Percy Jackson Read-a-likes

**ANATOPSIS** by Abouzeid (YA Abouzeid)
Grades 5 & up
Anatopsis, daughter of Queen Solomon, the chairwoman of Amalgamated Witchcraft Corporation, is a witch and an immortal. She wants to use her magical talents to become a knight-errant like her father, instead of following in her mother's footsteps. In preparation for her Bacchanalian examinations, which come on her 14th birthday, two new figures enter her life - Mr. Pound, who has tutored generations of Ana's family, and Prince Barnaby Georges, the son of King Georges, the Queen's main competitor.

**DARKSIDE** series by Becker (YA Becker)
Grades 5-9
Welcome to Darkside, a seedy, seventeenth-century underworld hidden in modern London. Created in Jack the Ripper's heyday, Darkside is elusive, magical, addictive, and dangerous, capable of driving Londoners who stumble upon it mad if they survive. Fourteen-year-old Jonathan Starling discovers Darkside and its connection to his family while searching for the key to his father's mental illness. (**DARKSIDE, LIFE'BLOOD**)
MODERN TALES OF FAERIE series by Black (YA Black)  
Grades 8 & up  
With a hard-drinking rock singer for a mother and a band of faeries as childhood friends, 16-year-old Kaye's life has always been unconventional. But when she rescues a gorgeous knight, Roiben, from mysterious attackers, Kaye is thrown into a terrifying, otherworldly war between two faerie kingdoms. (TITHE, VALIANT, IRONSIDE)

DRAGON’S KEEP by Carey (YA Carey)  
Grades 6-10  
Rosalind, a twelfth-century princess, is destined for greatness by a prophecy from Merlin: the twenty-first queen of Wilde Island, which is plagued by dragons, will do three great things. Rosalind is to be that queen, but because she was born with a finger that looks exactly like a dragon’s claw, she always wears gloves of gold. If exposed, her deformity will mark her as a witch and spell her doom, so anyone who finds out about it has died.

OH, MY, GODS, series by Childs (YA Childs)  
Grades 7 & up  
After her widowed mom marries again, high-school-senior Phoebe, a champion marathon runner, is furious that she has to move from California to a small Greek island where her stepdad is the school principal. The place completely bewilders her. Not only must she cope with her evil stepsister but she also discovers that the school is for the descendants of Greek gods, who have supernatural powers. (OH, MY, GODS., GODDESS BOOTCAMP)
**HEIR CHRONICLES** by Chima (YA Chima)
Grades 6 & up
Sixteen-year-old Jack forgets to take his medicine one morning, and by afternoon is filled with such strength he sends his rival, Garrett Lobeck, sailing into the net at soccer tryouts - without even touching him. Jack soon discovers he is no ordinary teen and his medicine is not what he thought it was. Since the secret insertion of a warrior stone in his chest at infancy, Jack has been dosed with a suppressant designed to hold his powers as a Warrior Heir in check until his wizard sponsor can retrieve him and prepare him to fight in a death tournament for supremacy. (*THE WARRIOR HEIR, THE WIZARD HEIR, THE DRAGON HEIR*)

**ARTEMIS FOWL** series by Colfer (YA Colfer)
Grades 5-9
Artemis Fowl is a 12-year-old genius and the scion of a legendary Irish criminal family whose fortune was diminished when Artemis Senior tried to horn in on the Russian Mafia. Determined to restore the family wealth, Artemis Fowl the Second concocts an elaborate plan to relieve the fairies of some of their magical gold by locating and tricking one of them into giving up the fairy's Book. (*ARTEMIS FOWL, THE ARCTIC INCIDENT, THE ETERNITY CODE, THE OPAL DECEPTION, THE LOST COLONY, THE TIME PARADOX, THE ATLANTIS COMPLEX*)
**The Hunger Games Trilogy** by Collins (YA Collins)
Grades 7 & up
Sixteen-year-old Katniss poaches food for her widowed mother and little sister from the forest outside the legal perimeter of District 12, the poorest of the dozen districts constituting Panem, the North American dystopic state that has replaced the U.S. in the not-too-distant future. Her hunting and tracking skills serve her well when she is then cast into the nation's annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death where contestants must battle harsh terrain, artificially concocted weather conditions, and two teenaged contestants from each of Panem's districts. *(The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay)*

