

Dark Fantasy

Vampires

Werewolves

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Immortals

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DARK FANTASY GUIDE

AUTHOR	BOOKS	SHELFMARK	
Holly Black	<i>Tithe, Ironside, Valiant:</i> After returning from a tour with her mother's rock band, 16yr old Kaye, who has been visited by faeries since childhood, discovers she is a faerie changeling...	YF	✦
Rachel Caine	<i>Morganville Vampires:</i> In Morganville, vampires and humans lived in relative peace - until the evil vampire Bishop arrived...	YF	♥ †
PC & Kristin Cast	<i>House of Night series:</i> Zoey Redbird enters into the House of Night where she will train to become an adult vampyre... TRG RATING: ★★	YF	♥ †
Trudi Canavan	<i>The Black Magician trilogy:</i> Each year the magicians of Imardin gather to purge the city streets of vagrants, urchins and miscreants. They know that none can oppose them. But their protective shield is not as impenetrable as they believe...	YF	🕷️
Cassandra Clare	<i>City of Bones, City of Ashes:</i> Clare Fray is an ordinary teenager, but everything changes after she witnesses a murder...	YF	🕷️ ○ †
Stephen Cole	<i>The Wereling, Wounded:</i> Is the remarkably well-preserved body found in a German peat bog that of Peter Stubbe, the first-ever werewolf, who was executed for black magic and murder?	YF	○
Tim Collins	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Vampire:</i> Nigel Mullet was transformed into a vampire and will remain so forever. Unfortunately, he became a vampire at 15, and is doomed to spend eternity coping with acne, a breaking voice, and his ineptitude with girls...	YF	†
Melissa De La Cruz	<i>Blue Bloods:</i> Schuyler Van Alen is thrust into an intricate maze of secret societies and bitter intrigue. Schuyler wants to find out the secrets of the mysterious Blue Bloods. But is she putting herself in danger?	YF	♥ †
Becca Fitzpatrick	<i>Hush Hush:</i> Nora was never attracted to any of the boys at school, until Patch came along. With his easy smile and penetrating eyes Nora is drawn to him, against her better judgement...	YF	♥ ♠
Alex Flinn	<i>Beastly:</i> A contemporary and original retelling of 'Beauty and the Beast', told from the beast's point of view.	YF	♥ ○ 🕷️
Neil Gaiman	<i>The Graveyard Book:</i> Brought up in a cemetery by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has a childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him...	YF	○ 🕷️ †
Claudia Gray	<i>Evernight, Stargazer:</i> Bianca knows she doesn't fit in at Evernight Academy. She's not like the other students: sleek, beautiful, almost predatory, Bianca finds herself drawn to Lucas, who seems to be hiding a dark secret...	YF	† ♥
Alyxandra Harvey	<i>The Drake Chronicles:</i> Solange, the only known female vampire poses a threat to the vampire queen. When Solange is kidnapped her brother and best friend set out to save her...	YF	♥ †
Rachel Hawkins	<i>Hex Hall:</i> After a spell goes wrong, Sophie is shipped off to a boarding school for witches, shapeshifters and faeries...	YF	✦ ○ 🕷️

YF: Teenage Fiction

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Charlie Higson	<i>The Enemy:</i> When the sickness came, every adult fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry. Only children under 14 remain, and they're fighting to survive...	YF	
William Hussey	<i>Dawn of the Demontide:</i> Jake Harker is an outsider, until the Pale Man and his demon Mr Pinch stop Jake on a dark, deserted road. That night, under a tree called the demon's dance, Jake learns the true meaning of terror!	YF	  
Catherine Jinks	<i>The Reformed Vampire Support Group:</i> You can't get a decent haircut, you live on guinea pig blood and the world wants to kill you. Nina became a vampire in 1973 and she now spends her time in vampire therapy... TRG RATING: **	YF	 
Lauren Kate	<i>Fallen:</i> What if the person you were meant to be with could never be yours? Lucinda and Daniel fall in love, only to discover that he is a fallen angel, and they have spent lifetimes finding, and losing one another...	YF	 
Rachel Klein	<i>The Moth Diaries:</i> A 16yr old girl records her most intimate thoughts in a diary. The object of her growing obsession is her new classmate, Ernessa. Dark rumours and secrets surround Ernessa – is she really a vampire?	YF	
Eden Maguire	<i>Jonas, Beautiful Dead:</i> Something strange is happening at Ellerton High, rumours of strange happenings rip through the town...	YF	
Melissa Marr	<i>Wicked Lovely, Fragile Eternity:</i> The clash of ancient rules and modern expectations mix in this cool, urban 21 st century faery tale...	YF	
Richelle Mead	<i>Vampire Academy:</i> St Vladimir's Academy isn't just any boarding school - hidden away, it's a place where vampires are educated in the ways of magic, and half-human teens train to protect them... TRG RATING: *	YF	 
Amy Meredith	<i>Dark Touch novels:</i> Eve Evergold is cute, sassy and enjoying a busy social life. What she doesn't know is that she has supernatural power...	YF	 
Stephenie Meyer	<i>Twilight Saga:</i> When 17yr old Bella moves to live with her father she is intrigued by the mysterious Cullen family... TRG RATING: *	YF	  
Garth Nix	<i>Abhorsen trilogy:</i> This trilogy takes readers to a world where the line between the living and the dead isn't always clear - and sometimes disappears altogether...	YF	
Alyson Noel	<i>Evermore, Blue Moon:</i> Eva is plagued by the ability to hear people's thoughts, and haunted by the ghost of her sister...	YF	 
Christopher Pike	<i>The Last Vampire, Black Blood:</i> Alisa Perne is the last vampire. For 5000 years she has hunted alone, living and off among humans. But somebody knows her secret - and they want her dead.	YF	 

