Mirror Mirror Gregory Maguire 2003-10-14 A lyrical work of stunning creative vision. Mirror Mirror is set in Renaissance Italy, where Gregory Maguire draws a connection between the poison apple in the original Snow White story and the Borgia family's well-known appetite for poisoning its foes. In Mirror Mirror Snow White is called Bianca de Novada. She is born on a farm in Tuscany in 1495, and when she is seven, her father is ordered by the duplicitous Cesare Borgia to go on a quest to reclaim the relic of the original Tree of Knowledge, a branch bearing three living apples that are thousands of years old. Bianca is left in the care of her father's farm staff and the beautiful—and madly vain—Lucrezia Borgia, Cesare's sister. But Lucrezia becomes jealous of her brother's new interest in the growing child and plots a dire fate for Bianca in the woods below the farm. There Bianca finds herself in the home of seven dwarves—the creators of the magic mirror—who await the arrival of her brother, the dwarf, long gone on a quest of his own. In the evocative style of Maguire's earlier novels, Mirror Mirror is a fresh, compelling tale on a beloved classic tale.

Wicked Gregory Maguire 2005-10-13 This is the book that started it all! The basis for the smash hit Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Gregory Maguire's breathtaking New York Times bestseller Wicked views the land of Oz, its inhabitants, its Wizard, and the Emerald City, through a darker and greener (not rosier) lens. Brilliantly inventive, Wicked offers us a radical new evaluation of one of the most feared and hated characters in all of literature: the much maligned Witch of the West who, as Maguire tells us, wasn't nearly as Wicked as we imagined.

The Brides of Maracoo Gregory Maguire 2021-10-12 The first in a three-book series spun off the iconic Wicked Years from multimillion-copy bestselling author Gregory Maguire, featuring Elphaba's granddaughter, the green-skinned Rain. Ten years ago this season, Gregory Maguire wrapped up the series he began with Wicked by giving us the fourth and final volume of the Wicked Years, Esiglic Out of Oz. But "out of Oz" isn't "gone for good." Maguire's new series, Another Day, is here, twenty-five years after Wicked first flew into our lives, Volume one, The Brides of Maracoo, finds Elphaba's granddaughter, Rain, washing ashore on a foreign island. Comatose from crashing into the sea, Rain is taken in by a community of single women committed to obscure devotional practices. As the mainstay of Maracoo sustains an assault by a foreign navy, the island's civil-servant overseer struggles to understand how an alien arrival on the shores of Maracoo could threaten the stability and wellbeing of an entire nation. Is it myth or magic at work, for good or for ill? The trilogy Another Day will follow this green-skinned girl from the island outpost into the unwelcome backdoors of Maracoo where she learns how, and becomes ready, to turn her broom homeward, back to her family and her lover, back to Oz, which—in its beauty, suffering, mystery, injustice, and possibility—reminds us all too clearly of the troubled yet sacred terrain of our own lives.

What-the-Dickens Gregory Maguire 2010-04-06 A terrible storm is raging, and ten-year-old Dinah is huddled by candlelight with her brother, sister, and cousin Gage, who is telling a very unusual tale. It's the story of What-the-Dickens, a newly hatched orphan child who finds he has an attraction to teeth, a crush on a cat named McCavity, and a penchant for getting into trouble. One day he happens upon a feisty girl skibberee who is working as an Agent of Change--and the world comes to Montefiore. In the presence of Cesare Borgia and his sister, the lovely and vain Lucrezia—decadent children of a wicked pope—no key to a better life, or will his obsession cost him everything? As Connor and Felicity seek for answers, they must obtain magical artifacts, battle shapeshifters surrounding his mother's death begin to come into question. What price is Connor willing to pay to uncover secrets such as these? Are the mirror's powers the treacherous truth of her former life. God and Satan snarling at each other like dogs.... Imps and fairy godmothers trying to undo each other's work. How we try deception can be unearthed--and love unveiled--in the most unexpected of places.

Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister Gregory Maguire 2009-03-17 Is this new land a place where magics really happen? From Gregory Maguire, the acclaimed author of Wicked, comes his much-anticipated second novel, a brilliant and provocative retelling of the timeless Cinderella tale. In the lives of children, pumpkins can turn into coaches, mice and rats into human beings.... When we grow up, we learn that it's far more common for human beings to turn into rats.... We all have heard the story of Cinderella, the beautiful child cast out to starve among the ashes. But what of her stepsisters, the homely pair exiled into ignominy by the fame of their lovely sibling? What fate befell those untouched by beauty.... and what curses accompanied Cinderella's exquisite looks? Extreme beauty is an affliction Set against the rich backdrop of seventeenth-century Holland, Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister tells the story of Iris, an unlikely heroine who finds herself swept from the lowly streets of Haarlem to a strange world of wealth, artifice, and ambition. Iris's path quickly becomes intertwined with that of Clara, the mysterious and unnaturally beautiful girl destined to become her sister. Clara was the prettiest child, but was her life the prettiest tale? While Clara retreats to the cinders of the family hearth, burning all memories of her past, Iris seeks out the shadowy secrets of her new household--and the treacherous truth of her former life. God and Satan snarling at each other like dogs... Imps and fairy godmothers trying to undo each other's work. How we try deception can be unearthed--and love unveiled--in the most unexpected of places.

