

My Sister Sif / Ruth Park

When 14-year-old Riko and her delicate older sister Sif return to their remote Pacific island home, an American scientist falls in love with Sif and discovers her connection to a magnificent underwater city. *Gr. 5+*

Drift House: The First Voyage / Dale Peck

Sent to stay with their uncle in a ship-like home called Drift House, 12-year-old Susan and her two stepbrothers embark on an unexpected adventure involving mermaids, pirates, and an attempt to stop time forever. *Gr. 5+*

The Islander / Cynthia Rylant

Living with his grandfather on an island off British Columbia, orphaned ten-year-old Daniel feels deep loneliness until the night he meets a mermaid whose identity he tries to learn.

Teenage Mermaid / Ellen Schreiber

Fifteen-year-old Spencer falls in love with Lilly, a mermaid who rescues him from drowning and who returns to land to find him. *Gr. 6+*

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Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

These titles may be found in Juvenile Fiction

Under the Serpent Sea / Tony Abbott

When Eric dreams about Keeah and the sea witch Demither visiting his house, he and his friends return to Droon to discover that Demither is stirring up trouble for Keeah, and that their old enemy Lord Sparr may be behind it all. *Book 12 in the Secrets of Droon series. Gr. 3+*

The Lost Island of Tamarind / Nadia Aguiar

Thirteen-year-old Maya, who has spent her life at sea with her marine biologist parents, yearns for a normal life. But when a storm washes her parents overboard, Maya and her brother and sister land at a mysterious, uncharted island filled with danger, and their lives becomes anything but normal. *Gr. 5+*

Keeper / Kathi Appelt

On the night of the blue moon when mermaids are said to gather on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico, ten-year-old Keeper sets out in a small boat, with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain, determined to find her mother, a mermaid, as Keeper has always believed, who left long ago to return to the sea. *Gr. 4+*

Secondhand Charm / Julie Berry

On her journey to the royal university to become a doctor, fifteen-year-old Evie, wearing potent gypsy charms, learns of her monstrous inheritance. *Gr. 5+*

Real Mermaids Don't Wear Toe Rings / Hélène Boudreau

When Jade's hormonal change into womanhood also includes developing scales and a tail, she discovers she's inherited her mermaid tendencies from her late mother, and it prompts her to investigate how her mother died. *Book one in the Real Mermaids series. Gr. 5+*

Selkie Girl / Laurie Brooks

When sixteen-year-old Elin Jean finds a seal pelt hidden at home and realizes that her mother is actually a selkie, she returns the pelt to her mother, only to find her life taking many unexpected turns. *Gr. 6+*

The Boggart and the Monster / Susan Cooper

In this companion volume to **The Boggart**, the invisible and mischievous spirit living in the Scottish Castle Keep sets out to help save Nessie the Loch Ness Monster, one of its few remaining cousins. *Gr. 4+*

Ingo / Helen Dunmore

In a novel full of mystery and magic, Sapphire, who lives on the Cornwall coast with her family, is drawn to the sea and the place of her father's stories: Ingo, the undersea kingdom of the Mer people. *Book one in the Ingo Chronicles series. Gr. 4+*

The Mermaid of Cafur / Evelyn Foster

When Arianne—a beautiful but cruel mermaid who lives in the underwater kingdom of Cafur—entices Ewan into her watery abode, she does not realize he has a sister, Meghan, who will stop at nothing to rescue her young brother. *Gr. 4+*

Aquamarine / Alice Hoffman

A love-struck mermaid named Aquamarine supplies adventure and insights to two twelve-year-old girls, life-long friends who are spending their last summer together before one of them moves away. *Gr. 5+*

The Mermaid Summer / Mollie Hunter

With the help of her brother, Jon, twelve-year-old Anna daringly seeks to discover the secret means to undo a mermaid's curse upon their grandfather. *Gr. 5+*

The Tail of Emily Windsnap / Liz Kessler

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world. *Book one in the Emily Windsnap series. Gr. 4+*

The Water Horse / Dick King-Smith

In 1930, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature, and as he grows her family must decide what to do with him. *Gr. 3+*

The Dragon in the Sea / Kate Klimo

Jesse and Daisy and their dragon friend, Emmy, try to recover a Thunder Egg from merpeople who stole it from Daisy near the Inn of the Barking Seal, where the cousins are visiting their grandmother Polly. *Book five in the Dragon Keepers series. Gr. 4+*

Daughters of the Sea: Hannah / Kathryn Lasky

In 1899, a fifteen-year-old orphan, who works as a servant for a wealthy Boston family, accompanies the family to their summer home in Maine where she feels an undeniable pull to the sea. *Gr. 5+*

Many Waters / Madeleine L'Engle

The fifteen-year-old Murry twins are accidentally sent back to a strange Biblical time period, in which mythical beasts roam the desert and a man named Noah is building a boat in preparation for a great flood. *Gr. 4+*

Pirate Curse / Kai Meyer

14-year-old orphan Jolly is a polliwog—a person born with the magical ability to walk on water. When she befriends Munk, a fellow polliwog, they embark upon adventures involving sea monsters, pirates, and ghosts. *Book one in the Wave Walkers series. Gr. 5+*

Sink or Swim / Sarah Mlynowski

Abby and her brother Jonah go through the magic mirror in their basement, and they find themselves interfering in the Little Mermaid story—and needing to set things right and make sure everyone has a happy ending. *Book three in the Whatever After series. Gr. 4+*