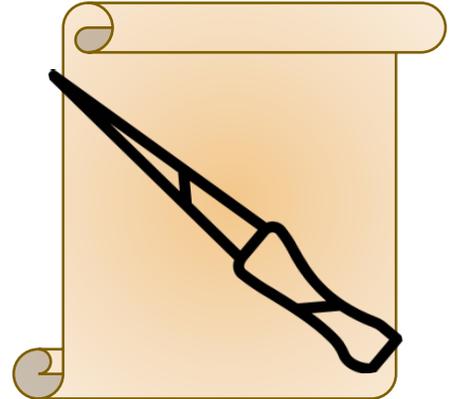


# *Fantastical and Diverse Resources*

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*W*ithin the past few years, there has been a strong movement for more diverse characters within all forms of media. YA creators have been a strong part of this movement, with new genres such as Afrofuturism appearing within YA fantasy collections. Even with a new wave of diverse characters, it can still be hard to find diverse YA material, especially in the fantasy genres. Below is a list of sources that will help you find more diversity in YA fantasy books and other materials.



## *The Illustrated Page*

This book and art blog by Sarah Waiters is heavily focused on fantasy. Sarah not only writes book reviews, but has several lists dedicated to listing books with diverse characters. These lists are well researched and contain links to Sarah's review of each book, along with other helpful links if you are looking for more.

### *SFF Yeah! Episode #42: LGBTQ+ SFF:*

SFF Yeah! is a biweekly podcast from Book Riot hosted by Sharifah Williams and Jenn Netherton where they talk about news in the science fiction and fantasy community as well as give book recommendation. This particular episode looks at sci-fi and fantasy book recommendations with LGBTQ+ characters.

### *Afrofuturism list:*

A book list on Goodreads listing fantasy and sci-fi books featuring protagonists who are people of colour.

### *Diversity in Fantasy and Science Fiction:*

This is another book list from Goodreads, though this time looking at a more generalized view of diversity. This list is very extensive and has a helpful description of what is included in the list.

### *Writing Alchemy:*

Created by Fay Onyx, Writing Alchemy is a podcast that is dedicated to creating stories that center around marginalized characters. One of the series included in the podcast is a role-playing tabletop game called Unfamiliar Heroes where people with disabilities create stories with characters who also have disabilities.

### *Writing Resource from WriterWorld:*

Interested in writing fantasy but not sure where to start? WriterWorld's Tumblr offers helpful advice and links to resources. One unique feature of the blog is the Toolbox Tab. Here, you can find lists on how to write better plots, in different styles and how to write diverse characters.

### *Tu Books:*

An imprint of Lee & Low Books, Tu Books is dedicated to publishing middle grade young adult novels with diverse characters and setting. Tu Books also spans many genres including sci-fi and fantasy.

## *Need More?*

Though these two websites do not focus on the fantasy genre, these sites are useful for finding diverse YA books.

### *We Need Diverse Books.*

We Need Diverse Books is a non-profit organization. They advocate for change in the children and young adult publishing industry so that more literature reflects all young readers. Their website also has a blog for announcements and book recommendations.

### *Rich In Color.*

Rich in Color is a blog dedicated to reviewing and promoting YA fiction starring or written by people of color. With a strong team of readers from the education and publishing world, this blog offers great reviews and recommendations of diverse YA books along with more resources.

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