry, history, mythology, and fantasy

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron

Girls team up to overthrow the kingdom in this unique and powerful retelling of Cinderella

Freya by Matthew Laurence

Ancient gods collide with the modern world when the goddess Freya tries to reclaim her lost power and take down an evil corporation

Greek Myths by Ann Turnbull, illustrated by Sarah Young

Enter a world where anything is possible. A god could be a mountain or a shower of gold. A nymph could be a stream or an echo in the wind. The myths of ancient Greece are full of such wonders, as well as a host of courageous heroes, cunning heroines, and terrible monsters. From the tragedy of Persephone to the fearsome minotaur; from Perseus's quest for Medusa to greedy King Midas, this collection includes a broad range of the most well-known and celebrated myths.

Lifestyles of Gods @ Monsters by Emily Roberson

In a reality TV retelling of the myth of the Minotaur, seventeen-year-old Ariadne fights to save her brother, Asterion, and make her own destiny in a world of celebrity, surveillance, and feigned authenticity.

Little Thieves by Margaret Owen

Margaret Owen, author of *The Merciful Crow* series, crafts a delightfully irreverent retelling of "The Goose Girl" about stolen lives, thorny truths, and the wicked girls at the heart of both.

Lore Olympus by Rachel Smythe

Originally a webcomic, *Lore Olympus* brings Greek mythology into the modern age in a sharply perceptive and romantic graphic novel.

Lost in the Never Woods by Aiden Thomas

When children start to go missing in the local woods, eighteen-year-old Wendy Darling must face her fears and a past she cannot remember to rescue them in this novel based on Peter Pan.

Medusa by Jessie Burton

Exiled to a far-flung island, Medusa has little company except for the snakes adorning her head instead of hair until a beautiful boy named Perseus arrives, disrupting her lonely existence and unleashing desire, love, and betrayal.

Orpheus Girl by Brynne Rebele-Henry

When sixteen-year-old, mythology-obsessed Raya and her true love, Sarah, are sent from their conservative Texas town to a re-education camp, Raya assumes the role of Orpheus to save them.

Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Lim

A beautiful and immersive YA fantasy retelling of the Grimm brothers' The Six Swans fairytale, set in an East-Asian inspired world.

Tamamo the Fox Maiden, and Other Asian Stories by Edited by C. Spike Trotman, Kate Ashwin, & Kel McDonald

A collection of Asian folktales retold as comics include vengeful spirits, flying ogres, and trickster tigers from Japan, China, Tibet, India, Indonesia and beyond.

Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

A young woman who has endured unspeakable cruelties is magically granted a safe haven apart from the real world and allowed to raise her two daughters in this alternate reality, until the barrier between her world and the real one begins to break down.

The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh

In this retelling of the Korean legend The tale of Shim Cheong, sixteen-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms.

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert

Seventeen-year-old Alice and her mother have spent most of Alice's life on the road, always a step ahead of the uncanny bad luck biting at their heels. But when Alice's grandmother, the reclusive author of a cult-classic book of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies alone on her estate, the *Hazel Wood*, Alice learns how bad her luck can really get.

The Iron Will of Genie Lo by F.C. Yee

When Genie Lo learns of a cosmos-threatening force while the Jade Emperor is absent, she leads a party of quarrelsome Chinese gods through multiple planes of reality on a quest that will require sacrifice, not strength.

The Scorpio Race by Maggie Stiefvater

Some race to win. Others race to survive. It happens at the start of every November: the Scorpio Races. Riders attempt to keep hold of their water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. Some riders live. Others die.

These Violent Delights by Chloe Gong

This heart-stopping debut is an imaginative Romeo and Juliet retelling set in 1920s Shanghai, with rival gangs and a monster in the depths of the Huangpu River.

Thorn by Intisar Khanani

Inspired by The Goose Girl fairytale by the Brothers Grimm, fifteen-year-old Princess Alyrra is willing to marry Prince Kestrin but when she magically swaps lives with her nemesis, she may find happiness as a commoner.

Wicked Fox by Kat Cho

After eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his.

