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Churro and the Magician Sep 23 2022 A mischievous bunny accidentally unleashes magic on the town after discovering a magician's wand in this vibrant and humorous wordless picture book with graphic-novel panels. Perfect for fans of *Narwhal* and *Jelly*. Churro is a bunny with a big imagination. And sometimes, it gets Churro in trouble. After missing the school bus one day, Churro discovers a magic wand that a magician left behind. Now Churro's bad day just got a little more fun. But not for everyone in town! With the help of new friends, Churro must learn to use creativity and the magician's wand to help fix the town's magical new problems. Filled with colorful illustrations and featuring the hilarious adventure of a fun-loving bunny with one wild imagination, this wordless picture book with graphic-novel panels will have readers laughing out loud and writing their own version of events as they join Churro on a journey to save the town.

[Their Magician and Other Stories](#) May 27 2020 *Their Magician* is the long-awaited collection of stories by a writer admired by writers from coast to coast. In these fourteen stories, Broder introduces characters and situations that readers will find hard to put out of their minds. In 'The Insult,' Arnold Isaiah Hepplemeyer, an orthodontist, undergoes a crisis when he sees 'Hepplemeyer is an ass' scrawled on a kiosk. In 'Hospitality,' four young women sharing an apartment in Cambridge compete with one another to see who can bring home the most interesting guest, a competition that Penelope assumes she has won when she invites a notorious murderer to dinner. In 'Elena, Unfaithful,' Alexei Sazevitch, a womanizer for decades, causes his wife's death by announcing his retirement, and then must deal with his children's outrage when he informs them that she has not died, but run off with a lover. And in 'The Roofers,' two workers repairing a roof rush to save a man they observe trying to asphyxiate himself in his car. With a combination of comic lightness and gravitas that may remind the reader of Chagall as much as of Chekhov and Cheever, Gloria Kurian Broder shows us what it is like to live in America's cities and suburbs, creating characters who, in the face of loss, loneliness, self-doubt, and others' skepticism and hostility, strive to keep alive the spirit within them.

The Magician and the Petnapping Aug 10 2021 The king's magician must find all the petnapped animals of the realm or lose the favor of the king.

The Magician and the Pocket Watch May 07 2021 In their return to Hogar Haven, siblings Micah and Sarah set out to find answers to help their new flower friends return to their normal lives as children. And this time, Micah and Sarah have a secret weapon: a magic pocket watch. Using the watch, Micah and Sarah journey back to Hogar Haven to get answers to some of their biggest questions. But still, one question remains. Will Micah and Sarah be able to escape before the goblins turn them into flowers, too?

The Magician and the Sorcerer Jul 29 2020

The Bone Magician Apr 25 2020 Pin Carpue is on his own in the world. His mother is dead and his father is missing after being labeled a suspect in a rash of murders. Pin finds a job working for the local undertaker as a body watcher, making sure people are really dead before they're buried. The body he's supposed to be watching tonight is currently surrounded by three people engaged in a most unusual ceremony. An old man, a bone magician, and his young female assistant are waking a woman so her grieving fiancé can have one last goodbye with her. Pin can't believe it will work, but then the dead woman sits up and speaks. Pin is determined to discover how the magic works. He cannot believe they are raising the dead. He cannot believe his father is a murderer. Then Pin himself nearly becomes the killer's next victim. As this mysterious tale unfolds with delicious creepiness, Pin will learn more about the bone magician, the girl Juno, and a hideous creature called the Gluttonous Beast that is kept in a local tavern where people pay for a glimpse. Once again, F.E. Higgins delivers a story that is full of intrigue and suspense.