**Underland Chronicles** series by Collins (JF Collins)
Grades 4-8
What if Alice fell down an air vent in a New York City apartment building instead of down a rabbit hole? Eleven-year-old Gregor expects a long, boring summer of baby-sitting his two-year-old sister, Boots, and his senile grandmother. Distracted with thoughts about his father, who disappeared three years ago, Gregor belatedly notices that Boots has crawled into an air vent in the laundry room. He dives in after her, and the two are sucked downward into the Underland, a fantastic subterranean world of translucent-skinned, violet-eyed humans, and giant talking cockroaches, bats, spiders, and rats. *(Gregor the Overlander, Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane, Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods, Gregor and the Marks of Secret, Gregor and the Code of Claw)*
**THE DARK IS RISING** series by Cooper (JF Cooper)
Grades 5-7
The Drew children find an old map in a hidden room while summering at the Grey House in Cornwall. Along with their Great-Uncle Merry, they become embroiled in a web of intrigue that surrounds an Arthurian legend. (*Over Sea, Under Stone, The Dark is Rising, Greenwitch, The Grey King, The Silver Tree*)

**INGO** series by Dunmore (JF Dunmore)
Grades 5-9
As they search for their missing father near their Cornwall home, Sapphy and her brother Conor learn about their family's connection to the domains of air and of water. (*Ingo, The Tide Knot*)

**THE SEA OF TROLLS** series by Farmer (JF Farmer)
Grades 5-9
Rampaging Northmen (the polite term for Vikings) pass through a Saxon village and enslave two of its residents: an 11-year-old apprentice mage and his 5-year-old sister. When Jack offends the Northmen's touchy queen, she threatens to kill his sister unless he reverses a misfired spell - a task that requires a journey deep into icy troll country. (*The Sea of Trolls, The Land of the Silver Apples, The Islands of the Blessed*)
**Ranger’s Apprentice** series by Flanagan (YA Flanagan)
Grades 5-8
Like the other 15-year-old wards of Castle Redmont, Will is nervous about Choosing Day, when each of them will be assigned to a different master for training. Though his dearest wish is to enter the Battleschool, his small stature prevents it. Instead, Will is apprenticed to the grim-faced, mysterious Ranger. Soon Will learns that becoming a ranger is more difficult, dangerous, and worthwhile than he had imagined. (*The Ruins of Gorlan, The Burning Bridge, The Icebound Land, The Battle for Skandia, The Sorcerer of the North, The Siege of Macindaw, Erak’s Ransom, The Kings of Clonmel, Halt’s Peril, The Emperor of Nihon-Ja)*

**Spartan Quest** series by Ford (YA Ford)
Grades 6-10
Lysander, a young Helot slave who is trying to do twice the work demanded of him so his ailing mother can stay out of the fields, is attacked on his way home one night. He is saved by a distinguished old Spartan who is fascinated by the pendant that has been pulled from its hiding place under Lysander’s clothing. (*The Fire of Ares, The Birth of a Warrior, Legacy of Blood)*

**Nobody’s Princess** series by Friesner (YA Friesner)
Grades 6-9
Helen of Sparta is a feisty, beautiful young princess who is doted upon by her family, even though her determination to be independent and hunt and fight like her brothers creates various awkward, even dangerous situations for everyone. (*Nobody’s Princess, Nobody’s Prize*)
**Sphinx’s Princess** series by Friesner (YA Friesner)
Grades 6-9
When she is forcibly engaged to her cousin, the morose crown prince, Nefertiti reluctantly leaves her happy, coddled home life to live amidst the political infighting and power struggles of the royal palace. (**Sphinx’s Princess**, **Sphinx’s Queen**)

