



Spellbinding Stories

Enchant kids with these page-turners filled with magic and mystery. BY DIANA AYDIN

1

Ghost Squad

Written by Claribel A. Ortega
Twelve-year-old Lucely Luna has a secret—she can see cocuyos, the firefly spirits of her deceased Dominican relatives. When the fireflies start to fade, Lucely and her bestie, Syd, recite a spell from a magical book to bring them back, accidentally launching a “ghost-pocalypse” in the process. Ages 8 to 12



2

Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol: The Vampire Ate My Homework

Written by Andres Miedoso, illustrated by Victor Rivas
Everyone’s favorite third-grader ghost detectives (the fearful Andres and the fearless Desmond) are back, this time in a spooky yet goofy adventure that has them trying to solve the mystery of a hungry vampire with a taste for homework. Ages 5 to 9



4

Goldie Vance: The Hocus-Pocus Hoax

Written by Lilliam Rivera, illustrated by Elle Power and Mel Valentine Vargas
The chapter-book series, which includes pages of full-color comics, follows Marigold “Goldie” Vance, a sleuth who lives and works at the Crossed Palms Resort in St. Pascal, Florida. Her latest mission: figuring out who’s creating magical mayhem at the hotel’s League of Magical Arts Convention. Ages 8 to 12



5

Manu

Written and illustrated by Kelly Fernández
At a magical school for girls, mischievous Manu loves nothing more than stirring up trouble for her teachers and classmates. But when a prank goes wrong, Manu loses her powers, only to gain them back—and then some! Ages 8 to 12



6

Fearless

Written by Mandy Gonzalez
Middle-schooler Monica Garcia’s dreams come true the day she lands a role as an understudy in a real Broadway play at the famed Ethel Merman Theater. The only problem? The theater is, gulp, cursed! Ages 8 to 12



3

Little Astrology Catrinas

Written and illustrated by Mariana Galvez
This engaging board book from Lil’ Libros teaches kiddos the zodiac signs in English and español, thanks to a little help from 12 Día de los Muertos catrinas. Ages 2 to 4

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