

We urge our friends and readers to take a stand with us in NOT SUPPORTING the Harry Potter franchise.

As you may be aware, J.K. Rowling has publicly voiced her opinions on transgender rights since 2018. What you may not know is that in more recent years, her anti-transgender opinions have become so much more than just a few off remarks.

Recently, Rowling not only opposed but also donated £70,000 to the legal challenge of the Scottish Gender Recognition Reform Bill, which would have given transgender people the ability to more easily and legally change their gender. In April of 2025, the UK Supreme Court ruled that the term woman does not include transgender women. Rowling unabashedly celebrated this ruling on a yacht, while enjoying a cocktail and cigar.

In May of 2025, Rowling then created an organization (J.K. Rowling Women's Fund) to provide legal support in cases involving "women's sex-based rights"--in other words, Rowling is now funding the anti-trans movement, and her net worth is over a billion dollars.

In addition, back in 2022, Rowling established Beira's Place, an organization supporting women who've experienced sexual violence, which explicitly does not hire or offer services to transwomen.

This is really only the tip of the iceberg. Rowling repeatedly and intentionally misgenders people, and has stated that she would rather go to prison than use correct pronouns. Her new novels are, well, problematic--we'll leave it at that.

Rowling has stated that 90% of her fans agree with her statements and actions in regards to trans people, and that they're just afraid to publicly say so. She has also sarcastically dismissed fan backlash as if irrelevant. Let's show her that she is not invincible.

As book and music lovers, we totally understand the notion of separating the art from the artist, and in this instance, we feel that the amount of harm Rowling has caused a small and vulnerable group of people, and the danger of what more she could do, appallingly overshadow what we consider to be an unexceptional fantasy series. Yes, we said what we said.

Unexceptional. While we understand and are sympathetic to the Harry Potter fervor of the past, there is no need to continue fueling this, when there are frankly so many other good fantasy books to read. It seems somewhat ironic to us that those who cling to the story of the misfit boy wizard would carry on indulging in merchandise and now a tv series, when all of that now directly funds the ostracization of a frequently misunderstood minority.

Our own kids are getting old enough now to know about Harry Potter, and we have told them, in simple terms, why we are choosing not to read the books as a family. If, at some point, they insist, they can check the books out at the library to read themselves. We do fully believe in a free marketplace of ideas, which libraries provide, and at the same time, we want to acknowledge the fact that reading the books (even from the library) does, unfortunately, help to keep Harry Potter culturally relevant.

As we mentioned above, there are so many other good fantasy books to read, and we have some well-organized recommendations for you...

But first, we'd like to give a shoutout to our alma mater The Booksmith in San Francisco for taking the lead in no longer selling Harry Potter books, and to Claire Linney, author of The Time Tub Travellers series, and one of our favorite Bookstagrammers (@claire\_linney), who reviews excellent, inclusive books on the daily.

We're also actively reviewing books that we read with our children, including some of those listed below. Follow us on Goodreads (Kiara Brinkman) and Instagram @clearlineandword to read our reviews.

### PICTURE BOOK FANTASY SERIES FOR ALL AGES:

[Sato the Rabbit Volumes 1-4 by Yuki Aino](#)

[Journey Trilogy by Aaron Becker](#)

[Chirri & Chirra books by Kaya Doi](#)

[Itty-Bitty Kitty Corn by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Julia's House Trilogy by Ben Hatke](#)

[Uni the Unicorn series by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Brigette Barrager](#)

[The Three Sisters by Jùlia Sardà](#)

[Not Quite Narwhal and Friends by Jessie Sima](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

### GRAPHIC NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGES 7 to 8 AND UP:

[Witches of Brooklyn by Sophie Escabasse](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke](#)

[Bug Boys by Laura Knetzger](#)

[Haru by Joe Latham](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Pilu of the Woods by Mai K. Nguyen](#)→not a series

[The Tea Dragon Series by Katie O'Neill](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[Hilda by Luke Pearson](#)

[Lightfall by Tim Probert](#)

[Batcat by Meggie Ramm](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[Jellaby by Kean Soo](#)

[Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly by Jordan Quinn and Glass House Graphics](#)

[Atana by Vivian Zhou](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

### GRAPHIC NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGES 9 AND UP:

[Nightlights by Lorena Alvarez](#)

[Legend of the Fire Princess \(She-Ra\) by Gigi D.G., ND Stevenson, and Paulina Ganucheau](#)→not a series→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[Sorceline by Sylvia Douyé, Paola Antista, Ivanka Hahnenberger](#)

[Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi](#)