**Inkheart** series by Funke (JF Funke)
Grades 4 & up
Twelve-year-old Meggie and Mo, her book binder father, are fleeing their old enemy, Capricorn, when they arrive at Great Aunt Eleanor’s book-lined villa in Italy. Though the three of them are brave and wily by turns, their cruelly-powerful nemesis manages to find them and their copy of the book, Inkheart. (**Inkheart**, **Inkspell**, **Inkdeath**)

**Troy** by Geras (YA Geras)
Grades 8 & up
The siege of Troy has lasted almost ten years. Inside the walled city, food is scarce and death is common. From the heights of Mount Olympus, the Gods keep watch. But Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, is bored with the endless, dreary war. Aided by Eros’s bow, the goddess sends two sisters down a bloody path to an awful truth: In the fury of war, love strikes the deadliest blows. (**Ithaka**)
**RUNEMARKS** by Harris (YA Harris)
Grades 7 & up
In Maddy Smith's world, order rules. Chaos, old gods, fairies, goblins, magic, glamours—all of these were supposedly vanquished centuries ago. But Maddy knows that a small bit of magic has survived. The "ruinmark" she was born with on her palm proves it—and makes the other villagers fearful that she is a witch (though helpful in dealing with the goblins-in-the-cellar problem).

**WARRIORS** series by Hunter (JF Hunter)
Grades 5 & up
Rusty, a young "kittypet" (house cat), yearns for adventure. When he’s offered the chance to join the ThunderClan, one of the gangs of feral cats in the area, he doesn't hesitate. Renamed Firepaw, he becomes an apprentice and begins to train as a warrior. (**INTO THE WILD, FIRE & ICE, FOREST OF SECRETS, RISING STORM, A DANGEROUS PATH, THE DARKEST HOUR**) (There are more sub-series of Warriors.)

**GENIUS** series by Jinks (YA Jinks)
Grades 7 & up
Cadel Piggott was hacking into computer systems by the time he was seven and causing all sorts of trouble by the time he fast-tracked through high school. At age 14, he is encouraged by his longtime "psychiatrist" to enroll in the Axis Institute. There, the classes include Misinformation, Disguise, Basic Lying, Embezzlement, and Explosives. Cadel settles into his first semester of studies, but soon begins to suspect that something is very wrong here. Through Partner Post, his online matching service experiment, he receives a cryptic warning from one of his subscribers, and he begins to make plans to investigate his teachers. (**EVIL GENIUS, GENIUS SQUAD, GENIUS WARS**)
**Skulduggery Pleasant** series by Landy (YA Landy)  
Grades 5-8  
When 12-year-old Stephanie’s eccentric Uncle Gordon dies, a mysterious man bundled in an overcoat, scarf, sunglasses, and a hat shows up at both the funeral and the reading of the will. This man, as it turns out, is Skulduggery Pleasant, a walking, talking skeleton who rescues Stephanie when she is attacked while alone in the house that she has just inherited. It seems that a particularly evil person named Serpine is trying to obtain a scepter that will allow him to rule the world. (**Skulduggery Pleasant, Playing with Fire, The Faceless Ones**)

**Savvy** series by Law (JF Law)  
Grades 4-7  
Mississippi Beaumont ("Mibs" for short) simply cannot wait for her 13th birthday. There's the allure of finally becoming a teenager, of course, but in the Beaumont family, 13 is when family members get their "savvy," or unworldly power. For Mibs's older brother Fish, it's control over the elements, and for her mother it's the ability to do everything perfectly. (**Savvy, Scumble**)

**Un Lun Dun** by Mieville (YA Mieville)  
Grades 5-9  
In present-day London, strange things start happening around Zanna: dogs stop to stare at her, birds circle her head. Then, she and her friend Deeba find themselves in an alternate reality where obsolete objects such as old typewriters eventually "seep" and strange people and creatures dwell, including sentient "unbrellas." The girls learn that Zanna is the chosen one, the "shwazzy," of UnLondon.
FABLEHAVEN series by Mull
Grades 5-9
Fablehaven, a sanctuary for mystical creatures, survives as one of the last strongholds of true magic in a cynical world. Kendra and her brother Seth do not know their grandfather is the current caretaker, but they soon face the challenge of their lives when powerful forces of evil are unleashed. (FABLEHAVEN, RISE OF THE EVENING STAR, GRIP OF THE SHADOW PLAGUE, SECRETS OF THE DRAGON SANCTUARY, KEYS TO THE DEMON PRISON)

