

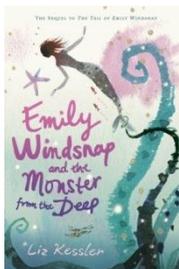


## Chapter Books: Fairies, Mermaids, and Princesses



### A Select List of **Brown County Library Children's Books** (Elementary-Middle School)

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### Fairies

#### Artemis Fowl (series) by Eoin Colfer (Grades 5-8)

Artemis is not your average 12-year-old. He is in fact a criminal mastermind with a missing father. To fund the ongoing search for his father and pay for his ill mother's care, Artemis is going to need some serious money. And he has a plan: capture a fairy and hold her for ransom. Unfortunately, he nabs the wrong fairy when he captures Captain Holly Short, a member of the elite LEPrecon unit of the fairy police force. Soon Artemis is matching wits with not only Holly, but with a group of fairies determined to save her and erase knowledge of their world from Artemis's mind. The first in a series about an evil genius (or two) and the tough-as-nails Holly as they fight against each other and forces from beyond our world.



#### Claws by Mike Grinti (4-6)

#### Disney Fairies Collection (series) shelved under "Fairies" (2-4)

#### The Faerie Door by Bruce Maxwell (5-8)

#### Fairies! A True Story by Shirley-Raye Barker (beginning reader non-fiction)

#### Fairyopolis: A Flower Fairies Journal by Mary Cicely Barker (shelved as non-fiction)

#### The Fairy Bell Sisters (series) by Margaret McNamara (2-4)

#### Fairy Realm (series) by Emily Rodda (2-5)

#### Fairy School Dropout (series) by Meredith Badger (3-5)

#### A Fairy's Guide to Understanding Humans by Margaret Meachem (5-8)

#### The Flint Heart: A Fairy Story by Katherine Paterson (2-5)

#### Lights on the Nile by Donna Jo Napoli (3-7)

#### Magicalamity by Kate Saunders (4-6)

#### Disney Never Girls (series) shelved under "Disney" (1-4)

#### The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz (1-4)

#### Philippa Fisher (series) by Liz Kessler (4-6)

#### Rainbow Magic Fairies (series) by Daisy Meadows (2-4)

#### Small Persons with Wings by Ellen Booream (5-8)

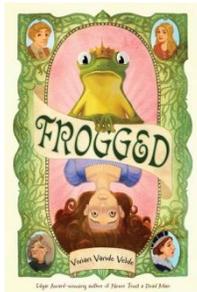
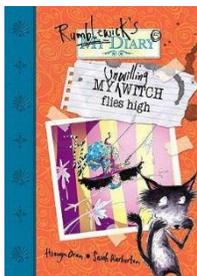
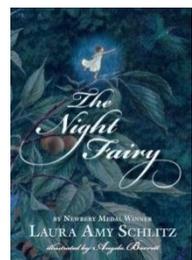
#### Spiderwick Chronicles (series) by Holly Black (2-5)

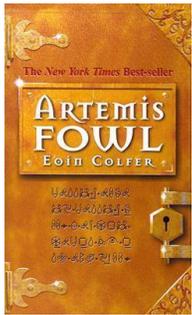
#### 13 Treasures (series) by Michelle Harrison (5-8)

#### Toothiana, Queen of the Tooth Fairy Armies by William Joyce (3-5)

#### Fairy Lies by E.D. Baker (5-8)

#### Wish by Beth Braken (4-8)



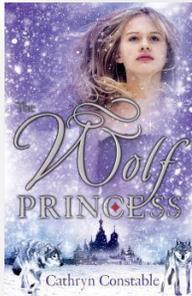


## Mermaids

**Above World (series) by Jenn Reese (5-8)**

**Emily Windsnap (series) by Liz Kessler (4-6)**

Emily Windsnap has a secret, one that she just learned about herself. It wasn't until she was 12 and finally convinced her mom to let her take swimming lessons (after all, how ridiculous is it to live on a houseboat and never go in the water?), that she discovered she is half mermaid. When she submerges, she grows a tail, and that's when the adventures begin. Can she find and rescue her merdad, who was separated from her mother after he violated the laws of mer society by having contact with humans? How will she be able to balance going to both regular and mermaid school? Emily must discover the secrets of the deep, in the fantastical series about family, friends, adventures, and mermaids.



**The Tide Knot by Helen Dunmore (5-8)**

**Keeper by Kathi Appelt (4-7)**

**Mermaid Mysteries (series) by Katy Kit (1-3)**

**Mermaid S.O.S. (series) by Gillian Shields (1-3)**

**Mermaids by Lori Hille (shelved as non-fiction)**

**Mermaids and Mermen by Shannon Knudsen (shelved as non-fiction)**

**A Mischief of Mermaids by Suzanne Harper (3-6)**

**Sink or Swim by Sarah Mlynowski (4-6)**

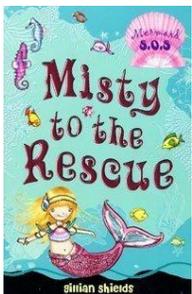
**Thora: A Half-Mermaid Tale/Thora and the Green Sea-Unicorn by Gillian Johnson (4-6)**



## Princesses

**Thumbelina, Tiny Runaway Bride by Barbara Ensor (3-5)**

Labeled "a quick read for smart girls," these two books will appeal to 3rd through 6th graders, including those who might be daunted by other 100-page chapter books. The author adds her own flair to these light-hearted retellings of classic Hans Christian Andersen fairytales, fortifying the heroines with feminist spunk and adding fresh details. Ensor's Thumbelina is still a girl about the size of your thumb, but readers will also learn about her overprotective mother who not only reads and but—gasp!—writes comments in Thumbelina's diary. And do you know what happens to Cinderella *after* she marries the prince? These stories charm and engage through humor, questions directed at the reader, and silhouettes drawn by the author to illustrate the story and break up the text.



