

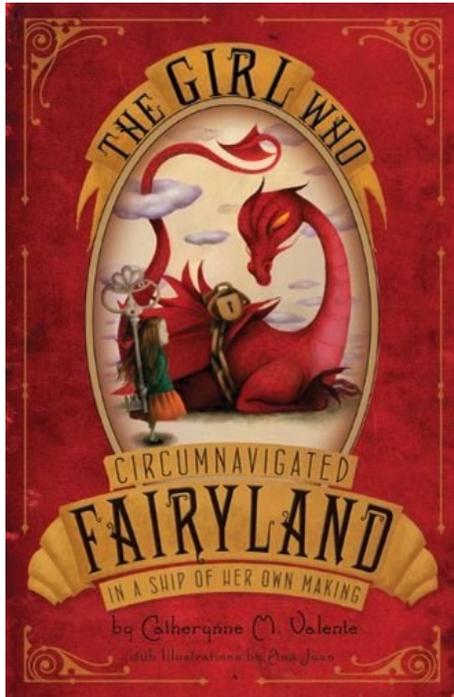
Fairy Tales With a Twist (Middle Grade Readers)



Welcome to the wild and wacky world of twisted fairy tales. These fairy tales are not quite the same stories that you may remember from your picture book days. Middle grade readers with a quirky sense of humor will probably enjoy these books

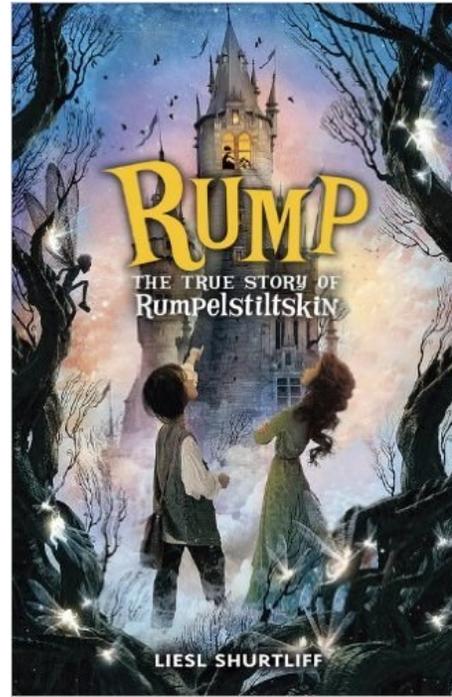
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**The Girl Who
Circumnavigated Fairyland**
by Catherynne Valente



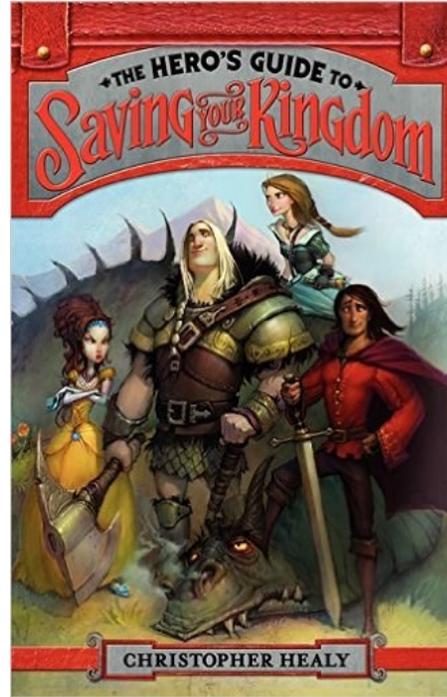
A 12-year-old girl called September (from this world) is invited to Fairyland. Once there she accepts a quest to rescue its citizens from the rule-crazy Marquess. On her journey September meets all kinds of fantastical creatures and recruits some unlikely helpers. When the Marquess persuades her to retrieve a magical sword from the deadly Worsted Wood, September sacrifices everything to save her friends.

**Rump: The True Story
Of Rumpelstiltskin**
by Liesl Shurtliff



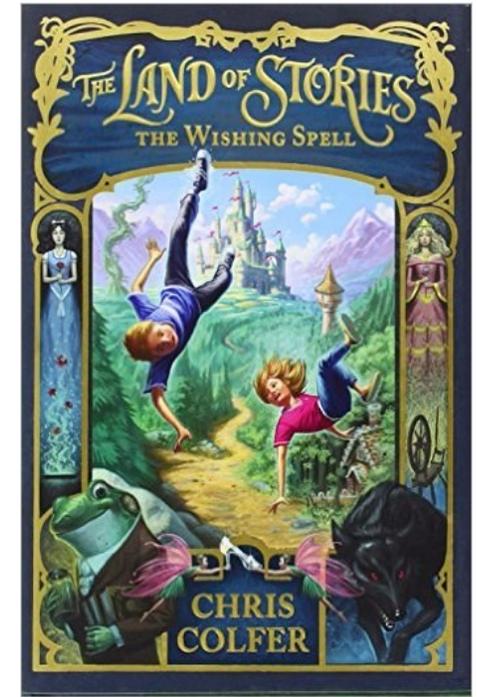
Rump was only given half a name at birth. That is a problem when you live in a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny. Everything changes when Rump finds an old spinning wheel and discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold, but the magic comes with a heavy price. Fleeing from the magic Rump sets out on a quest to find his name and destiny. This is the story of Rumpelstiltskin.

