

THE STORY THIEVES

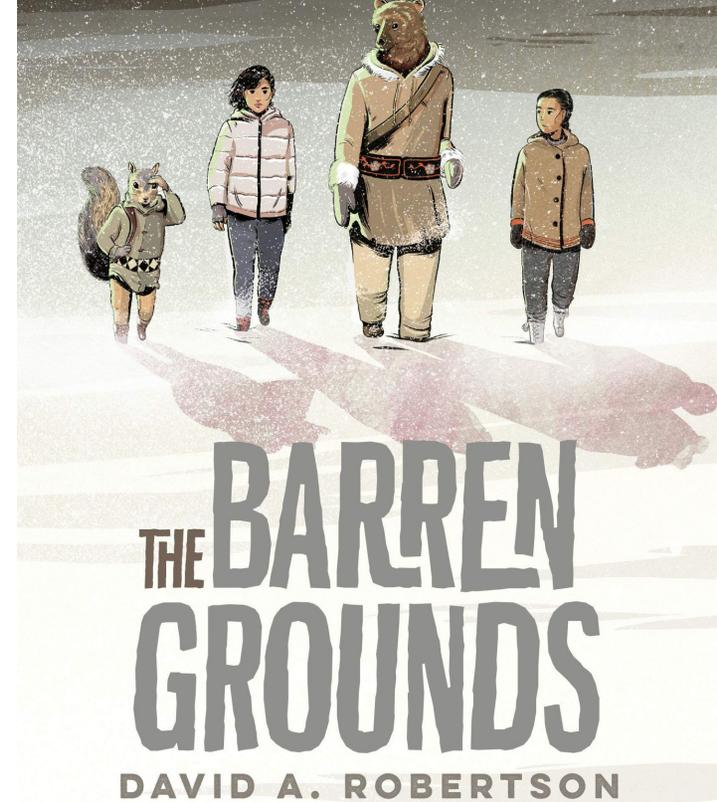
JAMES RILEY

Except for reading the Kiel Gnomerfoot magic adventure series, Owen's life is boring until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the school library and he learns that Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character.

THE BARREN GROUNDS

DAVID A. ROBERTSON

Morgan and Eli struggle to fit in at school and their new foster home until they find a portal in the attic that takes them to another world. They meet Ochek, the only hunter supporting his starving community, Misewa. As food becomes desperate, they must embark on a dangerous mission to try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winters freezes everyone.



CHILDREN'S FANTASY

For middle graders

**A ROYAL GUIDE TO MONSTER
SLAYING**
KELLEY ARMSTRONG

Twelve-year-old Rowan is next in line to be Queen; her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Rowan would give anything to switch places, but the oldest child is always next in line, even if she is only older by two minutes. But tragedy shatters the longstanding rule, and Rowan finds herself hunting the most dangerous monster of all: a gryphon.

MAYA AND THE RISING DARK
RENA BARRON

When her Papa goes missing, Maya is thrust into a world both strange and familiar. Her father is the guardian of the veil between our world and the Dark--where an army led by the Lord of Shadows awaits. But now that the veil is failing, the Lord of Shadows is determined to destroy the human world and it's up to Maya to stop him.

THE IRON TRIAL
HOLLY BLACK & CASSANDRA CLARE

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst -- and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him.

CITY OF THE PLAGUE GOD
SARWAT CHADDA

Thirteen-year-old Sik wants a simple life going to school and helping at his parents' deli. But all that is blown to smithereens when Nergal comes looking for him, thinking that Sik holds the secret to eternal life. Turns out Sik is immortal but doesn't know it, and that's about to get him and the entire city into deep, deep trouble.

THE INQUISITOR'S TALE
ADAM GIDWITZ

1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon.

GIANT GIRL AND THE MONKEY KING
VAN HOANG

Eleven-year-old Thom Ngho is keeping a secret: she's strong. Like suuuuper strong. Freakishly strong. And it's making it impossible for her to fit in. In a desperate bid to get rid of her super strength, Thom makes a deal with the Monkey King, a powerful deity and legendary trickster she accidentally released from his 500-year prison sentence.