**Don't Kiss the Frog!: Princess Stories with Attitude by Fiona Waters (1-4)**

**Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine (3-5)**

**Fairest by Gail Carson Levine (6-8)**

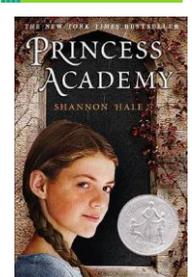
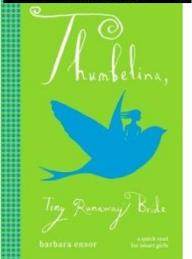
**Frogged by Vivian Vande Velde (5-8)**

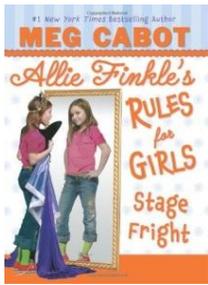
**Garden Princess by Kristina Kladstrup (4-7)**

**Half Upon a Time (trilogy) by James Riley (4-7)**

**The Hero's Guide (series) by Christopher Healy (3-7)**

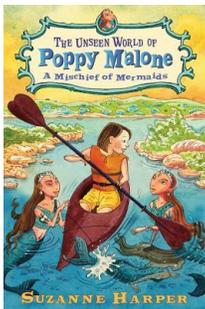
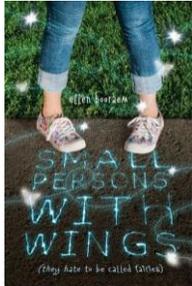
"Happily ever after" isn't always the ending or even very accurate, as four Princes Charming are about to discover. When Ella, aka Cinderella, runs off to find her own adventure (turns out Prince Frederic is really great at dancing, but is otherwise boring), only to be kidnapped by Rapunzel's witch, it is obvious to Frederic that it is time to be a hero. He meets up with Prince Gustav (disgraced by his fall from Rapunzel's tower, blinded, and subsequently healing by the very girl he was attempting to rescue), Prince Duncan (Snow White suggested they needed some time apart), and Prince Liam (on the run from marrying the not-so-nice formerly Sleeping Beauty), and they quickly team up to save their kingdoms, Ella, and their own good names. The first in a humor-filled adventure of epic proportions, where princesses are seldom helpless,





history is written by the bards, and you never know who you'll meet on a quest.

- Iron Hearted Violet** by Kelly Regan Barnhill (5-9)  
**Ivy and the Meanstalk/Ivy Ever After** by Dawn Lairamore (4-6)  
**A Little Princess** by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
**Once Upon a Marigold** (trilogy) by Jean Ferris (5-9)  
**P is for Princess: A Royal Alphabet** by Steven Layne (non-fiction)  
**Princess Academy** by Shannon Hale (5-9)  
**Princess Tales** (series) by Gail Carson Levine (3-6)  
**Rapunzel and the Drop of Doom** by Nadia Higgins (2-4)  
**Rapunzel's Revenge** by Shannon Hale (5-8)  
**The Rescue Princesses** (series) by Paula Harrison (2-4)  
**The Runaway Princess/The Runaway Dragon** by Kate Coombs (5-7)  
**Saving Thanhaven** by Catherine Jinks (5-8)  
**The School for Good and Evil** by Soman Chainani (6-8)  
**Septimus Heap** (series) by Angie Sage (4-8)  
**Stage Fright** by Meg Cabot (3-5)  
**Tales of the Frog Princess** (series) by E.D. Baker (5-8)  
**The Wide-Awake Princess** (series) E.D. Baker (5-8)  
**Tuesdays at the Castle/Wednesdays in the Tower** by Jessica Day George (3-6)  
**Tiara Club** (series) by Vivian French (2-4)  
**The Thirteen Clocks** by James Thurber (2-5)  
**Twelve Dancing Princesses** (series) by Jessica Day George (5-8)  
**The Very Little Princess** by Marion Dane Bauer (2-4)  
**Whatever After** (series) by Sarah Mlynkowski (4-6)  
**The Wolf Princess** by Cathryn Constable (4-8)



## Bonus: Good Witches and Fairy Godmothers

- Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage/Clover Twig and the Perilous Path** by Kaye Umansky (3-5)  
**Diary of a Fairy Godmother** by Esme Raji Codell (4-6)  
**A Mid-Semester's Night Dream** by Margaret Meachem (5-8)  
**Oh, My Godmother** (series) by Barbara Brauner (3-5)  
**The Power of Poppy Pendle** by Natasha Lowe (4-6)  
**A Question of Magic** by E.D. Baker (3-6)  
**Rumblewick's Diary** (series) by Hiawyn Oram (3-5)



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