GODS OF MANHATTAN series by Mebus (JF Mebus)
Grades 5-8
When a magician at his little sister's birthday party performs an impossible trick, 13-year-old Rory Hennessy is deeply shaken. And after seeing one impossible thing, he can't stop seeing others, from a cockroach riding a rat to a Native American warrior in Central Park. The magician tells Rory that he is a Light, one of the rare mortals able to see Mannahatta, a spirit city where people and places of New York history are reborn. (GODS OF MANHATTAN, SPIRITS IN THE PARK)

SIRENA by Napoli (YA Napoli)
Grades 7 & up
The mermaid Sirena knows that if the song she sings with her sisters lures a mortal man to mate with her she will live forever. The death of shipwrecked sailors and of one of her sister mermaids chills her, however, and she swims away alone to the island of Lemnos. There she rescues Philoctetes, who has been wounded by Hera's serpent and abandoned by his crewmates.
**Matt Cruse** series by Oppel (YA Oppel)
Grades 6-10
Matt Cruse is a cabin boy aboard the luxury passenger airship Aurora when the ship encounters a battered hot air balloon with an unconscious man aboard. Before dying, the man claims to have seen beautiful creatures swarming in the air over an uncharted island. He doesn’t learn until a year later that the man wasn’t hallucinating. (**Airborn**, **Skybreaker**, **Starclimber**) 

**Maximum Ride** series by Patterson (YA Patterson)
Grades 7 & up
Fourteen-year-old Max leads an unusual group of escapees from an institution that designed them by grafting avian DNA onto human genes. Yup, they have wings. When Angel, the smallest of the group, is kidnapped by mutants and taken back to the school, Max and her family determine to get her back - no matter what. (**The Angel Experiment**, **School’s Out – Forever**, **Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports**, **The Final Warning**, **Max, Fang, Angel**) 

**The Kane Chronicles** by Riordan (YA Riordan)
Grades 4-9
Since their mother’s death six years ago, Sadie Kane has lived in London with her grandparents while her older brother has traveled the world with their father, a renowned African American Egyptologist. In London for a rare evening together, Carter and Sadie accompany their dad to the British Museum, where he blows up the Rosetta Stone in summoning an Egyptian god. Unleashed, the vengeful god overpowers and entombs him, but Sadie and Carter escape. (**The Red Pyramid**, **Throne of Fire**)

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**HARRY POTTER** series by Rowling (JF Rowling)
Grades 4 & up
Harry Potter has spent 11 long years living with his vile aunt, uncle, and cousin. But Harry is a very special child; in fact, he is the only surviving member of a powerful magical family. His parents were killed by the evil Voldemort, who then mysteriously vanished, and the boy grew up completely ignorant of his own powers, until he received notification of his acceptance at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. (Sorcerer’s Stone, Chamber of Secrets, Prisoner of Azkaban, Goblet of Fire, Order of the Phoenix, Half-Blood Prince, Deathly Hallows)

**SEPTIMUS HEAP** series by Sage (JF Sage)
Grades 4-8
Septimus - whose birth shortly before chapter one set this series in motion - is killed off in chapter one, whisked away by a midwife shouting, Dead! Fast-forward 10 years, when it becomes apparent that Jenna, a foundling girl whom the large, boisterous Heap family has adopted, has her own grand destiny to fulfill. As for Septimus, could it be that his death is more presumed than actual? (Magyk, Flyte, Physik, Queste, Syren, Darke)

**Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel** series by Scott (YA Scott)
Grades 6-9
When 15-year-old twins Josh and Sophie inadvertently become involved in a plot to steal the Codex from their friend Nick Fleming (aka Nicholas Flamel), they are propelled into a fantasy world of golems, wereboars, and many other creatures that inhabit the netherworld between good and evil. (The Alchemyst, The Magician, The Sorceress, The Necromancer, The Warlock)
Quiver by Spinner (YA PBK FAN Spinner)
Grades 7 & up
Atalanta, a skilled archer and a runner, has dedicated her life to Artemis, the Goddess of the Hunt. She has grown up among hunters, and is as good or better than many of her male counterparts. When strangers appear and command that she return with them to her father, the king, she is shocked and dismayed. King Iasus, who abandoned her at birth, now demands that she marry and produce a son, since he does not have an heir.