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Gabrielle Poole	<i>Darke Academy series:</i> The Darke Academy is a school that moves to an exotic new city every term; its students are impossibly beautiful and rich. And the more Cassie Bell learns about the Academy, the more curious she becomes...	YF ♥ †
LJ Smith	<i>Vampire Diaries:</i> The terrifying story of two vampire brothers and the beautiful girl torn between them... TRG RATING: **	YF ♥ †
Marcus Sedgwick	<i>My Swordhand is Singing, Kiss of Death:</i> When a band of gypsies comes to his village, Peter's drab existence is turned upside down. He is infatuated by a beautiful gypsy princess, and drawn into her vampire-slaying world. TRG RATING: ***	YF †
Ellen Schreiber	<i>Vampire Kisses:</i> The last thing goth-girl Raven and her (vampire) boyfriend Alexander need is another hitch in their romance - but dark trouble hovers on the horizon when they discover four freshly dug graves filled with empty coffins.	YF †
Darren Shan	<i>Saga of Darren Shan:</i> Larten Crepsley coerces Darren Shan into becoming his assistant, and a half-vampire... TRG RATING: ***	YF † 🕷️
Cynthia Leitch Smith	<i>Tantalize:</i> Quincie has her hands full with a werewolf boyfriend, and the opening of her vampire themed restaurant... TRG RATING: **	YF ♥ † ☾
Lilith St Crow	<i>Strange Angels:</i> Dru's psychic abilities helped her father battle zombies and creatures of the 'Real World', but now she must rely on herself, a 'werwolf' bitten friend, and a half human vampire hunter to find her parents killer...	YF ♥ † ☾ 🕷️ 🕸️
Maggie Stiefvater	<i>Shiver:</i> When wolves kill a local boy, Grace's town fills with fear and suspicion. But Grace is fascinated by the pack, and by one wolf in particular. There's something about him – almost human...	YF ♥ ☾
Tamara Summers	<i>Never Bite A Boy On The First Date:</i> Vampire Kira has a reputation for breaking rules. So when a student is murdered at her high school, all fingers point to Kira. The fang marks on the victim can only mean one thing - there's another vampire...	YF ♥ †
Jessica Verday	<i>The Hollow:</i> When 16yr old Abbey's best friend, Kristen, vanishes near Sleepy Hollow Cemetery; Abbey's world is turned upside down...	YF ♥ ♠
Daniel Waters	<i>Kiss of Life, Generation Dead:</i> Phoebe's friend Adam is back from the dead– they say a zombie can come back from death faster if they're loved, even faster if they're kissed...	YF ♥ 🕸️
Scott Westerfeld	<i>Parasite Positive, The Last Days:</i> Cal Thompson was a college student, more interested in meeting girls and partying than studying biology. But after a fateful encounter with a mysterious woman named Morgan, biology has literally become Cal's life.	YF †

