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**Title:** The Kitchen Knight A Tale of King Arthur

**Retold by:** Margaret Hodges

**Illustrated by:** Trina Schart Hyman

**First Line:** “In the springtime, when the Round Table was in its glory, King Arthur always held a high feast.”

**Last Line:** “Thus ends the tale of Sir Gareth of Orkney.”

**Vocabulary:** Round Table, King Arthur, feast, seaside, castle, courtyard, dwarf, dismounted, modest, knights, granted, jest, steward, armor, peasant, Sir Lancelot, courtesy, jousted, squire, noblest, dwell, tyrant, spurs, breastplate, sword, shield, lance, thrust, squires, dubbed, foul, ladles, civil, hawthorn tree, banner, silk, barring, smote, pavilions, joust, spears, hewn, perilous, besieged, sycamore, ivory, high noon, yonder, folly, helmet, marsh, moor, plunged, mire, drawbridge, disguised

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**Title:** Saint George and the Dragon

**Retold by:** Margaret Hodges

**Illustrated by:** Trina Schart Hyman

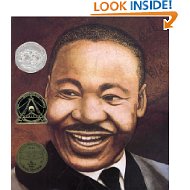
**Caldecott Medal**

“A beautifully crafted book, a fine combination of author and illustrator. The paintings are richly colored, lush, detailed, and dramatic.” – ***School Library Journal***

**First Line:** “In the days when monsters and giants and fairy folk lived in England, a noble knight was riding across a plain.”

**Last Line:** “But the knight did not forget his promise to serve the Fairy Queen, and when she called him into service, off he rode on brave adventures, until at last he earned his name, Saint George of Merry England.”

**Vocabulary:** England, noble, knight, plain, armor, ancient, shield, dented, foe, dwarf, veiled, cloak, perils, hermit, patron, hideous, glistening, bade, vast, pierce, clashed, speckled, devour, smothering, sulfur, stench, wrathful, revenge, hurled, striving, crest, bellowed, devouring, scorched, brandished, smote, anvil, severed, brimstone, scorching, dawn, port, trumpets, laurel, wreaths, tambourines, embraced, ivory, dragonslayer, cloak, veil, shimmered

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**Title:** Martin’s Big Words The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**By:** Doreen Rappaport

**Illustrated by:** Bryan Collier

**First Line:** “Everywhere in Martin’s hometown, he saw the signs, **WHITE ONLY.**”

**Last Line:** “His big words are alive for us today.”

**Vocabulary:** Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks, blistering, protested, segregation, Nobel Peace Prize, Memphis, Tennessee

**Back Page:**

**Important Dates:**

**January 15, 1929:** Martin Luther King, Jr., is born in Atlanta, Georgia

**June 18, 1953:** Coretta Scott and Martin Luther King, Jr., are married

**May 17, 1954:** In Brown v. Topeka Board of Education, U.S. Supreme Court declares racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional

**November 17, 1955:** Yolanda Denise King is born

**December 5, 1955-December 21, 1956:** Montgomery Bus Boycott

**January 10-11, 1957:** The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is founded and Dr. King is chosen president

**February 1, 1960:** The first sit-in in Greensboro, North Carolina

**January 30, 1961:** Dexter Scott King is born

**November 1961-August 1962:** Albany, Georgia, Protest Movement

**March 28, 1963:** Bernie Albertine King is born

**April-May 1963:** Birmingham, Alabama, Protest Movement

**August 28, 1963:** Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech at the March on Washington

**January 23, 1964:** The 24th Amendment eliminates the poll tax in Federal elections

**July 2, 1964:** The Civil Rights Act is signed prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations and in employment

**December 10, 1964:** Dr. King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

**January-March 1965:** Selma, Alabama, Protest Movement

**August 6, 1965:** The Voting Rights Act becomes law

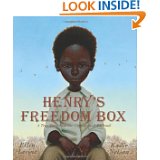
**April 4, 1968:** Dr. King is assassinated

**April 11, 1968:** President Johnson signs the second Civil Rights Act

**October 19, 1981:** The Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Non-Violent Change, also called the King Center, opens in Atlanta, Georgia

**November 22, 1982:** U.S. Senate approves the erection of a monument to Dr. King in Washington, D.C.

**January 15, 1986:** Dr. King’s birthday is celebrated as a national holiday for the first time

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**Title:** Henry’s Freedom Box A True Story from the Underground Railroad

**By:** Ellen Levine

**Illustrated by:** Kadir Nelson

**Caldecott Honor Book**

**Back Cover:** “Henry “Box” Brown was one of the Underground Railroad’s most famous runaway slaves, And he had the most ingenious idea…”

**First Lines:** “Henry Brown wasn’t sure how old he was. Henry was a slave. And slaves weren’t allowed to know their birthdays.”

**Last Line:** “Everyone called him Henry “BOX” Brown.”

**Vocabulary:** beckoned, quilt, soar, swirled, crate, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, vitriol, steamboat, pried

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**Title:** Merlin and the Dragons

**By:** Jane Yolen

**Illustrated by:** Li Ming

**Back Cover:** “Can Merlin’s dream of fire-breathing dragons end King Arthur’s nightmares? Waking from a frightening dream on a rainy night, young King Arthur wonders if he deserves to be king at all. He seeks out the company of Merlin, the old magician, who tells Arthur the story of another boy, Emrys, and of the cruel King Vortigern, for whom Emrys’s dreams of fierce dragons would come to fiery life. And waiting for Arthur at the end of Merlin’s tale is a most important surprise – one that can answer all of the boy king’s questions.”

“Yolen has created a stirring tale within a tale…The legend comes alive on a grand scale.” – ***School Library Journal***

**First Line:** “The NIGHT was dark and storm clouds marched along the sky.”

**Last Line:** “Closing his eyes, he fell immediately to sleep, dreaming of knights and a Round Table.”

**Vocabulary:** tapestries, gnarled, Wales, lute, obliged, eclipse, plunged, ruthless, revolt, flee, bedraggled, tattered, emblazoned, jagged, hackers, haulers, Welsh, bellowed, welts, consulted, prophecy, sacred, fate, spawned, spindly, absorbed, emerged, impudence, conviction, hollow, rubble, vast, descended, emerged, astonished, clashed, straddling, foe, flickering, insolence, surrender, rummaged, dawned, gnarled

**Similes:** “The old magician was asleep in his chair, but woke at once, his eyes quick as a hawk’s.”

“On the third try, like jets of lightning, cracks ran around each stone and they broke apart as if they had been giant eggs.”

