



Monthly Booklist

August 2007

Harry Potter-themed books
for younger children.

Georgie by Robert Bright. (1944) Ages 3-7

Reprinted in 1999, this old favorite is the tale of a “gentle little ghost” who has adventures with his friends Herman the cat and Miss Oliver the owl.

The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie De Paola. (1980) Ages 3-8

A knight who has never fought a dragon and a dragon who has never fought a knight come together to find that they may be more than the fighters they are supposed to be.

The Magic Hat by Mem Fox, illus. by Tricia Tusa. (2002) Ages 3-8

A magic hat flies into town and changes adults into different types of animals. The townspeople are puzzled, until a giant wizard shows up and changes them back. When the wizard slips off and puts his magic hat back on, he changes into a small child.

The Magic Rabbit by Richard Jesse Watson. (2005) Ages 4-8

A rabbit who has splendid powers is, nevertheless, lonely and tries to create a companion using magic. Large pages make for striking pictures of his tricks and the animals he conjures up.

Monday's Troll by Jack Prelutsky, illus. by Peter Sís. (1996) Ages 4 and up

The current Children's Poet Laureate's collection of 17 poems about mystical characters is intended for elementary-schoolers, but the rhyme and rhythm are so catchy that they might appeal to any age. Illustrations use a subdued palette and are framed with a gold border, as though hung in a portrait gallery.

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, illus. by Patrick Benson. (1996) Ages 1-4

When three owls wake in the middle of the night to find their mother has gone, they begin to fret. The three work together to make each other feel safe, and realize when their mother returns that they are nocturnal. Maybe one of them will grow up to serve as a messenger at Hogwarts!

Walter's Magic Wand by Eric Houghton, illus. by Denise Teasdale. (1989) Ages 3-8

Feeling restless at the library, Walter combines his imagination with his magic wand to bring several exotic books to life and complicate the librarian's tidy existence.

Word Wizard by Cathryn Falwell. (1998) Ages 4-8

With her magic spoon, Anna rearranges letters to form anagrams as she and young Zack discover the wonder of words.