The Magician and the Analyst Aug 22 2022

The Magician Dec 26 2022 Nicholas Flamel appeared in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter—but did you know he really lived? And his secrets aren't safe! Discover the truth in book two of the New York Times bestselling series the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel. The Enemies: Dr. John Dee and Niccolo Machiavelli. Their Plan: Steal the rest of what Nicholas Flamel has fought to protect. John Dee has the Book of Abraham the Mage, which means the world is on the brink of ruin. Except he's missing two crucial pages, pages that Nicholas, Sophie, Josh, and the legendary warrior Scatty have taken to Paris. But Paris is teeming with enemies--and old acquaintances like Nicollo Machiavelli. On the run and with time running out for Nicholas and his wife, Perenell, Sophie must learn the second elemental magic: Fire Magic. And there's only one man who can teach it to her: Flamel's old student, the Comte de Saint-Germain—alchemist, magician, and rock star. "The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel has everything you loved about Harry Potter, including magic, mystery, and a constant battle of good versus evil."—Bustle Read the whole series! The Alchemist The Magician The Sorceress The Necromancer The Warlock The Enchantress

The Magician and the Spirits Feb 28 2023 "Noyes makes history accessible and irresistible . . . Excellent."* A century ago, the curious idea that spirits not only survive death but can be contacted on the "other side" was widespread. Psychic mediums led countless séances, claiming to connect the grieving with their lost relations through everything from frenzied trance writing to sticky expulsions of ectoplasm. The craze caught Harry Houdini's attention. Well-known by then as most renowned magician and escape artist, he began to investigate these spiritual phenomena. Are ghosts real? Can we communicate with them? Catch them in photographs? Or are all mediums "flim-flammers," employing tricks and illusions like Houdini himself? Peopled with odd and fascinating characters, Houdini's gripping quest will excite readers' universal wonderment with life, death, and the possibility of the Beyond. *School Library Journal, starred review of *Ten Days a Madwoman*

The Magician's Hat Dec 14 2021 Super Bowl champion and literacy crusader Malcolm Mitchell presents the story of a magician who reveals an awe-inspiring treasure from his bag of tricks -- books that make every kid's dream come true! This is not your typical afternoon at the library -- a magician invites kids to reach into his hat to pull out whatever they find when they dig down deep. Soon -- poof! -- each child comes away with something

better than they could've imagined -- a book that helps them become whatever they want to be, and makes their dreams come true through pages and words, and the adventures that follow. But each child can't help but wonder, What's really making the magic happen?"Malcolm Mitchell is changing the world through the power of reading." -- Dav Pilkey, bestselling creator of the Dog Man and Captain Underpants series"The Magician's Hat will cast its spell on you!" -- Jeff Kinney, bestselling author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series

Magicians and The Magician King Sep 30 2020

The Magician and the Cardsharp Mar 29 2023 A famous magician's journey to find the greatest cardsharp ever evokes the forgotten world of magic where Americans found escape during the Great Depression It has the nostalgic quality of an old-fashioned fable, but Karl Johnson's *The Magician and the Cardsharp* is a true story that lovingly re-creates the sparkle of a vanished world. Here, set against the backdrop of America struggling through the Depression, is the world of magic, a realm of stars, sleight of hand, and sin where dreams could be realized - or stolen away. Following the Crash of '29, Dai Vernon, known by magicians as "the man who fooled Houdini," is tramping down Midwestern backroads, barely making ends meet. While swapping secrets with a Mexican gambler, he hears of a guy he doesn't quite believe is real - a legendary mystery man who deals perfectly from the center of the deck and who locals call the greatest cardsharp of all time. Determined to find the reclusive genius, Vernon sets out on a journey through America's shady, slick, and sinful side - from mob-run Kansas City through railroad towns that looked sleepy only in the daytime. Does he find the sharp? Well, Karl Johnson did - after years of research into Vernon's colorful quest, research that led him to places he never knew existed. Johnson takes us to the cardsharp's doorstep and shows us how he bestowed on Vernon the greatest secret in magic. *The Magician and the Cardsharp* is a unique and endlessly entertaining piece of history that reveals the artistry and obsession of a special breed of American showmen.