“Out of one emerged a dragon white as new milk.”

“Out of the other a dragon red as old wine.”

“Their battle cries like nails on slate echoed in the air.”

“The white dragon followed it down, straddling its fallen foe and screaming victory into the air with a voice like thunder.”

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**Title:** Women and Girls in the Middle Ages

**By:** Kay Eastwood

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**Glossary (Page 32)**

**annul -** To make something invalid or not count

**apprentice** – A person learning a trade by working with someone who is more experienced

**arrogant** – Overly proud

**Christianity** – The religion that follows the teachings of God and Jesus Christ

**clergyman** – A religious leader

**convent** – A walled community where people dedicated themselves to God

**crusade** – A holy war fought by Christians against Muslims to recover the Holy Land, the area where Jesus Christ lived and died

**embroider** – To make a design in cloth using a needle and thread

**entrails** – The internal organs of animals or human’s

**filter** – To remove dirt or other solids from something, using a device with tiny holes that trap the solids

**ginger** – The underground stem of a plant, used as a spice

**humble** – Describing a person who does not act as if he or she is better than others

**inherit** – To receive money or possessions from someone who died

**Islam** – A religion based on the teachings of God, whom Muslims call Allah, and his prophets

**manor** – A noble’s land

**martial art** – A sport that uses warlike techniques for self-defense and exercise

**merchant** – A person who buys and sells goods

**Middle Eastern** – Describing the region of southwestern Asia and northern Africa

**mineral** – A non-living, naturally occurring substance obtained from the ground

**modesty** – Humble or reserved in dress, behavior, and speech

**plaster** – A mixture of lime, sand, and water used to cover ceilings and walls

**priest** – A person who leads religious ceremonies in the Catholic Church

**prophet** – A person who is believed to speak on behalf of God

**rent** – Payment made by tenants to landowners for the use of land

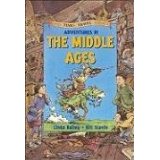
**saffron** – A dark yellow spice from the stamens of a flower

**saint** – A person through whom God has performed miracles, according to the Christian Church

**scholar** – A person who is very educated

**spit** – A skewer or thin rod that holds meat over a fire

**turpentine** – A strong-smelling liquid used to make paint thinner

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**Title:** The Middle Ages

**By:** Linda Bailey

**Illustrated by:** Bill Slavin

**Book Jacket:** *“Adventures in the Middle Ages* is a page-turning mix of adventure story and fascinating facts. The colorful comic-book format, exciting story and funny illustrations will delight kids, while the carefully researched information provides the perfect introductions to an important period in history.

Look for more exciting trips to the past with Josh, Emma and Libby when they revisit the Good Times Travel Agency.”

**Back Cover:** “Trapped! What happens when three kids tumble through time and land smack in the Middle Ages? Big trouble – especially if they lose their only way home.

Join the Binkertons – twins Josh and Emma and their pesky little sister Libby – as they visit the Good Times Travel Agency for a trip unlike any other – to medieval times. The trio quickly discovers that life isn’t all knights in shining armor and stately pageants. First they’re lowly peasants in the fields and then over worked servants in a drafty castle! Things to from bad to worse when the castle is attacked, and flaming arrows and flying cows shower down on them.

***Adventures in the Middle Ages*** is a page-turning mix of adventure story and fascinating facts about life 750 or so years ago. Did you know that knights started their training at just seven years of age? Or that books were so valuable they were locked up? Find out about castles, knights, sieges, the feudal system – and much more.”

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**Title:** The Time Warp Trio No. 1 Knights of the Kitchen Table

**By:** Jon Scieszka

“[The Time Warp Trio’s] tongue-in-cheek humor makes for laugh-out-loud reading.” – ***SLJ,* starred review**

**Back Cover:** “Camelot never had knights like these! How did Joe, Fred, and Sam end up in King Arthur’s court? It all started with *The Book,* a present from Joe’s magician uncle. One minute they were looking at pictures of knights in *The Book* – and the next minute they *are* knights, battling fire-breathing dragons and gross-smelling giants! Can the Time Warp Trio escape death and destruction – and make it back to the twentieth century in time for lunch?”

**First Lines:** “Halt, vile knaves. Prepare to die.”

**Last Lines:** “I won’t,” I promised. “Well, at least not until I’ve read *The Book.”*

**Chapter 1**

**Vocabulary:** vile, knaves, armor, knights, castles, glinted, lance, shield, infidels, mayhap, enchanters, hinges, visor, helmet, spurred

**Chapter 2**

**Vocabulary:** magician, magnificent, wisps, swirl

**Chapter 3**

**Vocabulary:** buckles, clanked, waggled, snorting, hefty, sorcerers, vanish, clomped

**Chapter 4**

**Vocabulary:** vanquish, oaken, staff, slew, Sir Lancelot, Guenevere, Merlin the Magician, Sir Percival, Sir Gawain, Sir Galahad, besieged, King Arthur, Knights of the Round Table

**Chapter 5**

**Vocabulary:** torches, sputtered, cloaks, scourge, chimes, dungeon, stalled, court jester, shuffled, enchantment, vanish, damsels

**Chapter 6**

**Vocabulary:** moat, suspenders

**Chapter 7**

**Vocabulary:** huts, gliding, wisps, shimmering, coiling, thrashed, spiked, thud, splattered

**Chapter 8**

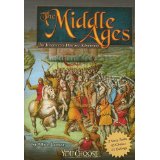
**Vocabulary:** stableboy, imitation, stance, mound, lobbed, Babe Ruth, Detroit Tigers, Stone Age, banquet, whiff, century, time-warped, Middle Ages, squires, dorky, wrath

**Chapter 9**

**Vocabulary:** Excalibur, dub, squires, staggered

**Chapter 10**

**Vocabulary:** magnificent, disguised

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**Title:** The Middle Ages An Interactive History Adventure

**By:** Allison Lassieur

**Back Cover:** “You live during the Middle Ages. Kings and queens live in stunning castles. The Crusades are being fought far away. And a mysterious disease is killing people by the thousands. Will you:

* Fight as a 12th-century knight, hoping to survive battle? OR…
* Be the child of a lady-in-waiting during the 1200s, exploring life in a royal castle? OR…
* Live as a citizen of Florence, Italy, in 1348, praying to survive the Black Plague?