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Dussie by Springer (JF Springer)
Grades 5-8
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The Mysterious Benedict Society series by Stewart (JF Stewart)
Grades 5-9
After Reynie Muldoon responds to an advertisement recruiting "gifted children looking for special opportunities," he finds himself in a world of mystery and adventure. The 11-year-old orphan is one of four children to complete a series of challenging and creative tasks, and he, Kate, Constance, and Sticky become the Mysterious Benedict Society.

The Mysterious Benedict Society, ...and the Perilous Journey, ...and the Prisoner's Dilemma)
**BARTIMAeus TRILOGY** by Stroud (YA Stroud)
Grades 5 & up
Nathaniel is a 12-year-old magician in training in an alternate London where magic is real and perilous creatures and artifacts abound. Bartimaeus is a cocky, 5,000-year-old djinni whom Nathaniel summons to help him get revenge against an arrogant adult wizard. *(THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND, THE GOLEM'S EYE, PTOLEMY'S GATE)*

**QUEENS THIEF** series by Turner (YA Turner)
Grades 5 & up
Because of his bragging and his great skill at thievery, Gen lands in the King's Prison, shackled to the wall of his cell. After months of isolation, kept sane only by his sharp intelligence, Gen is released by none other than the King's Scholar, the Magus, who believes he knows the site of an ancient treasure. The Magus needs the best thief in the land to help him steal it, and that thief is Gen. *(THE THIEF, THE QUEEN OF ATTOLIA, THE KING OF ATTOLIA, A CONSPIRACY OF KINGS)*

**CRONUS CHRONICLES** by Ursu (JF Ursu)
Grades 5-9
Forget heaven and hell, the Greek underworld isn't a myth! When it's time to leave the corporeal world, everyone makes the journey to Hades' realm, where they spend eternity as a Shade, first waiting in line to cross the river Styx, and thereafter roaming aimlessly. All is status quo until power-hungry Phlonecron resolves to reanimate the dead with blood from the living, create an army from the shadows of living children, and usurp Hades' throne. *(THE SHADOW THIEVES, THE SIREN SONG, THE IMMORTAL FIRE)*
**THE JAGUAR STONES** series by Voelkel (YA Voelkel)
Grades 5-9
Although his parents believe he is headed for summer camp, his enigmatic Central American housekeeper instead sends him to visit his uncle in San Xavier, where his mother and father have recently departed for a new project. Once there, Max discovers that they have disappeared under mysterious circumstances. (*Middleworld*, *The End of the World Club*)

**MIDNIGHTERS** series by Westerfeld (YA Westerfeld)
Grades 6-10
Nobody is safe in the secret hour. Strange things happen at midnight in the town of Bixby, Oklahoma. Time freezes. Nobody moves. For one secret hour each night, the town belongs to the dark creatures that haunt the shadows. Only a small group of people know about the secret hour - only they are free to move about the midnight time. These people call themselves Midighters. (*The Secret Hour*, *Touching Darkness*, *Blue Noon*)

**FRONTIER MAGIC** series by Wrede (YA Wrede)
Grades 7-10
Tormented by an uncle who believes that Eff will bring disgrace and doom to all around her, she is relieved when her parents decide to move the family westward. She grows up enjoying the greater freedom of the frontier, but when something disturbs the magic spells that keep outlying settlements safe, Eff, brother Lan, and their allies must face a dangerous, unpredictable foe. (*Thirteenth Child*, *Across the Great Barrier*)