[The Rema Chronicles by Amy Kim](#)

[Wingbearer by Marjorie Liu](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Anzu and the Realm of Darkness by Mai K. Nguyen](#)→not a series

[The Witch Boy Trilogy by Molly Knox Ostertag](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[Rune by Carlos Sánchez](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Bone by Jeff Smith](#)

[The Okay Witch by Emma Steinkellner](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Hooky by Miriam Bonastre Tur](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

[Lumberjanes by Shannon Watters, Gus Allen, and ND Stevenson](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ contributors

[City of Dragons by Jaimal Yogis and Vivian Truong](#)→LGBTQ+ representation

#### GRAPHIC NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGE 11 AND UP:

[Kindred Dragons by Sarah Mensinga](#)

[Séance Tea Party by Reimena Yee](#) — not (yet) a series→LGBTQ+ representation

#### GRAPHIC NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

[The Worst Ronin by Maggie Tokuda-Hall](#) –not a series

[Nimona by ND Stevenson](#)–not a series→ LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author/illustrator

[The Raven Boys Graphic Novel by Maggie Stiefvater, Stephanie Williams and Sas Milledge](#) (based on the Raven Cycle novels by Maggie Stiefvater)→ LGBTQ+ representation

[Middlewest by Skottie Young](#)

#### BEGINNING READER FANTASY SERIES FOR AGES 5 AND UP:

[Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro and Marion Lindsay](#)

[Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin and S.D. Schindler](#)

[Wrenly by Jordan Quinn and Robert McPhillips](#)

[Dragon Masters by Tracey West and Graham Howells](#) →LGBTQ+ representation

#### NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGES 7 to 8 AND UP:

[Diary of an Accidental Witch by Perdita Cargill, Honor Cargill, and Katie Saunders](#)

[Moonlight Riders by Linda Chapman](#)

[Seekers by Erin Hunter](#)

[Oona Bramblegoop's Sideways Magic by Kate Korsh and Marta Altés](#)

[Witchycakes by Kara LaReau and Ariane Moreira](#)→ LGBTQ+ representation

[Time Tub Travellers by Claire Linney](#)

[The Last Firefox by Lee Newbery](#)→ LGBTQ+ representation

[Mayowa and the Sea of Words by Chibundu Onuzo](#)

[Willow's Woods by Suzanne Selfors and Ramona Kaulitzki](#)

#### NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGE 9 AND UP:

[Wolves Chronicles by Joan Aiken](#)

[The Leap Cycle by Patience Agbabi](#)

[Deephaven Mystery by Ethan M. Aldridge](#)→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author

[The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton](#)

[Aru Shah by Roshani Chokshi](#)→ LGBTQ+ representation

[The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper and Justin Hernandez](#)

[Wilderlore by Amanda Foody](#)→ LGBTQ+ representation

Wings of Olympus by Kallie George and Fiona Hsieh  
Sal and Gabi by Carlos Hernandez→ LGBTQ+ representation  
Artezans by L.D. Lapinski→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L.D. Lapinski→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Sidekick Squad by C.B. Lee→ LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
The Whisperwicks by Jordan Lees with illustrations by Vivienne To  
The Myth of Monsters by Katherine Marsh  
Onyeka by Tolá Okogwu  
Witchlings by Claribel A. Ortega→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Aliya to the Infinite City by Laila Rifaat  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan→ LGBTQ+ representation  
Casander Darkbloom by P.A. Staff  
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart and Carson Ellis  
Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland→ LGBTQ+ representation  
Sir Callie by Esme Symes-Smith→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Greenwild by Pari Thomson→ LGBTQ+ representation

#### NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR AGE 11 AND UP:

Supernatural Investigations by B.B. Alston  
A Tale of Magic by Chris Colfer→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Nico De Angelo Adventure by Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro→LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author

#### NOVEL FANTASY SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

[The Weetzie Bat series by Francesca Lia Block](#)→LGBTQ+ representation  
Infinity Alchemist by Kacen Callender → LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author  
Of Fire and Stars Duology by Audrey Coulthurst and Jordan Saia→ LGBTQ+ representation  
These Feathered Flames by Alexandra Overy→ LGBTQ+ representation  
Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan→ LGBTQ+ representation  
Simon Snow Trilogy by Rainbow Rowell→ LGBTQ+ representation  
The Raven Cycle by Maggie Stiefvater → LGBTQ+ representation  
Crier's War by Nina Varela→ LGBTQ+ representation and LGBTQ+ author

*[Books we've read and fully endorse appear in blue](#)*

*[Books we plan to read appear in green](#)*