Jump into a life from long ago! YOU CHOOSE who to be, where to go, and what to do. Will you succeed? Will you fail? Will you even survive? It’s up to you!”

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**Chapter 1 Castles, War, and Plague**

**Vocabulary:** historians, Middle Ages, battles, kings, queens, knights, castles, glory, nobles, peasants, warfare, Crusades, Jerusalem, Israel, fiefdom, cathedrals, Black Plague, Europe

**Chapter 2 Honor and Chivalry**

**Vocabulary:** squires, England, armor, summons, chambers, dawn, dub, chivalry, Arab, Muslims, France, Germany, disputes, chancellor, appointed, Marseilles, English Channel, Lincoln Castle, trebuchet, boulders, sling, archers, King Richard of England, King Philip II Augustus of France, Emperor Frederick I Barbarossa of Germany, Asia, magnificent, Sicily, Tancred of Lecce, Queen Joanna of Sicily, hurl, pierces, fleet, hammock, Cyprus, Emperor of Cyprus Isaac Dukas Comnenus, hostage, ambassadors, fleeing, deflect, trumpet, retreat, surrender, abandon, searing, droop, slurred

**Chapter 3 Life in the Castle**

**Vocabulary:** King of England Edward I, Queen Eleanor of Castile, lady-in-waiting, Leeds Castle, steward, escort, basin, laundress, stables, squires, tunic, cloaks, banners, flutter, mortar, venison, leeks, Middle Ages, wincing, rustling, elegant, dismount, whinny, chargers, comfrey root, splint, dagger, shin, sizzle, cauldrons, embroidery

**Chapter 4 The Black Death**

**Vocabulary:** Florence, Italy, Arno River, cobblestone, apprentice, plague, bustling, crucifix, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, errands, shrouded, spared, gagging, abandon, splotches, buboes, becchini, eerily, *The Decameron,* rumpled, venture, pleading, tingling, abandon, florins, deserted, mournfully, whiff, stench, pits, vast, procession

**Chapter 5 The Middle Ages**

**Vocabulary:** nomadic, Roman Empire, Dark Ages

**Glossary**

**bubo (BYU-bo) –** a swelling of a lymph gland, often in the groin

**cathedral (kuh-THEE-druhl) –** a large and important church

**chancellor (CHAN-suh-lur) –** a title for the leader of a country

**chivalry (SHIV-uhl-ree) –** a code of brave and polite behavior that medieval knights were expected to follow

**crucifix (KROO-suh-fix) –** a representation of Christ on the cross

**fiefdom (FEEF-duhm) –** land given to a knight or other noble by a king or noble in exchange for military service

**noble (NOH-buhl) –** a person of wealth and high rank

**siege (SEEJ) –** a military attack

**trapping (TRAP-ing) –** a decoration worn by royal horses

**trebuchet (tre-byoo-SHET) –** a medieval war machine used to throw heavy rocks



**Title:** The Whipping Boy

**By:** Sid Fleischman

**Newbery Medal**

**An ALA Notable Book**

**A *School Library Journal* Best Book**

**Back Cover:** “Jemmy, once a poor boy living on the streets, now lives in a castle. As the whipping boy, he bears the punishment when Prince Brat misbehaves, for it is forbidden to spank, thrash, or whack the heir to the throne. The two boys have nothing in common and even less reason to like one another. But when they find themselves taken hostage after running away, they are left with no choice but to trust each other.”

“A rollicking tale of adventure and mistaken identity, written in a style reminiscent of 19th-century melodrama.” ***– Kirkus Reviews***

“Eminently satisfying.” **– ALA *Booklist***

**Chapter 1** *In which we observe a hair-raising event*

**Vocabulary:** prince, king, feast, lords, ladies, wigs, footman, clasped, scalped, shrieked, cackle, spied, whipping boy, command, orphan, roused, plucked, blazed, defiantly, whacks, humbled, contrite, tower chamber, scowl, fancy, royal, gloat, yelp, bellow, obliged

**Similes:** “The king’s command traveled like an echo from guard to guard up the stone stairway to a small chamber in the drafty north tower.”

“A whipping boy is supposed to yowl like a stuck pig!”

**Chapter 2** *Wherein the prince cannot write his name*

**Vocabulary:** thrashing, velvet, breeches, silk, flyswatter, willow, rigged, duds, peacock, ferrets, scholar, bellowed, pish-posh, tutor, spectacles, obliged, smirking, bawl, yelp, bellow, whacks, contrary, rascal, spite, howl

**Similes:** “The prince raised the switch and beat the whipping boy like a carpet.”

“I’ll have you tracked down till your tongue hangs out like a red flag!”

**Chapter 3** *The runaways*

**Vocabulary:** gazed, chamber, manservant, cloak, wicker, royal, moat, knights, clattered, thrashed, spikes, protested, gallows, scragged

**Simile:** “You’ll get off light as a feather, but I’ll be lucky if they don’t whip me to the bone.”

**Chapter 4** *Containing hands in the fog*

**Vocabulary:** lantern, dawn, castle, stable, cobbled, sewers, halter, crackled, maze, squawks, bellows, insolent, cutthroat, hollow, meat cleaver, cackled

**Simile:** “Like a snake striking, a ghostly hand darted through the fog and clutched his arm.”

**Chapter 5** *Hold-Your-Nose Billy and Cutwater*

**Vocabulary:** garlic, sparrow, clod, ruffian, ballad, fling, exploits, villain, heir, throne, snickered, rogues, chortled, obliged, crest, retorted, scornfully

**Chapter 6** *In which the plot thickens*

**Vocabulary:** wisps, tattered, rickety, thatched, herring, wicker, snatched, bleated, trifle, scoffed, vagabonds

**Simile:** “Braided garlic bulbs hung like knotted ropes from the rafters.”

**Chapter 7** *Being an account of a great mix-up*

**Vocabulary:** rummaged, handkerchiefs, curs, villains, obliged, erupted, quill, chimed, flicking, ignorant, flummox, arrogantly, numskulls, bellowed, haughty

**Simile:** “Handkerchiefs flew out like soiled white doves, worn shoes, ladies’ combs, a cowbell – a junk heap.”

“It dripped like blood onto a China plate.”

“Prince Brat’s face turned red as hot iron.”

