

Introduction

This hotline deals with some of most prevalent themes and elements of Young Adult high fantasy. High fantasy is a sub-genre of fantasy in which stories are typically set in a fictional universe, where humans can wield the power of magic and fantastical beasts roam free. The settings of high fantasy stories may start off in the real world before the protagonist is transported to an alternate dimension, as seen in C.S Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, or they may exist in a new world entirely- think Middle Earth in J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. It is the incorporation of a *secondary universe* that sets high fantasy apart from other works of fantasy. As such, readers are sure to discover many new worlds from the countless stories that the high fantasy sub-genre has to offer.