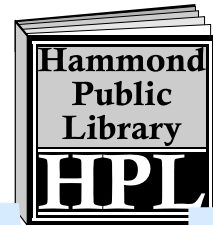


Harry Potter Readalikes for Adults



Admit it, you loved the Harry Potter series as much as your kids did. But don't feel bad that the series has ended— if you like epic fantasy, there are so many more books out there that you will enjoy. Check them all out from the Hammond Public Library!

Beagle, Peter. *The Last Unicorn*. Though this story doesn't feature wizards, it's a fantasy world with an atmosphere that Harry's— and especially Hagrid's— fans will enjoy. In her quest for her own kind, the unicorn, finding herself alone in the world, enlists the aid of good humans against the wicked, who may have made the unicorns disappear. FICTION BEAGLE

Crowley, John. *Little, Big*. Edgewood is many houses, all put inside each other, or across each other. It's filled with and surrounded by mystery and enchantment: the further in you go, the bigger it gets. Smoky Barnable, who has fallen in love with Daily Alice Drinkwater, comes to Edgewood, her family home, where he finds himself drawn into a world of magical strangeness. FICTION CROWLEY

Gaiman, Neil. *Anansi Boys*. His past marked by his father's embarrassing taunts and untimely death, Fat Charlie meets the brother he never knew and is introduced to new and exciting ways to spend his time. FICTION GAIMAN

Gilman, Dorothy. *The Clairvoyant Countess*. It was sheer concentration of the psychic energies, she said, but it was uncanny how one woman could exercise such marvelous powers to solve a gruesome mystery. MYSTERY GILMAN

Kay, Guy Gavriel. *Ysabel*. While his famed photographer father works to record Saint-Saveur Cathedral of Aix-en-Provence, Ned Marriner wanders the halls and rooms of the ancient structure, uncovering some of the many secrets of the monument and discovering that it is not as empty as it appears. FICTION KAY

Lewis, C. S. *Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, That Hideous Strength*. Can anyone be completely evil or completely good? How and why is it that some people choose evil? How do we manage the mysterious powers that we know as magic? The Chronicles of Narnia author asks a series of questions in his speculative "Space trilogy." FICTION LEWIS

Nix, Garth. *The Abhorsen trilogy: Sabriel; Lirael, Daughter of the Clayr, and Abhorsen*. Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. FICTION NIX

Parker, K. J. *Shadow*. A man wakes in the wilderness, amid scattered corpses and inquisitive crows. He has no memory of who he is or how he came to be there. The only clues to his former existence lie in his apparent skill with a sword and the fragmented dreams that permeate his sleep. Alone in a hostile world, he moves from village to village, masquerading as a god to obtain food and shelter. But the shadow of his past pursues him relentlessly. It whispers to him a riddle far more complex than he could ever have imagined— and a truth he may not wish to believe. FICTION PARKER

Peake, Mervyn. *The Gormenghast Novels*. A doomed lord, an emergent hero, and an array of bizarre creatures haunt the world of the Gormenghast novels. At the center of everything is the 77th Earl, Titus Groan, who stands to inherit the miles of rambling stone and mortar that form Gormenghast Castle and its kingdom. FICTION PEAKE