**Chapter 8** *The ransom note*

**Vocabulary:** captors, scoundrels, gallows, beet, sullenly, glared, seized, loot, flared, rogues, trifle, bewildered, ransom, flourish, obedient

**Simile:** “Now the fog’s lifted, they’ll be followin’ the lad like a trail of ants.”

“I’ll warn Papa,” Jemmy offered generously, “that if you spy out a single uniform, you’ll crack my neck like a chicken’s.”

**Chapter 9** *Revealing Jemmy’s plan to trick the villains*

**Vocabulary:** clove, garlic, veal, plague, ration, scrawny, draped, herring, pheasant, snickered, contemplated, varmints, stale, scoffed, regal, insolent, oafs, flog, salmon, wits, blanched, prospect, cackle, civil, nabbed

**Simile:** “I’ll flog your hide pink as a salmon.”

**Chapter 10** *In which Prince Brat lives up to his name*

**Vocabulary:** leery, tote, scoffed, treason, whiff, tortured, pretense, ignorant, snickered

**Similes:** “Gaw, Jemmy thought, he’s fuming like a stovepipe at being unprinced.”

“Sweat broke out across his face like raindrops.”

“:Hold-Your-Nose Billy began to pace, munching garlic cloves as if they were grapes.”

**Chapter 11** *Containing a great deal of shouting*

**Vocabulary:** rascals, confounded, errands, contrary, mulishness, lurching, vile, snipe, bleated, parley, imposter, muddled, wicker, fathom, defiant, lash, pitchpipe,

**Simile:** “Contrary as a mule!”

**Chapter 12** *Wherein Jemmy is betrayed*

**Vocabulary:** gleeful, squint, wheezed, vanish, tangled, maze, brambles, smirk, dunce, obliged,

**Similes:** “Jemmy began burrowing like a barn mouse under the moldy straw.”

“It’ll be clear as water the note’s a scrambly-witted fake.”

**Chapter 13** *The chase*

**Vocabulary:** thoroughbred, instinct, nabbed, lurched, vanished, bellows, protested, glaring, betrayed, bristled, pondered, foliage

**Simile:** “He could hear Cutwater close behind, breathing like a bellows.”

**Chapter 14** *In which is heard a voice in the forest*

**Vocabulary:** grimly, garments, wailing, jangling, coiled, amber, tatters, barnacle, heaps, resentment, stag, pranks

**Similes:** “Brambles, reaching out like cat’s claws, tore at their fine garments.”

“The forest trees rose all around them like prison bars.”

“She moved through the trees as quickly as a wood spirit.”

“Didn’t Pa always say I had a head like a compass, rest him in peace!”

“I can’t have you sticking to me like a barnacle.”

“The ladies keep me clean and starched as a pillowcase!”

**Chapter 15** *Of the Hot-Potato Man and other matters*

**Vocabulary:** ventured, strode, embankment, billowing, stave, driftwood, mired, rickety, bog, enameled, lurched, vanished

**Simile:** “Sandpipers scattered like mice before him.”

**Chapter 16** *Wherein the prince neither bawls nor bellows*

**Vocabulary:** scurvy, apprentices, scoffed, muffled, betray, throttle, flummoxed, snarled, ante, plunder, thrash, girded

**Simile:** “He must have a hide like an elephant,” said Cutwater.”

**Chapter 17** *Petunia to the rescue*

**Vocabulary:** winced, bellowed, scruffy, spectacles, vanished

**Similes:** “Cutwater dropped the prince and was off like a greyhound.”

“Hold-Your-Nose Billy, his eyes round as snowballs, went charging off into the river.”

“Gentle as a kitten, he is.”

**Chapter 18** *Of assorted events in which the plot thickens thicker*

**Vocabulary:** cobbled, immense, turf, convict, toting, fetching, privilege, fathom, merriment, lingered, acrobats, stilt, stammer, bluster, stout, gnarled, vague, brazen, balked, stammered, gorged, cockeyed

**Similes:** “Moments later they came to a stout old woman with hands as gnarled as tree roots.”

“They passed a magician with a bald head, a street fiddler, and an umbrella seller, his wares opened around his feet like black silken mushrooms.”

“And then the news seller appeared, his tongue wagging like a bell clapper, a bundle of broadsides under his arm.”

**Chapter 19** *Being a full account of the happenings in the dark sewers*

**Vocabulary:** decree, urgent, looming , cobbled, altered, tarred, wharf, derelict, sloshed, cavernous, receded, haughtiness, manacle, obliged, immense, flummoxed, scuttled, elation, bellowed

**Similes:** “Jemmy turned on him like a cornered rat.”

“Looming up on the cobbled wayside came the hulk of Hold-Your-Nose Billy, with Cutwater following as close as a cow’s tail.”

“It’s black as night in there!”

“Grain-fed rats were swarming over the two of them, nipping and biting and clinging like leeches.”

**Chapter 20** *In which the sun shines and we learn what befell the whipping boy, the prince, and everyone else*

**Vocabulary:** betrayed, befuddled, flicker, ballad, notorious, flee, stow, convict

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**Title:** Ella Enchanted

**By:** Gail Carson Levine

**Newbery Honor Book**

**An ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**

***School Library Journal* Best Book**

***Publishers Weekly* Best Book**

**Back Cover:** “How can a fairy’s blessing be such a curse? At her birth, Ella of Frell was given a foolish fairy’s gift – the “gift” of obedience. Ella must obey any order given to her, whether it’s hopping on one foot for a day or chopping off her own head!

But strong-willed Ella does not tamely accept her fate. She goes on a quest, encountering ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, fairy godmothers, and handsome princes, determined to break the curse – and live happily ever after.”

“As finely designed as a tapestry, with a heroine so spirited that she wins readers’ hearts.” – **ALA *Booklist* (starred review)**

“Thoroughly enchanting.” – ***School Library Journal* (starred review)**

“Plenty of humorous twists and a spunky, intelligent female lead.” – ***Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)**

**First Line:** “That fool of a fairy Lucinda did not intend to lay a curse on me.”

**Last Line:** “And so, with laughter and love, we lived happily ever after.”

**Chapter One**

**Vocabulary:** bestow, inconsolably, expedition, disarray, intense, sash, delay, obedience, docile, rebel, minx, evade, marchpane, pantry, devour, smugly, ogre, leeks, grimaced, courtiers, plucked, spiral, banister, dignified, mimicking, abandoned, infested, grove, pruned, candelabra

**Similes:** “Blue as midnight with a white sash.”

“Each bite weighed on my tongue and felt like a sticky mass of glue as I fought to get it down.”