Mario and the Magician Dec 22 2019

The Magician's Book Oct 24 2022 Enchanted by Narnia's fantastic world as a child, prominent critic Laura Miller returns to the series as an adult to uncover the source of these small books' mysterious power by looking at their creator, Clive Staples Lewis. What she discovers is not the familiar, idealized image of the author, but a more interesting and ambiguous truth: Lewis's tragic and troubled childhood, his unconventional love life, and his intense but ultimately doomed friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien. Finally reclaiming Narnia "for the rest of us," Miller casts the *Chronicles* as a profoundly literary creation, and the portal to a lifelong adventure in books, art, and the imagination.

The Young Magicians and The Thieves' Almanac Nov 01 2020 Meet four unlikely friends, desperate to become real-life magicians . . . Alex is amazing with a deck of cards; Zack's a pickpocket like no other; Sophie convinced her Brown Owl that all the other Brownies were jelly fish thanks to her hypnosis skills; and Jonny mixes science and magic with spectacular consequences. They are thrown together for their induction week at the mysterious, secretive Magic Circle. But behind its doors, things are not quite what they expect. Then the Bank of England is broken into and its gold stolen. Or is it? Could this actually be the greatest magic trick the world has seen? And can the four Young Magicians figure out how it was done?

The Magician's Land Feb 04 2021 The stunning conclusion to the #1 New York Times bestselling *Magicians* trilogy, now an original series on SYFY
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST BOOKS The San Francisco Chronicle • Salon • The Christian Science Monitor • AV Club • BuzzFeed • Kirkus • NY 1 • Bustle • The Globe and Mail Quentin Coldwater has been cast out of Fillory, the secret magical land of his childhood dreams. With nothing left to lose he returns to where his story began, the Brakebills Preparatory College of Magic. But he can't hide from his past, and it's not long before it comes looking for him. Along with Plum, a brilliant young undergraduate with a dark secret of her own, Quentin sets out on a crooked path through a magical demimonde of gray magic and desperate characters. But all roads lead back to Fillory, and his new life takes him to old haunts, like Antarctica, and to buried secrets and old friends he

thought were lost forever. He uncovers the key to a sorcery masterwork, a spell that could create magical utopia, a new Fillory—but casting it will set in motion a chain of events that will bring Earth and Fillory crashing together. To save them he will have to risk sacrificing everything. The Magician's Land is an intricate thriller, a fantastical epic, and an epic of love and redemption that brings the Magicians trilogy to a magnificent conclusion, confirming it as one of the great achievements in modern fantasy. It's the story of a boy becoming a man, an apprentice becoming a master, and a broken land finally becoming whole.

The Magician May 19 2022 A New York Times Notable Book, Critic's Top Pick, and Top Ten Book of Historical Fiction Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post, NPR, Vogue, The Wall Street Journal, and Bloomberg Businessweek From one of today's most brilliant and beloved novelists, a dazzling, epic family saga set across a half-century spanning World War I, the rise of Hitler, World War II, and the Cold War that is "a feat of literary sorcery in its own right" (Oprah Daily). The Magician opens in a provincial German city at the turn of the twentieth century, where the boy, Thomas Mann, grows up with a conservative father, bound by propriety, and a Brazilian mother, alluring and unpredictable. Young Mann hides his artistic aspirations from his father and his homosexual desires from everyone. He is infatuated with one of the richest, most cultured Jewish families in Munich, and marries the daughter Katia. They have six children. On a holiday in Italy, he longs for a boy he sees on a beach and writes the story Death in Venice. He is the most successful novelist of his time, winner of the Nobel Prize in literature, a public man whose private life remains secret. He is expected to lead the condemnation of Hitler, whom he underestimates. His oldest daughter and son, leaders of Bohemianism and of the anti-Nazi movement, share lovers. He flees Germany for Switzerland, France and, ultimately, America, living first in Princeton and then in Los Angeles. In this "exquisitely sensitive" (The Wall Street Journal) novel, Tóibín has crafted "a complex but empathetic portrayal of a writer in a lifelong battle against his innermost desires, his family, and the tumultuous times they endure" (Time), and "you'll find yourself savoring every page" (Vogue).