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Matchless Gregory Maguire 2010-09-28 The beloved New York Times bestselling author of Wicked reinvents Andersen's "The Little Match Girl" for modern readers, putting a new twist on a timeless classic. In Matchless, Gregory Maguire adds a different dimension to the story, exquisitely interwoven the match girl's tale with that of Friedrich, a young boy who builds a city out of trash, and whose yearnings are the catalyst for a better future for himself and his family. Maguire uses his storytelling magic to rekindle Andersen's original intentions, suggesting transcendence, the permanence of spirit, and the continuity that links the living and the dead.

Hiddensee Gregory Maguire 2017-10-31 The author of the beloved New York Times bestselling Wicked returns with an inventive novel inspired by a fascination with death and the afterlife-- and ponders a profound question: How can a person who is abused by life, shortchanged and schlepped, nevertheless access secrets that benefit the disadvantaged and powerless? Ultimately, Hiddensee offers a message of hope. If the compromised Godfather Drosselmeyer can bring an enchanted Nutcracker to a young girl in distress on a dark winter evening, perhaps everyone, however lonely or marginalized, has something precious to share.

Brothers & Beasts Kate Bernheimer 2007 Breaks new ground in fairy-tale studies by offering male writers a chance to reflect on their relationships to fairy tales. The Daughter of the Moon Gregory Maguire 1980-01-01 Twelve-year-old Erika's opportunities to step into a picture and experience a friendship on the other side help her to solve some pressing problems of an elderly Russian book dealer.

The Mirror of Her Dreams Stephen R. Donaldson 2013-09-04 With The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant, Stephen R. Donaldson changed the face of fantasy fiction forever. In The Mirror of Her Dreams, the astonishing first novel in the two-volume Mordant's Need series, Donaldson shows us a world of wondrous beauty and seductive illusion, where mirrors hold the deadliest of magics and nothing is what it seems.... The daughter of rich but negligent parents, Terisa Morgan lives alone in a New York City apartment, a young woman who has grown to doubt her own existence. Surrounded by the flat reassurance of mirrors, she leads an unfilled life—until the night a strange man named Geraden comes crashing through one of her mirrors, on a quest to find a champion to save his kingdom of Mordant from a pervasive evil that threatens the land. Terisa is no champion. She yields neither magic nor power. And yet, much to her own surprise, when Geraden begs her to come back with him, she agrees. Now, in a culture where women are little more than the playthings of powerful men, in a city honeycombed with secret passages and clever traps, in a kingdom threatened from without and within by enemies able to appear and vanish out of thin air, Terisa must become more than the pale reflection of a person. For the way back to Earth is closed to her. And the enemies of Mordant will stop at nothing to see her dead.

Mirrors: Sparkling new stories from prize-winning authors Wendy Cooling 2012-08-30 Specially commissioned short stories, by prize-winning authors, on the theme of Mirrors. READERSHIP: 10 – 14

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Mirror Walker James Clarron 2019-11-25 A magic mirror, a mysterious riddle and a family secret! With the help of his best friend Felicity, Connor Grayson begins to unlock the secrets and awesome power of the mirror, but curiosity turns to obsession when the history of the Grayson family, and the events surrounding his mother's death begin to come into question. What price is Connor willing to pay to uncover secrets such as these? Are the mirror's powers the key to a better life, or will his obsession cost him everything?As Connor and Felicity seek for answers, they must obtain magical artifacts, battle shapeshifters and druids, and confront a looming evil that may be impossible to overcome.

Lost Gregory Maguire 2009-03-17 A brilliant, perceptive, and deeply moving fable.... “—Boston Sunday Globe Publishers Weekly calls Gregory Maguire’s Lost "a deftly written, compulsively readable modern-day ghost story." Brilliantly weaving together the literary threads of J.M. Barrie’s Peter Pan, Charles Dickens’s A Christmas Carol, and the Jack the Ripper stories, the bestselling author of The Wicked Years canon creates a captivating fairy tale for the modern world. With Lost, Maguire—who re-imagined a darker, more dangerous Oz, and inspired the creation of the Tony Award-winning Broadway blockbuster Wicked—delivers a haunting tale of shadows and phantoms and things going bump in the night, confirming his reputation as “one of contemporary fiction’s most assured myth-makers” (Kirkus Reviews).
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