**Chapter Two**

**Vocabulary:** droning, steadfast, hydra, mahogany, stern, erupted, court, wail, muffle, weeping willow, plunged, spectacle, tawny, swarthy, protest, carriage, grasp, winced, flicked

**Simile:** “His palm was moist and hot as a hydra’s swamp.”

**Chapter Three**

**Vocabulary:** embroidered, coverlet, flounces, gnomes, tilt, mourning, frock, engulfed, encased, rustling, satin, tresses, rouge, curtsied, furrows, etched, bellowed, surveyed, manor, wardrobe, hollow, quail, antlers, delicacy, currant bread, cream trifle, bonbons, daintily, avidly, boar, fringe, scarlet, bayed, ogre, slaughter, complacently, peerage

**Similes:** “You look like a weed in that gown.”

“We stood near the side table, which was loaded with mountains of food, from a whole roast hart with ivy threaded through its antlers to butter cookies as small and lacy as snowflakes.”

“And Olive’s face was a blank as a peeled potato.”

**Chapter Four**

**Vocabulary:** ruffles, blotchy, scowled, immortal, petticoats, pelted, bandit, drought, scoured, copper, pottery, bin, shards, tarry, obedience, defiance, porcelain, miniature, gossamer, pinafore, drapes, mantel, genuine, lass, interrogated, portrait, maiden, heaving, loathsome, conniver

**Simile:** “A man’s hose, a robe, a baby’s pinafore, all thin as a spider’s web.”

**Chapter Five**

**Vocabulary:** voluminous, sparrowgrass, tarragon-mustard sauce, crystal goblet, severed, whisked, oaf, mince, clumsy, bumbling, gawky, blunderer, lumpkin, scallops, tomato aspic, wench, vanished, coiled, hapless, loathe, donned, marveling, disentangled

**Similes:** “It makes the wine sparkle like a garnet.”

“Tonic tasted nutty and good, but it felt slimy, like swallowing a frog.”

**Chapter Six**

**Vocabulary:** scones, bailiff, menagerie, exotic, centaurs, gryphon, moat, ferocity, morsel, haughty, disdainful, curtsies, translate, gargling, consumption, lisping, aqueduct, mirth, leering

**Chapter Seven**

**Vocabulary:** retreated, interior, distress, bewitch, thrashing, dimple, peered, stout, curtsied, wobbled, quest, menagerie, winced, clasped, stowing, concealed, churning, clenched, lunged, deflect, complacently, token, devoted, solemnly, filth, fleeting

**Chapter Eight**

**Vocabulary:** accustomed, stroked, gloating, furrows, dicing, pluck, crest, tapestry, menagerie, verso, plying, terrain, subsiding, defiantly, porridge, vile, remnants, deprived, relished, nauseated

**Chapter Nine**

**Vocabulary:** diversion, lentil, receding, ornamental, pruned, prosperous, strutted, curtsy, portions, embroidery, limp, unkempt, defiantly, elegance, plaited, ecstatically, reverting, smirked, impertinence

**Chapter Ten**

**Vocabulary:** corridor, pastel, tinted, undulating, swathed, gauzy, succumb, stupor, epithets, scones, indignant, harpsichord, glided, invoked, composition, ciphering, slurping, hurl, swagger

**Chapter 11**

**Vocabulary:** condescension, odious, heir, rouge, inaudible, gavotte, sprig, bogweed, sublime, gleeful, malice, brine, retaliated, wench, arbor, gaiety

**Chapter 12**

**Vocabulary:** mince, posturing, imperative, savor, vigil, desolate, cotillion, taffeta, desolate, toil, daintily, luxuriant, tresses, vouchsafed, askew

**Chapter 13**

**Vocabulary:** topiary, currant, pastry, pursuit, conceal, solitary, wary, twilight, phoenix, barrens, dappled, dismissive, sly, amber, tinged, cobbled, parsnip, barley, hammocks, lantern, scuttle, scorched, woebegone, shrewd

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**Vocabulary:** convulsively, heaved, spittle, combatants, brawl, flasks, devoured, destination, habitation, ravenous, legumes, mimicking, raspy

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**Vocabulary:** fettering, warily, benefactors, parceled, boorish, mutton, imposter, trout, welts, exile, blancmange, curtsied, garbled

**Chapter 16**

**Vocabulary:** toiling, noble, curry, trample, frolic, courtier, verso, recto, vanished, devious, prank, bandits, blots, genie, Aladdin’s lamp, confined, boulders, livestock, muzzle, nuzzled, catapult

**Chapter 17**

**Vocabulary:** corset, bodice, torso, toiling, diplomats, protruded, diverted, perplexity, resonated, unconfined, concealed, scrutinize, unblemished, pomegranate, trousers, smock, rapturous, pantomimed, flinched, blissfully, bestowed, felicitous, elope

**Chapter 18**

**Vocabulary:** supplicant, dazzling, mettle, guile, cunning, drowsy, delicacy, blanched, obligingly, hoodwinked, faring, genially

**Chapter 19**

**Vocabulary:** disinheritance, greyhound, drooping, exquisite, bandits, tailor-made, deception, rogue, gullible, irrefutable, torlin kerru, quail eggs, detest, fungi, bland, sage, whisked, ladle, beaux, valiant, solicitous, enamored, grudgingly

**Chapter 20**

**Vocabulary:** endeavor, desolation, besotted, solicitude, coy, revelation, odious, devoid, tresses, alcove, trite, livid

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**Vocabulary:** entwining, foolhardy, venture, recipients, scowling, cotillion, wafted, allemande, impoverished, doublet, bewildering, gavotte, sarabande, courante, allemande, atrocious, ruefully, pavane, dazzling, vanished, temptation, banister, doublet, glowered, felicity, peals

**Chapter 22**

**Vocabulary:** conquests, absurd, draped, cloak, coffers, salvaged, reticule, filigree, lurched, pauper, venom, oppressively, illuminated, deception, tyranny, omitting, salutation, vexed, impertinent, subterfuge

**Chapter 23**

**Vocabulary:** converted, scabbard, pallet, laundress, stifled, scullery maids, obstinate, girth, wench, riveted, bestow, console, lye, gawked, pantomimed, unguents, remedies, parsley, passiflora, culminating, sooty