The Magician and the Cinema Nov 25 2022 Barnouw discusses the role of magicians in the development of film. They were inventors. George Melies, both a magician and filmmaker, designed a motion picture camera and was involved in the creation of some 500 films. Magicians used films in their performances in magic theaters, recorded some of their great performances on film, and became filmmakers. They played an important role in the creation of animated films and their work in trick films created the foundation for special effects.

The Master Magician Jan 15 2022 Throughout her studies, Ceony Twill has harbored a secret, one she's kept from even her mentor, Emery Thane. She's discovered how to practice forms of magic other than her own--an ability long thought impossible. While all seems set for Ceony to complete her apprenticeship and pass her upcoming final magician's exam, life quickly becomes complicated. To avoid favoritism, Emery sends her to another paper magician for testing, a Folder who despises Emery and cares even less for his apprentice. To make matters worse, a murderous criminal from Ceony's past escapes imprisonment. Now she must track the power-hungry convict across England before he can take his revenge. With her life and loved ones hanging in the balance, Ceony must face a criminal who wields the one magic that she does not, and it may prove more powerful than all her skills combined. The whimsical and captivating follow-up to The Paper Magician and The Glass Magician, The Master Magician will enchant readers of all ages.

Magician and Fool Oct 12 2021 Hired by the Golden Dawn to illustrate a deck of tarot cards, Pamela, a London-born empath with second sight, wants to keep the power of her creation out of the hands of her nemesis, magician Aleister Crowley, who desires to use her cards for his evil purposes.

Self-Initiation Into the Golden Dawn Tradition Feb 22 2020 The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn has been considered one of the most important Western magical systems for over a century. Although much of their knowledge has been published, to really enter the system required

initiation within a Golden Dawn temple--until now. Regardless of your magical knowledge or background, you can learn and live the Golden Dawn tradition with the first practical guide to Golden Dawn initiation. *Self-Initiation into the Golden Dawn Tradition* by Chic and Sandra Tabatha Cicero offers self-paced instruction by two senior adepts of this magical order. For the first time, the esoteric rituals of the Golden Dawn are clearly laid out in step-by-step guidance that's clear and easy-to-follow. Studying the Knowledge Lectures, practicing daily rituals, doing meditations, and taking self-graded exams will enhance your learning. Initiation rituals have been correctly reinterpreted so you can perform them yourself. Upon completion of this workbook, you can truly say that you are practicing the Golden Dawn tradition with an in-depth knowledge of qabalah, astrology, Tarot, geomancy, spiritual alchemy, and more, all of which you will learn from *Self-Initiation into the Golden Dawn Tradition*. No need for group membership Instructions are free of jargon and complex language Lessons don't require familiarity with magical traditions Grade rituals from Neophyte to Portal Link with your Higher Self If you have ever wondered what it would be like to learn the Golden Dawn system, *Self-Initiation into the Golden Dawn Tradition* explains it all. The lessons follow a structured plan, adding more and more information with each section of the book. Did you really learn the material? Find out by using the written tests and checking them with the included answers. Here is a chance to find out if the Golden Dawn system is the right path for you or to add any part of their wisdom and techniques to the system you follow. Start with this book now.

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The Magician and the Child Mar 05 2021 A child meets a magician in a wave tunnel in the sea and together they go on a wonderful journey.

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the anguish of illicit desire. The Magician is an intimate, astonishingly complex portrait of Mann, his magnificent and complex wife Katia, and the times in which they lived--the first world war, the rise of Hitler, World War II, the Cold War, and exile. This is a man and a family fiercely engaged by the world, profoundly flawed, and unforgettable. As People magazine said about The Master, "It's a delicate, mysterious process, this act of creation, fraught with psychological tension, and Tóibín captures it beautifully."

