

Mermaids and Other Mythological Creatures

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

Titles located in YA Fiction or YA paperbacks by the author's last name

**Series*



Of Poseidon by Amy Banks

Galen, prince of the Syrena, is sent to land to find a girl he's heard can communicate with fish and after several encounters with her Galen becomes convinced Emma holds the key to his kingdom. (Grades 9+)



Tempest Rising by Tracy Deeb

On her 17th birthday, Tempest must decide whether to remain a human and live on land or submit to her mermaid half, like her mother before her, and enter into a long-running war under the sea. (Grades 7+)



Sirens* by Charlotte Bennardo

Bickering roommates and high school seniors Meg and Shar must find a way to balance their love of fashion with the chore of being special assignment Sirens, luring to the Underworld those whose unholy contracts are up. (Grades 8+)



Between the Sea and Sky by Jaclyn Dolamore

Esmerine, a mermaid, grows close to her childhood friend Alander, a winged man, when they join forces to find her sister Dosia, who has reportedly eloped with a human despite the sisters' vow to always keep the sea and its people first in their hearts. (Grades 7+)



The Unnameables by Ellen Booraem

As a foundling with a strange name and treated like an outsider by others on an island called Island, Medford realizes that he must challenge the strict rules of the inhabitants when a dangerous and smelly creature enters the picture who appears to want to do him harm. (Grades 7+)



Monstrous Beauty by Elizabeth Fama

Mermaid Syrenka's love for Ezra in 1872 leads to a series of horrific murders, and present-day Hester's encounter with a ghost reveals her connection to the murders and to Syrenka. (Grades 8+)



Goddess Test by Aimee Carter

When Henry--a mysterious boy who claims to be Hades, god of the underworld--makes a deal with Kate to help save her mother's life, Kate must pass seven tests and become Henry's immortal lover, or die trying. (Grades 7+)



Sea Change by Aimee Friedman

When her estranged grandmother dies and leaves her mother the family home on Selkie Island, Miranda travels to the Georgia island, where she discovers mysterious family secrets and another side to her logical, science-loving self. (Grades 8+)



Fins are Forever by Tera Lynn Childs

Mermaid princess Lily is about to renounce her place in the royal succession of the undersea kingdom of Thalassina and spend her life on land with the boy she loves, until her annoying cousin appears and throws her decision into doubt. (Grades 7+)



Unnatural Creatures by selected Neil Gaiman

Stories of strange, wondrous beings that have never existed anywhere but in the richness of the imagination. (Grades 8+)



Sweet Venom by Tera Lynn Childs

As monsters walk the streets of San Francisco, unseen by humans, three teenaged descendants of Medusa, the once-beautiful gorgon maligned in Greek mythology, must reunite and embrace their fates. (Grades 8+)



Wake* by Amanda Hocking

In the seaside town of Capri, Gemma enjoys a close bond with her sister and a growing attraction to neighbor Alex, but everything changes when, after partying with newcomers, Gemma discovers she has powers. (Grades 7+)



Half Human edited by Bruce Coville

A collection of stories about such creatures as mermaids and centaurs, who are part-human and part-animal or part-plant, and their struggles to understand their true identity. (Grades 9+)



Tiger's Curse* by Colleen Houck

When Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who is actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, she travels with him to India where the tiger's curse may be broken once and for all. (Grades 8+)



Oddest of All: Stories by Bruce Coville

A collection of short stories featuring ghosts, half-humans, unicorns, and other unusual creatures. (Grades 7+)



Ripple by Amanda Hubbard

Lexi, a siren who has managed to prevent herself from hurting anyone for two years, finds herself falling in love during her senior year of high school. (Grades 8+)



Troll Mill by Katherine Langrish

When fifteen-year-old Peer Ulfsson witnesses the disappearance of his neighbor's wife, rumored to be a seal-woman, he must help protect the baby she leaves behind from trolls, a witch, and other creatures. (Grades 7+)



Daughters of the Sea: Hannah by Katherine Lasky

In 1899, orphaned Hannah works as a servant in the home of one of Boston's wealthiest families, where she meets a noted painter, and when she travels with the family to Maine, she feels an undeniable pull to the sea. (Grades 7 +)



Starling by Lesley Livingston

Surviving a supernatural storm that has decimated her school, Manhattan teen Mason Starling discovers her magical link to ancient Norse mythology and bonds with a stranger, Fennrys Wolf, who has no memory of his identity. (Grades 8+)



The Mermaid's Mirror by L.K. Madigan

Lena has always felt drawn to the San Francisco Bay despite the fears of her father, but after she glimpses a woman with a tail, nothing can keep Lena from seeking the mermaid in the dangerous waves at Magic Crescent Cove. (Grades 9+)



Pegasus by Robin McKinley

Due to a 1000 year old alliance between humans and pegasi, Princess Sylvi is ceremonially bound to Ebon, her own Pegasus, on her 12th birthday, but their bond becomes a threat to the status quo and possibly to the safety of their two nations. (Grades 7+)



Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits by Robin McKinley

A romantic, intriguing, adventurous, and enchanting collection of tales about fantastical creatures and magical humans that reside in the deep seas. (Grades 7+)



Fury* by Elizabeth Miles

After high school junior Emily hooks up with her best friend's boyfriend, Chase, three mysterious Furies--paranormal creatures that often assume the form of beautiful women--come to town to make sure that Emily and Chase get what they deserve. (Grades 9+)



Vodnik by Bryce Moore

Tomas and his Roma family left Slovakia because of attacks on his life when he was a child, but when they return, the same creatures begin to strike again and Tomas will have to bargain with Death herself to set things right. (Grades 8+)



Teeth by Hannah Moskowitz

Rudy's life is flipped upside-down when his family moves to a remote, magical island in a last attempt to save his sick younger brother, and while Dylan recovers, Rudy sinks deeper and deeper into his loneliness. (Grades 9+)



Siren's Storm by Lisa Papademetriou

Strange things have been happening in Will's Long Island resort town, where his brother died last summer, but now their life-long summer friend, Gretchen, is in danger and the alluring, mysterious newcomer, Asia, may be involved. (Grades 8+)



Valkyrie Rising by Ingrid Paulson

While visiting Norway, Ellie must step out of the shadow of her older brother, join forces with his best friend, and embrace her Valkyrie heritage to rescue teen boys kidnapped to join the undead army of the ancient god, Odin. (Grades 7+)



Lost Voices* by Sarah Porter

When Luce is assaulted and left on the cliffs outside her Alaskan fishing village by her uncle, she falls into the water below, transforming into a mermaid only to be faced with struggles and choices she could never have imagined. (Grades 7+)



Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

Returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. (Grades 8+)



The Unnaturalists by Tiffany Trent

Cataloging the Unnatural creatures in her father's museum, Vespa Nix, a girl from an alternate universe London, is pressured to become a lady and marry before finding her fate tied to that of Syrus Reed, whose family has been forced into slavery. (Grades 7+)