**The Hero's Guide To Saving
Your Kingdom**
by Christopher Healy



Meet Princes Liam, Frederic, Duncan, and Gustav. If you've never heard of them, don't be too surprised. You probably know them by their other name of "Prince Charming." These four heroes stumble upon an evil plot that promises to threaten their kingdoms. There is only one thing to do. They must band together to defeat an evil witch, and face other assorted terrors. Will they become the real heroes no one believes they can be?

**The Land Of Stories:
The Wishing Spell**
by Chris Colfer



Twins Alex and Conner fall through a book and into the Land of Stories - home to every known fairy tale character you can imagine. But fairy tales are not as tame one might think and there is still plenty of danger to be found. Alex and Conner need a way home fast. Their quest takes them into many different kingdoms, where they face new dangers. Will they ever find what they need to get home?

Just Ella

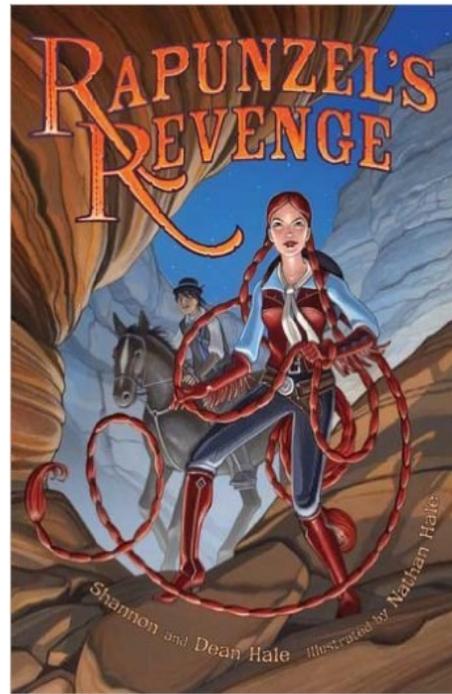
by Margaret Peterson Haddix



Ella is whisked off to live in the Charming castle after winning the prince's love at a ball. She quickly realizes that the prince is not very charming and she is not princess material. Unfortunately breaking off a royal engagement is easier said than done. Ella is thrown into prison until she agrees to the marriage. Will Ella find a way to escape the royal cage?

Rapunzel's Revenge

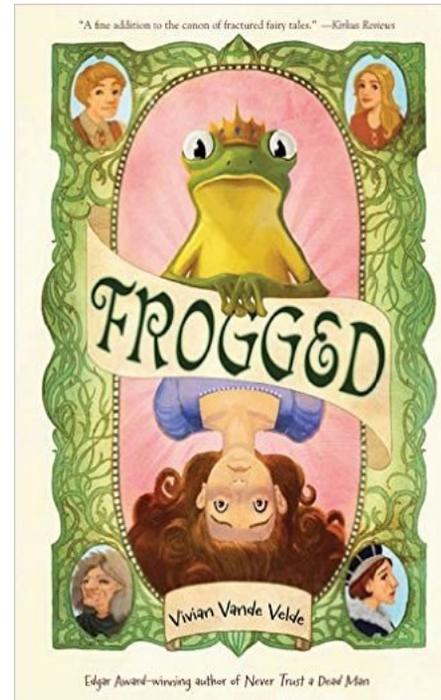
by Shannon Hal



Rapunzel's life is pretty boring until the day she climbs over the garden wall, despite being forbidden to do so. She is horrified at conditions outside. Rapunzel is imprisoned for her defiance, but uses her hair to make a grand escape. She teams up with an outlaw named Jack, (of beanstalk fame) to bring about justice and rescue Rapunzel's mother who has been enslaved. (Graphic novel.)

Frogged

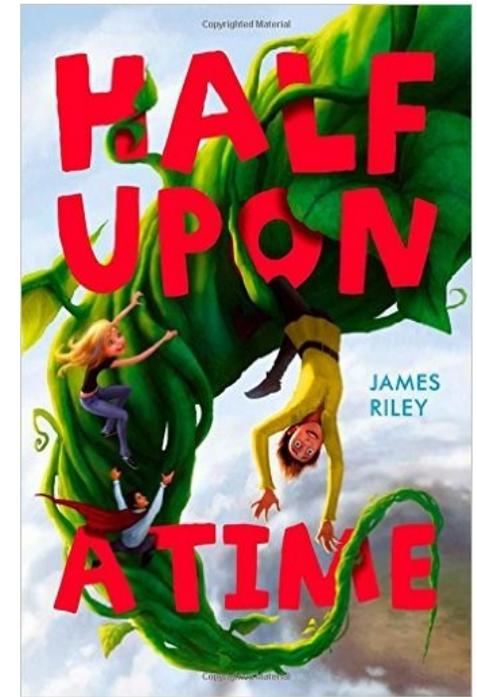
by Vivian Vande Velde



A rather pushy frog tricks Princess Imogene into kissing it. No prince appears, as one might expect. Instead, the princess turns into a frog herself! Too kind trick someone else in the same way, Imogene is determined to find a way to break the spell. Along the way, she is kidnapped by a traveling theater troupe and forced to perform with them.

Half Upon A Time

by James Riley



Jack has no desire to follow in the adventurous footsteps of his father, (the one who stole the magic beans from the giant). One day Princess May from the land of Punk falls out of the sky, at least that's what her "Punk Princess" sweatshirt implies. A crazy adventure begins as Jack and May race to save May's captured grandmother. How many fairy tales can you spot?