Mr. Sebastian and the Negro Magician Nov 13 2021 Henry Walker was once a world-class magician, performing to sold-out shows in New York. But now he has been reduced to joining Musgrove's Chinese Circus (which at no point in its tour of the deep South has ever included a single Chinese person) as the shambling Negro Magician, whose dark black skin and electric green eyes bewitch most audiences. But one balmy Mississippi night in 1954, Henry disappears in the company of three rowdy white teens and is never seen again. Wallace pieces together Henry's incredible vagabond life - from a deal with a bone-white devil known only as Mr. Sebastian, to the heartrending loss of his sister Hannah - and creates an enchanting tale of love, loss, identity, and the limitation of magic.

The Magicians Feb 16 2022 The New York Times bestselling novel about a young man practicing magic in the real world, now an original series on SYFY "The Magicians is to Harry Potter as a shot of Irish whiskey is to a glass of weak tea. . . . Hogwarts was never like this." —George R.R. Martin "Sad, hilarious, beautiful, and essential to anyone who cares about modern fantasy." —Joe Hill "A very knowing and wonderful take on the wizard school genre." —John Green "The Magicians may just be the most subversive, gripping and enchanting fantasy novel I've read this century." —Cory Doctorow "This gripping novel draws on the conventions of contemporary and classic fantasy novels in order to upend them . . . an unexpectedly moving coming-of-age story." —The New Yorker "The best urban fantasy in years." —A.V. Club Quentin Coldwater is brilliant but miserable. A high school math genius, he's secretly fascinated with a series of children's fantasy novels set in a magical land called Fillory, and real life is disappointing by comparison. When Quentin is unexpectedly admitted to an elite, secret college of magic, it looks like his wildest dreams have come true. But his newfound powers lead him down a rabbit hole of hedonism and disillusionment, and ultimately to the dark secret behind the story of Fillory. The land of his childhood fantasies turns out to be much darker and more dangerous than he ever could have imagined. . . . The prequel to the New York Times bestselling book The Magician King and the #1 bestseller The Magician's Land, The Magicians is one of the most daring and inventive works of literary fantasy in years. No one who has escaped into the worlds of Narnia and Harry Potter should miss this breathtaking return to the landscape of the imagination.

Batman and the Magician Aug 30 2020

The Magician King Jan 27 2023 Return to Fillory in the riveting sequel to the New York Times bestseller and literary phenomenon, The Magicians, now an original series on SYFY, from the author of the #1 bestselling The Magician's Land. Quentin Coldwater should be happy. He escaped a miserable Brooklyn childhood, matriculated at a secret college for magic, and graduated to discover that Fillory—a fictional utopia—was actually real. But even as a Fillorian king, Quentin finds little peace. His old restlessness returns, and he longs for the thrills a heroic quest can bring. Accompanied by his oldest friend, Julia, Quentin sets off—only to somehow wind up back in the real world and not in Fillory, as they'd hoped. As the pair struggle to find their way back to their lost kingdom, Quentin is forced to rely on Julia's illicitly learned sorcery as they face a sinister threat in a world very far from the beloved fantasy novels of their youth.

The Magician and the Mouse Apr 06 2021

Magician and Fool Mar 17 2022 Pamela Colman Smith, newly arrived from New York to her birthplace of London, is received as an oddball in Victorian society. Her second sight helps her in her new job: illustrating tarot cards for the Golden Dawn, a newly formed occult group. But when

Pamela refuses to share her creations with Aleister Crowley, a controversial magician, he issues a threat: give up the cards' power, or he'll harm her muses. In the midst of this battle, two of Pamela's idols, the actors Henry Irving and William Terriss, take her under their wing. Henry, who tutors her as the leader of the Lyceum Theatre, becomes the muse for her Magician card. William Terriss, teaching her by examples of instinct and courage, becomes the muse for her Fool card. As Pamela begins to create the tarot deck, she is almost overwhelmed by the race to possess the magical power of her cards. In order to defeat Aleister, Henry and William will have to transform into living incarnations of the Magician and the Fool—and Pamela will have to learn how to conjure her own magic.