**Chapter 24**

**Vocabulary:** menial, filthier, tormented, squalor, baseness, respite, cotillion, ballads, threadbare, sooty, query, pedigree, jesting, flattering, coveted, anecdote, pelted, infuriates, condemned, zeal, virtue, heinous, frankness, profusion, extol

**Chapter 25**

**Vocabulary:** spawn, evade, extracted, unscrupulous, flax, eloped, perusal, consolation, grimaced, odious, stalwart, swain, fathom, deception, minxes, artifice, fraud, enchantress, temptress, absurdity, tabby, reparations, cotillion, feign, sniveling, boon, bestowed, parables

**Chapter 26**

**Vocabulary:** renounced, garb, radiantly, proximity, elude, trestle, curtsying, shards, bumpkin, contradicted, petticoats, curtsied, desolate, ravishing, fleecy, cinders, edicts, scullery, tapered, tiara, scruples, incantations, glowered

**Chapter 27**

**Vocabulary:** sovereign, tapestries, pillars, queue, cascading, hovering, stanza, gavotte, affliction, scrutinized, rival, wench, sarabande

**Chapter 28**

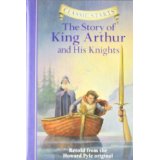
**Vocabulary:** dolt, conceal, deformity, bandit, sovereign, mottled, tedium, menagerie, garland, flounces, aster, simpering, interrogate, oblige, reveling, shunned

**Chapter 29**

**Vocabulary:** skittered, pursuers, donned, cinders, rubbish, probing, jubilant, covert, dagger, parapet, leering, bile, corrosive, menagerie, centaur, doublet, fortitude, invigorated, signify, consent

**Epilogue**

**Vocabulary:** deception, exotic, chimed, trifle, garrulous, chicanery, crockery, sundry, dialect, contrariness

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**Title:** The Story of King Arthur and His Knights

Retold from the Howard Pyle original

**Back Cover:** “Camelot is a mythical, mystical land filled with knights in armor, wily wizards, and beautiful damsels. It’s in this magical setting that Arthur, the “once and future king,” and his exalted Knights of the Round Table live, love, and battle their way across medieval forests and enchanted islands.”

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How King Arthur Became Lost in the Forest and Overcame the Knight-Enchanter, And How Sir Gawaine Finally Became a Noble Knight

**First Line:** “Among the many worthy men who came to London for the contest was the noble knight Sir Ector of Bonmaison.”

**Last Line:** “But for now I bid you good-bye.”

**Part 1: The Winning of Kinghood**

**Chapter 1: *How Sir Kay Fought at London Town, Broke His Sword, and Was Given a New Sword by Arthur***

**Vocabulary:** esquire-at-arms, knight, silk, crest, kings, dukes, courts, lords and ladies, banners, Archbishop of Canterbury, anvil, noble, herald, trumpet, shining armor, accessories, spears, opponents, rival, cloak, stalled

**Chapter 2: *How Arthur Performed the Miracle of the Sword and Discovered His Birthright***

**Vocabulary:** marble, gasped, deeds, Britain, throne

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**Vocabulary:** exception, trial, Camelot, waged, hostages, chivalry

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**Vocabulary:** sable armor, boldness, sooty, shield

**Chapter 2: *How Merlin Brought King Arthur Away from the Field of Battle, How the King Found a Noble Sword, and How He Again Fought with It and Won That Battle***

**Vocabulary:** hermit, couch, soothed, vowed, Excalibur, lilies, daffodils, shore, mercy, hostages, revealed, sheath

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**Chapter 1: *How King Arthur Went to Cameliard and Disguised Himself for a Certain Purpose and How He Fought with the Duke of North Umber***

**Vocabulary:** shivered, violent, seized, disguise, snatched, swoon, humbly, armor, merchant, impact

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**Vocabulary:** defeated, pearl, fate, surged, revealing, identity

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**Vocabulary:** esquires, handkerchiefs, salute, blushed, carved, fade, glory, reign

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**Vocabulary:** splendor, pavilion, marble, gracious, chivalry, solemn, unison, motto

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**Vocabulary:** Round Table, revenge, revealed

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**Vocabulary:** humble, tangled, instincts, horizon, dungeon, lured, pavilion, scarlet

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**Vocabulary:** stroll, pages, flattered, bristles, shuddered, opals, emeralds, esquire, captive, ransoms, wicked, drawbridge, surrendered, humiliation

**Chapter 2: *How Guinevere Quarreled with Sir Gawaine, and How He met Sir Pellias and Promised to Help Him with the Lady Ettard***

**Vocabulary:** arrogant, chamber, monks, abbey, sycamore tree, Ireland, boldly, betrayed

**Chapter 3: *How the Lady of the Lake Took Back Her Necklace from Sir Pellias***

**Vocabulary:** taunts, spear, pierced, hermit, ivory, potion, sparkled, fragile

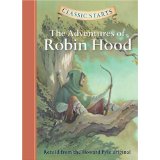
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**Vocabulary:** picnicking, burst, beloved, weeping, clashed, confessed

**Chapter 2: *How King Arthur Became Lost in the Forest and Overcame the Knight-Enchanter, and How Sir Gawaine Finally Became a Noble Knight***

**Vocabulary:** grim, porter, competitor, lopped, hut, mossy, oak tree, coral

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**Title:** The Adventures of Robin Hood

Retold from the Howard Pyle original

**Back Cover:** “After shooting one of the sheriff’s men, Robin Hood must join forces with the outlaws of Sherwood Forest or face certain death. Follow the exploits of Robin and his merry men as they steal from the rich, give to the poor, and fight for justice.”

**First Lines:** “Many years ago in England, when good King Henry II sat on the throne, a famous outlaw lived in Sherwood Forest near the town of Nottingham. His name was Robin Hood.”

