Resources for Finding More Fantasy Literature

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Fantasy Awards for Children and Young Adult Literature

Fantasy literature frequently wins general awards such as the Newbery or Caldecott Medals, but there are some awards specifically designed for fantasy or science fiction literature. They are often made by organizations that also recognize adult literature. Their web sites are a good place to identify excellent books in this genre. Information about these awards can be found on the website.

**Science Fiction Awards Watch:** [www.sfawardswatch.com](http://www.sfawardswatch.com)

**Andre Norton Award:** [www.sfwa.org/awards/nortonguide.htm](http://www.sfwa.org/awards/nortonguide.htm)

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America created this literary award to recognize outstanding science fiction and fantasy novels written for young adults. It was named after Andre Norton, who wrote many novels for young people, including the Witch World series. This honor was first given in 2006.

**Golden Duck Awards:** [www.goldenduck.org](http://www.goldenduck.org)

These awards are designed to encourage authors to write science fiction literature for children and are presented each year at Worldcon, the annual meeting of the World Science Fiction Society. These international awards are made in three categories: Picture Books (for very young children), Eleanor Cameron Award for Middle Grades (grades 2 to 6) and Hal Clement Award for Young Adult (grades 6 to 12).

**Locus Awards:** [www.locusmag.com/SFAwards/Db/Locus.html](http://www.locusmag.com/SFAwards/Db/Locus.html)

Locus awards are presented to winners of *Locus* magazine’s annual readers’ poll. One category of many is young adult fiction.

**Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children’s Literature:** [www.mythsoc.org/awards](http://www.mythsoc.org/awards)

This award is made by the Mythopoeic society, an organization promoting the study and enjoyment of fantastic and mythic literature. Books for younger readers in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia* are honored.

Other Web Sites for Finding Fantasy fiction

**The International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts:**
[http://wiz.cath.vt.edu/iafa/iafa.htm](http://wiz.cath.vt.edu/iafa/iafa.htm)

The IAFA is a scholarly organization devoted to the study of the fantastic in literature,
film and other arts. It recognizes high quality fiction and scholarship that young people might be interested in.

**Award-winning Fantasy Books for Youth:**

<www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/fantasy_award.htm>

This is an online bibliography of fantasy books compiled by the Education and Social Science Library at the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign. It is arranged by award.

**Websites of the Authors Reviewed in This Issue**

All of these authors have colorful, interesting websites with information about other books they have written as well as biographical information. Many of them have their own blogs.

- Neil Gaiman (*The Dangerous Alphabet*):
  <http://www.mousecircus.com/default.aspx>
- Robin McKinley (*Chalice*): <http://www.robinmckinley.com>
- Alison Goodman (*Eon: Dragoneye Reborn*):
- Garth Nix (*Mister Monday*): <http://www.garthnix.co.uk/home>