The Magician and the Sorcerer Jul 21 2022 With the help of his sister the witch, a bird, and a wise man, a magician confronts the evil sorcerer who tries to gain favor with the king.

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The Magician's Land Jan 03 2021 The stunning conclusion to the #1 New York Times bestselling Magicians trilogy, now an original series on SYFY #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST BOOKS The San Francisco Chronicle • Salon • The Christian Science Monitor • AV Club • BuzzFeed • Kirkus • NY 1 • Bustle • The Globe and Mail Quentin Coldwater has been cast out of Fillory, the secret magical land of his childhood dreams. With nothing left to lose he returns to where his story began, the Brakebills Preparatory College of Magic. But he can't hide from his past, and it's not long before it comes looking for him. Along with Plum, a brilliant young undergraduate with a dark secret of her own, Quentin sets out on a crooked path through a magical demimonde of gray magic and desperate characters. But all roads lead back to Fillory, and his new life takes him to old haunts, like Antarctica, and to buried secrets and old friends he thought were lost forever. He uncovers the key to a sorcery masterwork, a spell that could create magical utopia, a new Fillory—but casting it will set in motion a chain of events that will bring Earth and Fillory crashing together. To save them he will have to risk sacrificing everything. The Magician's Land is an intricate thriller, a fantastical epic, and an epic of love and redemption that brings the Magicians trilogy to a magnificent conclusion, confirming it as one of the great achievements in modern fantasy. It's the story of a boy becoming a man, an apprentice becoming a master, and a broken land finally becoming whole.

Mario and the Magician Jan 23 2020 An extraordinary collection of stories from the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature -- the title story, one of Mann's most political, explores the rise of facism by way of a mysterious magician in a small Italian village. In this extraordinary collection of short stories, Thomas Mann uses settings as diverse as Germany, Italy, the Holy Land and the Far East to explore a theme which always preoccupied him: the two faces of things. Thus, in "A Man and His Dog" and "Disorder and Early Sorrow," small domestic tempests become symbolic of the discordant muddle of humanity. In "The Transposed Heads" and "The Tables of Law" the demands of the intellect clash with the desires of physiology -- an idea

developed more fully in "The Black Swan," where body and spirit are tragically out of harmony. Written between 1918 and 1953, these stories offer us both an insight into Mann's development of thought and also some impressive literature from these interesting times.

The Magicians Trilogy Dec 02 2020 The entire #1 New York Times bestselling Magicians trilogy, including *The Magicians*, *The Magician King*, and *The Magician's Land*, now available in one ebook bundle *The Magicians* Quentin Coldwater is brilliant but miserable. A high school math genius, he's secretly fascinated with a series of children's fantasy novels set in a magical land called Fillory, and real life is disappointing by comparison. When Quentin is unexpectedly admitted to an elite, secret college of magic, it looks like his wildest dreams may have come true. But his newfound powers lead him down a rabbit hole of hedonism and disillusionment, and ultimately to the dark secret behind the story of Fillory. The land of his childhood fantasies turns out to be much darker and more dangerous than he ever could have imagined . . . *The Magicians* is one of the most daring and inventive works of literary fantasy in years. No one who has escaped into the worlds of Narnia and Harry Potter should miss this breathtaking return to the landscape of the imagination. *The Magician King* Quentin Coldwater should be happy. He escaped a miserable Brooklyn childhood, matriculated at a secret college for magic, and graduated to discover that Fillory—a fictional utopia—was actually real. But even as a Fillorian king, Quentin finds little peace. His old restlessness returns, and he longs for the thrills a heroic quest can bring. Accompanied by his oldest friend, Julia, Quentin sets off—only to somehow wind up back in the real-world and not in Fillory, as they'd hoped. As the pair struggle to find their way back to their lost kingdom, Quentin is forced to rely on Julia's illicitly learned sorcery as they face a sinister threat in a world very far from the beloved fantasy novels of their youth. *The Magician's Land* Quentin Coldwater has lost everything. He has been cast out of Fillory, the secret magical world of his childhood dreams that he once ruled. With nothing left to lose he returns to where his story began, the Brakebills Preparatory College of Magic. But he can't hide from his past, and it's not long before it comes looking for him. Meanwhile, the magical barriers that keep Fillory safe are failing, and barbarians from the north have invaded. Eliot and Janet, the rulers of Fillory, embark on a final quest to save their beloved world, only to discover a situation far more complex—and far more dire—than anyone had envisioned. Along with Plum, a brilliant young magician with a dark secret of her own, Quentin sets out on a crooked path through a magical demimonde of gray magic and desperate characters. His new life takes him back to old haunts, like Antarctica and the Neitherlands, and old friends he thought were lost forever. *The Magician's Land* is an intricate and fantastical thriller, and an epic of love and redemption that brings the *Magicians* trilogy to a magnificent conclusion, confirming it as one of the great achievements in modern fantasy.

