

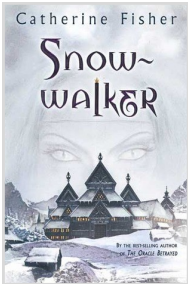
WINTER READS



Towering by Alex Flinn

When Rachel was taken to live in a tower by a woman she calls Mama, she was excited. She felt like a princess in a castle. But many years later, Rachel knows her palace is really a prison, and she begins to plan her escape. She is encouraged by the speed with which her golden hair has been growing. It's gotten long enough to reach the ground. And she's begun dreaming of a green-eyed man. Could he be out there in the world? Is he coming to save her? Or will she find a way to save herself?

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Snow-walker by Catherine Fisher

From the frozen mists beyond the edge of the world comes Gudrun, the Snow-walker, to rule the Jarl's people through fear and sorcery. But the enchantress has one weakness: her son, Kari, banished as a child to Thrasirshall—a forbidding fortress in the desolate, snowbound north. The people of the Jarl have never set eyes on Kari, but in secret they wonder. Because their fathers were loyal to the rightful ruler, Gudrun has exiled Jessa and Thorkil—to Thrasirshall. The cousins wonder if they can survive the impossible trek to the ruined castle. And if they do, what will they find at the end of their journey? A beast? Or the means to stop Gudrun? Together, they must discover a way to free the Jarlshold from tyranny or lose it forever—to the Snow-walker.

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The Greatest Gift by K. George *book 2 in series

Mona the mouse has finally found a place to call home, the cozy Heartwood Hotel, where she works as a maid and sleeps snuggled up in a room with her best friend. Following the festive St. Slumber celebration, most of the guests have settled in to hibernate, and the staff is looking forward to a relaxing winter. But disruptions abound, from a difficult duchess to a mysterious midnight snacker. As the snow stacks higher, Mona will have to gather friends both old and new to keep the peace, finding help in some of the most unexpected places.

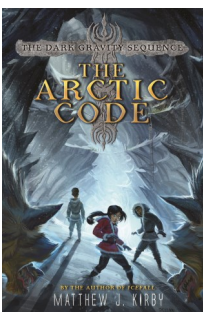
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The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLachlan

Teddy is a gifted dog. Raised in a cabin by a poet named Sylvan, he grew up listening to sonnets read aloud and the comforting clicking of a keyboard. Although Teddy understands words, Sylvan always told him there are only two kinds of people in the world who can hear Teddy speak: poets and children. When Teddy finds Nickel and Flora trapped in a snowstorm, he tells them that he will bring them home—and they understand him. The children are afraid of the howling wind, but not of Teddy's words. They follow him to a cabin in the woods, where the dog used to live with Sylvan—only now his owner is gone. As they hole up in the cabin for shelter, Teddy is flooded with memories of Sylvan. What will Teddy do when his new friends go home?

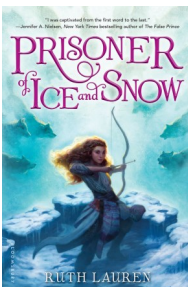
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The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby *book 1 in series

It is the near future, and the earth has entered a new ice age. Eleanor Perry lives in Tucson, one of the most popular destinations for refugees of the Freeze. She is the daughter of a climatologist who is trying to find new ways to preserve human life on the planet. Dr. Perry believes that a series of oil deposits she has found in the Arctic may hold the key to survival. That's when she disappears—but not before sending Eleanor cryptic messages pointing to a mysterious discovery. Now it's up to Eleanor to go find her. This search launches Eleanor on a breathless race to unlock the mysteries of what has happened to our planet, solving the riddle of the cold that could be humanity's end—and uncovering a threat to the earth that may not be of this world.

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Prisoner of Ice and Snow by Ruth Lauren

When Valor is sent to jail, she couldn't be happier. Demidova's Prison for Criminal Children is exactly where she wants to be. Valor's twin sister, Sasha, is serving a life sentence for stealing from the royal family, and Valor is going to help her escape—from the inside. Never mind that no one has escaped the prison in centuries. Valor has a master plan, and resources most people could only dream about. But she didn't count on having to outsmart both the guards and her fellow prisoners. If Valor's plan is to succeed, she'll need to make some unlikely allies. And if the plan fails, she and Sasha could end up with fates worse than prison.

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The Long Winter by Laura Ingalls Wilder *book 6 in series

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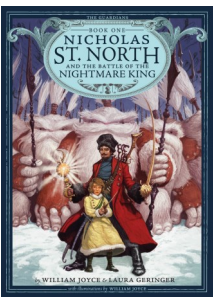
The fledgling town of De Smet in the Dakota Territory is hit hard by the brutal winter of 1880-1881. Laura and her family face the winter as best they can, but soon blizzards have covered the town in snow that piles up to the rooftops, cutting the town off from supplies and trade. Food stores begin to run dangerously low. To save the town from starvation, young Almanzo Wilder and a friend brave the conditions and set off across the prairie in search of wheat.



Greenglass House by Kate Milford

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Greenglass House is always quiet during winter, and Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, the guest bell rings, then rings again—and again. Soon Milo's home is full of odd, secretive guests—each one bearing a strange story connected to the rambling old house. As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House—and themselves.



Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King by William Joyce

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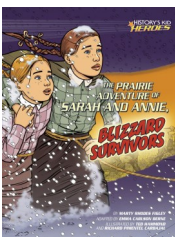
Before Santa was Santa, he was Nicholas St. North—a daredevil swordsman whose prowess with double scimitars was legendary. Like any swashbuckling young warrior, North seeks treasure and adventure—leading him to the fiercely guarded village of Santoff Claussen, said to be home to the greatest treasure in all the East. But when he arrives, legends of riches have given way to terrors of epic proportions! When our rebellious hero gets sucked into the chaos (literally), the fight becomes very personal. For North, this is a battle worth fighting—and, he's not alone. There are five other Guardians out there, if he can find them in time.



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis *book 2 in series

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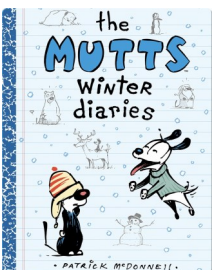
It's the height of WWII, and the four Pevensie children have been evacuated from London and sent to live with a mysterious old man in an enormous house. While playing in the attic one day, they hide in a beautiful old wardrobe—and are transported to a magical land called Narnia, which has been enslaved by the White Witch who keeps the country in a perpetual winter, and its residents in perpetual fear. Then Aslan, a talking lion, returns—and things begin to change. Can they defeat the White Witch and free Narnia from her evil spell?



Prairie Adventures of Sarah and Annie by Emma Carlson Berne

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Sisters Sarah and Annie arrive at school on an unusually warm January day. When the worst blizzard in memory descends without warning, their teacher must make a decision. Should they stay in the schoolhouse after the roof caves in, or should they brave the storm in search of safety?



The Mutts Winter Diaries by Patrick McDonnell

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It's wintertime for our favorite furry friends, Earl and Mooch, and they have a lot to do to get ready to hibernate. Step 1: Fill their bellies with shnacky shnacks. Step 2: Cozy up on their people's warm laps. Or maybe instead of hibernating, Mooch and Earl will help Shtinky Puddin', Bip and Bop, and the rest of their buddies enjoy the beautiful and magical winter season.