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Tom Becker	<i>Darkside series:</i> Jonathan discovers a world hidden in London; a world run by Jack the Ripper's family. Only the worst of things live here, and Jonathan soon gets mixed up with murders, thieves, a werewolf and a vampire...	JF    
Tommy Donbavand	<i>Scream Street series:</i> Scream Street might be somewhere Luke Watson (reluctant werewolf) can call home. But his parents are terrified by the neighbours. Can Luke, Resus (wannabe vampire) and Cleo find a doorway back to the real world, before they're scared to death?	JF    
Steve Feasey	<i>Changeling:</i> His father was a werewolf. His uncle may be a vampire. It's time for Trey to discover the beast within.	JF   
Derek Landy	<i>Skulduggery Pleasant:</i> With Serpine dead, the world is safe once more. Until the notorious Baron Vengeous makes a bloody escape from prison, and dead bodies and vampires start showing up all over Ireland...	JF   
Sam Llewellyn	<i>The Haunting of Death Eric:</i> At Castle Bones recording studios, everyone, alive or undead, wants to be famous...	JF   
Justin Somper	<i>Vampirates series:</i> Connor and Grace decide to set sail for new pastures in their father's sailing boat. When a vicious storm sees their boat capsize, the twins are separated until two mysterious ships sail to their rescue... TRG RATING: ★★★	JF 
Justin Richards	<i>The Death Collector, Parliament of Blood:</i> When Eddie 'Dipper' Hopkins steals a wallet he has no idea that he is about to enter a world of grave robbing, assassins, and zombies... TRG RATING: ★	JF  
Rick Riordan	<i>Percy Jackson series:</i> The gods of Olympus are alive in the 21st century. They still fall in love with mortals and have children who might become heroes, but most meet horrible fates at the hands of monsters. Only a few discover their true identity...	JF  
Sebastian Rook	<i>Vampire Plagues:</i> In 1850 London is falling into the grip of vampire plagues and only Jack and Ben can save the city... TRG RATING: ★★	JF  
Bram Stoker	<i>Dracula:</i> After discovering the double identity of the wealthy Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula, a small group of people vow to rid the world of the evil vampire... TRG RATING: ★★★	JF YF FICTION  

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Annette Curtis Klause	<i>Blood and Chocolate:</i> Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the townspeople to decide where she belongs...	YAF   
Kelly Armstrong	<i>Living with the Dead, Haunted, Bitten:</i> Robin lived a normal life, but when she becomes prime suspect in her boss's murder she is entangled in a bloody supernatural turf war...	ADULT FICTION    
Jim Butcher	<i>Dresden Files:</i> Harry Dresden is a wizard trying to make a living. Harry has to risk everything to fight the supernatural forces preying on his clients, putting him at dangerous odds with both the bad guys and the authorities...	ADULT FICTION CRIME   
Laurell K Hamilton	<i>Anita Blake - Vampire Hunter books:</i> Anita is about to discover that some secrets are better left buried, and some people better off dead...	ADULT FICTION   
Charlaine Harris	<i>Sookie Stackhouse – True Blood novels:</i> Cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse is no typical Southern belle. She can read minds. And she's got a thing for vampires. Which, in a town like Bon Temps means she'll have to watch her back - and neck...	ADULT FICTION CRIME    
Kim Harrison	<i>Rachel Morgan books:</i> There's no witch tougher, sexier, or more screwed up than Rachel Morgan. Now she must take a stand in the city's underworld war, before her dark 'master' comes to collect his due...	ADULT FANTASY   
Tanya Huff	<i>The Vicki Nelson Mysteries – Blood Books:</i> Vicki Nelson is an ex-homicide cop turned Private Investigator. Henry Fitzroy is a vampire and author. Together, they solve mysteries with a supernatural slant: demons, werewolves and more besides...	ADULT FICTION FANTASY     
Elizabeth Kostova	<i>The Historian:</i> Based on the legend of Vlad the Impaler; a young girl discovers an ancient and disturbing book in her father's library, a book that leads to terrible loss and tragedy, and the discover of Dracula's resting place.	ADULT FICTION 
Sergei Lukyanenko	<i>The Last Watch:</i> When a Russian tourist is murdered while visiting the Edinburgh Dungeons, the Watches know there is a renegade vampire on the loose. But this is more than a wildcat vampire and a single murder...	ADULT FICTION 
John Ajvide Lindqvist	<i>Let The Right One In:</i> Oskar and Eli in different ways were both victims. Which is why, against the odds, they became friends. And how they came to depend on one another, for life itself.	ADULT FICTION 
Anne Rice	<i>The Vampire Chronicles:</i> The story of Lestat de Lioncourt, a French nobleman made into a vampire in the 18 th century.	ADULT FICTION 
Kit Whitfield	<i>Bareback:</i> Lola Galley is assigned to defend a curfew-breaker who mutilated a good friend of hers. But her maimed friend is murdered before her client can be tried...	ADULT FICTION 

The books listed on this page of the guide are classified as Adult Fiction, and may not be suitable for readers under the age of 14.

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