[The Secret History of Magic](#) Jun 27 2020 Pull back the curtain on the real history of magic - and discover why magic really matters If you read a standard history of magic, you learn that it begins in ancient Egypt, with the resurrection of a goose in front of the Pharaoh. You discover how magicians were tortured and killed during the age of witchcraft. You are told how conjuring tricks were used to quell rebellious colonial natives. The history of magic is full of such stories, which turn out not to be true. Behind the smoke and mirrors, however, lies the real story of magic. It is a history of people from humble roots, who made and lost fortunes, and who deceived kings and queens. In order to survive, they concealed many secrets, yet they revealed some and they stole others. They engaged in deception, exposure, and betrayal, in a quest to make the impossible happen. They managed to survive in a world in which a series of technological wonders appeared, which previous generations would have considered magical. Even today, when we now take the most sophisticated technology for granted, we can still be astonished by tricks that were performed hundreds of years ago. *The Secret History of Magic* reveals how this was done. It is about why magic matters in a world that no longer seems to have a place for it, but which desperately needs a sense of wonder.

The Paper Magician Sep 11 2021 "Bound to a magic she never wanted, a young apprentice falls deeper into its mysteries when she must use

everything she's learned from her master in order to save him, and his heart"--P. [4] of cover.

The Magician's Boy Apr 18 2022 Only a child can find the way to bring Saint George back to the play. The Boy works for the Magician, and he wants more than anything to learn magic. But the Magician always says, "Not yet, Boy. Not till the time is right." So the Boy has to be content with polishing the Magician's wand, taking care of the rabbits the Magician pulls out of hats, and doing his favorite job: operating the puppets for the play Saint George and the Dragon, which the Magician always performs as part of his act. Until one day the Saint George puppet disappears, and the angry Magician hurls the Boy into the strange Land of Story to find Saint George. His quest is full of adventures with oddly familiar people, from the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe to the Giant at the top of Jack's beanstalk. But the Boy's last adventure is the most amazing of all -- and changes his life forever.

The Magician and the Merchant Mar 25 2020 Pelagius is a young man in an old town. Bored by the safe and dull, he decides to leave home to make his fortune his own way. In this world, money does not grow on trees, so he takes on the career of a merchant. Loading a cart with fancy goods, accompanied by his faithful horse and cunning cat, he starts his journey to a distant town. To get there safely he must cross a land of thieves. Once there, he will meet two wise men. One is a scientific magician. The other is the secretive chief of police. Pelagius learns the strange ways of that city and begins to sell his goods. But it is a vain and dangerous place. Indeed, it plans an invasion of his own home town. The magician has a love of football, so offers to join him on condition that they create a proper football team while preparing the town for defence. Helped by his wife (our hero married young) and the children of the local school, our friends must come up with one cunning plan after another to save them all. First, Pelagius crosses the sea to find allies. These turn out to be an alien tribe with a logic different to our own. The story builds to a climax when the two sides must battle each other. This is a story enlivened by humour and some original songs. It is written clearly enough for younger readers but has some advanced ideas that will appeal to all ages.

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