**Last Line:** “Then each man mounted a horse and proudly rode off to serve his king.”

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**Vocabulary:** England, King Henry II, Sherwood Forest, Nottingham, archery, lad, stout, notched, outlaw, poached, vowed

**Part I: Robin Hood Matches Wits with the Sheriff of Nottingham**

**Chapter I Robin Hood Meets His Right-Hand Man**

**Vocabulary:** bugle, chat, knight in shining armor, footbridge, bray, donkey, staff, retorted, flawless, opponent, twirled, teetered, spluttered, dunked, splinters

**Chapter 2 The Shooting Match in Nottingham Town**

**Vocabulary:** rogues, boar, disguises, friar, robes, don, tattered, Lincoln green, Yorkshire, London, scarlet, dell, knave, stalked, scroll, clenched, stammered, vile

**Chapter 3 The Rescue of Will Stutely**

**Vocabulary:** slew, sly, pilgrim, Canterbury, sneered, gallows, gnashed, scorns

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**Vocabulary:** lass, Locksley, mutton, pouch, stall, clanging, cleaver, twinkled, scornfully, swindle, shuddered, pranced, glade, escorted, venison, hollowly, winced, generous, protested

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**Chapter 5 Little John Battles the Tanner of Blythe**

**Vocabulary:** chided, retorted, ambled, poacher, relented, merciful, exulted

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**Vocabulary:** velvet, scarlet, sniffed, daintily, chortled, baron, pace, toll, scabbard, dagger, opponent, kin, hail, Maxwell

**Chapter 7 Robin Hood’s Long-Lost Kinsman**

**Vocabulary:** tingle, warrants, minstrels, mellow

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**Chapter 8 Robin Hood Befriends Allan a Dale**

**Vocabulary:** donned, damsels, stout, tinker, clattered, wares, bustled, harp, quiver of arrows, sniveling, minstrel, yearling doe, glade, sizzled, venison, sixpence, minstrel

**Chapter 9 Allan a Dale’s Plight**

**Vocabulary:** knight, pummel, mourned, somberly, abbey

**Chapter 10 Robin Hood Finds the Curtal Friar**

**Vocabulary:** shallow, wade, peering, clutched, scabbard, carve, emerged, parched, glumly, barging, snatched, runt, protested, wheedled, sputtered, warily, skewer, prodded, villain, scampered, thicket, meekly

**Chapter 11 Robin Hood Arranges the Marriage of Two Lovers**

**Vocabulary:** disguise, festive, minstrel, strummed, clambered, hermit, sauntered, struts, bishop, wilting, altar, stunned, hobbled, villains, ruination, bellowed, ruination, feat

**Part IV: Robin Hood’s Royal Revenge**

**Chapter 12 Robin Hood Aids a Sorrowful Knight**

**Vocabulary:** vile, emerged, shillings, solemn, mortgaged, jousts, tragedy, splinter, dungeon, ransom, boasted

**Chapter 13 The Bishop “Helps” Robin and Sir Richard**

**Vocabulary:** attendants, ragtag, fumed, whittled, flawless, notched, savory, cajoled, charity, shuddered, beckoned, surplus, bale, velvet, silk

**Chapter 14 Guy of Gisbourne Meets His Fate**

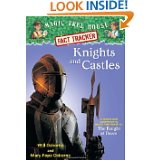
**Vocabulary:** twittered, ruffled, strolled, cloak, witty, skewered, pardon, harsh, stout, coarsely, garlands, hazel, thicket, paces, vile, unsheathed, slashed, plunged, innards, garments

**Chapter 15 Robin “Repays” the Sheriff**

**Vocabulary:** cottage, disguise, rascals, sixpence, dangle, sprinted, spurring, descended, exulted, poachers, rogue, wretch, twang

**Chapter 16 King Richard Dines in Sherwood Forest**

**Vocabulary:** bugles, clattering, massive, cobblestone, marvel, valiant, procession, garb, France, debts, soothe, parched, bridle, protested, chided, garland, glade, venture, keenly

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**Title:** Knights and Castles

A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #2: The Knight at Dawn

**By:** Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne

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**Chapter 2 The Age of Castles**

**Vocabulary:** fortress, Cardiff Castle, Wales, historian, motte, keep, bailey, palisade, masons, freemasons, rough masons, carving, carpenters, scaffolding, blacksmiths, craftsmen, apprentices, journeyman, masterpiece, guild

**Chapter 3 Protecting the Castle**

**Vocabulary:** sentry, battlements, crenels, merlons, tower, watchmen, barbican, moat, drawbridge, portcullis

**Chapter 4 Castle Life**

**Vocabulary:** lords, ladies, falcons, mews, chess, servants, tunic, The Great Hall, high table, pewter, trenchers, feasts, jesters

**Chapter 5 Festivals and Fairs**

**Vocabulary:** holiday, chapel, cathedral, pilgrimage, merchant, minstrel, daggers, acrobat

**Chapter 6 Knights**

**Vocabulary:** caballeros (knights in Spain), Ritters (knights in Germany), chevaliers (knights in France), page, squire, horsemanship, dubbing ceremony, Code of Chivalry, ruthless, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Merlin the Magician, Sir Lancelot, Sir Galahad, Queen Guinevere, Morgan le Fay

**Chapter 7 Armor**

**Vocabulary:** mail, chain mail, hauberk, dagger, helms, basinets, visors, tournament helmets, bard, coats of arms, herald, heraldry

**Chapter 8 Weapons**

**Vocabulary:** Battle of Poitiers, slashing swords, thrusting swords, hand-and-a-half swords, lance, flail, mace, battle-axes, war hammers, tournaments, melees, joust

**Chapter 9 Battles and Sieges**

**Vocabulary:** Crusaders, siege, siege engines, belfry, battering ram, catapults, murder holes, surrender, ransom, sally ports, dungeon

**Chapter 10 The End of the Age of Castles**

**Vocabulary:** drafty, cannon, dame

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**Title:** The Grey King The Dark is Rising Sequence

**By:** Susan Cooper

“Beautifully told…superbly written.” ***– New York Times*** on The Dark Is Rising Sequence

**Back Cover:**

“With the final battle between the Light and the Dark soon approaching, Will sets out on a quest to call for aid. Hidden within the Welsh hills is a magical harp that he must use to wake the Sleepers – six noble riders who have slept for centuries.

But an illness has robbed Will of nearly all his knowledge of the Old Ones, and he is left only with a broken riddle to guide him in his task. As Will travels blindly through the hills, his journey will bring him face-to-face with the most powerful Lord of the Dark – the Grey King. The King holds the harp and Sleepers within his lands, and there has yet to be a force strong enough to tear them from his grasp…”

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**The Oldest Hills**

**Vocabulary:** Welsh, inquisitively, hepatitis, convalesce, sagely, vaguely, wiry, gangling, Land-Rover, banish, gaggles, vacancy, forlornly, menace, Britain, lurched, spangled, clambered, looming, jeering, tirade, flurried, guttural, heaved, spanner, enigmatically, conspiratorial

**Cadfan’s Way**

**Vocabulary:** glinted, bustled, Wales, Buckinghamshire, yearlings, disheveled, Cornwall, precise, vague, reflective, puncture, strangled, protest, indignation, lurched, scorn, irrational, sinister, solemn, imposing, lychgate, pillars, massive, benefactors, incised, decipher, parish, giddiness, sibilant, blemish, kestrel, moor, haunches, mattock, convalescent, malicious, sneering, dwindled, bracken, prickling, fronds, poised, tentative, clambering, bleak, immense, horizon, lolling, arrogance, hostility, tawny, unfathomable, satchel, idly, illuminated

**The Raven Boy**

**Vocabulary:** forged, grail, sprig, gorse, hinder, frond, bracken, perceptible, hazy, looming, hovering, perceptible, kestrels, trilling, crows, kestrels, ravens, buzzards, plovers, wrens, wheatears, pipits, curlews, peregrine, merlin, prophetic, fumbled, incredulously, heaved, tousled, rogue, sibilant, pudgy, maliciously, contemptuously, albino, arrogance

**Grey Fox**

**Vocabulary:** Indian summer, muted, gorse-starred, malevolence, baritone, dappled, errant, curt, falter, inert, muffler, swiveled, eddied, quartz, bafflement, conjecture, arpeggios, Bach, sonata, precise, lilting, eccentric, inscrutable, converted, conceal, prophecies, resolute, allies, enunciation, amiably, deacon, cormorants, ruff

**Fire on the Mountain**

**Vocabulary:** ominous, sprinter, resignedly, inferno, ludicrous, smudged, spectacles, shrouding, billowing, drenching, bristling, frenzied, thwacked, enmity, exhilaration, cormorants, cinders, eddies, crevices, imploring, sheaf, milled, belligerent, crescendo, destiny, eroded, granite, summoned, bemused, tumult, baffled, formidable

**Bird Rock**

**Vocabulary:** exhilaration, glinting, tentatively, unperturbed, vulnerable, tapestries, jutting, relevance, dubiously, balustrades, descending, banisters, tension, muffled, instincts, random, inverted, prickles, immensity, giddiness, infinitesimally, symmetry, centuries, livid, cavernous, aromatic, sibilant, treacle, keen, temerity, volition, sibilant, turmoil, tawny, resonant, dappled, gnarled, chisel, bleak, heritage, baffled, pomp, undiminished, devotion, perplexed, ornate, wrought-iron, seized

**Eyes That See The Wing**

**Vocabulary:** perilous, remote, ruefully, enchantment, ornate, resonant, cleft, vanishing, charred, amplified, frenzy, lurched, tumult, lolling, charred, wisps, poised, baying, swerved, vixen, swerving, doggedly, anguish, milled, lolling, babbling, savage, riddance, pudgy, contemptuous, incredulous, carrion, fleece

**Part Two The Sleepers**

**The Girl from the Mountains**

**Vocabulary:** smeared, grimace, flinching, trudged, irresolute, bracken, gorse, brooding, thrush, trilling, tawny, quiescent, flask, belligerence, relenting, solitary, adversaries

**The Grey King**

**Vocabulary:** ominous, enmity, nuance, currants, subtly, conspiratorially, unwarily, contemptuously, nightingale, sniveling, vulnerable, paunchy, intricate, irrelevantly, exultant, allotted, shrouded, sibilant, avalanche, giddily, roving, taut, despondent, tranquil

**The Pleasant Lake**

**Vocabulary:** betrayed, fanatics, anguished, destiny, charity, humanitarianism, tension, meekly, treacherous, dominant, menacing, hostility, peregrine, prominent, disconcertingly, amiably, ravenous, currants, emanate, giddiness, inhospitable, dinghy, bemused, malice, baffled, anguish, semantics, compress, fragile, conciliatory, belligerence, conundrum, brambles

**The Warestone**

**Vocabulary:** meandering, chortling, mirth, inscrutability, lichened, arable, malice, malevolence, resonant, errant, debris, petulant, obstinately, abominably, scudded, wryly, mutilated, bemused

**The Cottage On The Moor**

**Vocabulary:** quartz, splayed, enchanted, conceal, deacon, fathom, penance, curtly, inaudible, mingled, pagan, malice, agitation, moors, wretchedly, oppressive, contemptuously, anguish, fragile, creased, enigma, array, yearning, discordant, baffled, ferocity, superimposed, dwindled, clambered, haste

**The Waking**

**Vocabulary:** cumulus, scudding, bracken, deliberate, treacherous, petty, disheveled, cringed, annihilation, appalling, malice, intermittently, translucent, pudgy, immense, deviousness, lilting, subtly, arpeggios, ellipsoid, cormorants, luminescence, tunics, cloaks, nobility, toiling, homage, boon, convalescent, impending, mingling, muzzled, thrashing, appalled, wisping

The following I found on the internet condensing vocabulary for the entire book:

**arable -** (of farmland) capable of being farmed productively

**conundrum -** a difficult problem

**deacon -**a protestant laymen who assists the minister

**dinghy -** a small boat of shallow draft with cross thwarts for sears and rowlocks for oars with which it is propelled

**dissemble -** disguise, conceal, mask, camouflage

**humanitarianism -** promotion of human welfare and social reform

**implacable -** impossible to calm, satisfy

**inversion -** a reversal of position, order, or relationship; esp : an increase or temperature with altitude through a layer of air

**irresolute -** uncertain how to act or proceed

**penance -** remorse for your past conduct

**petulant -** easily irritated or annoyed

**plaintive -** mournful; melancholy; sad; sorrowful

**quiescent -** 1.not an active or activated  
2.quiet; still; inactive

**rapt -** 1. wholly absorbed as in thought  
2. an ecstasy; a trance

**resonant -** 1. having a full, deep, and rich sound  
2.able to amplify sounds or make them last longer

**semantics -** includes word knowledge such as vocabulary, definitions, multiple meanings, concepts, categorization, comparisons, synonyms, antonyms, etc...

**sibilant -** producing a hissing sound. A consonant characterized by a hissing sound (like s or sh)

**skein -** coils of worsted yarn

**superimpose -** place on top of

**taut -** pulled or drawn tight

**temerity -** foolhardy contempt of danger; rashness, recklessness

**translucent -** almost transparent; allowing light to pass through diffusely

**treacle -** 1. (British) a pale cane syrup  
2. a message that is excessively sweet and sentimental

**vixen -** 1. a malicious fierce-tempered woman  
2. a malicious fierce-tempered; a female fox