Kraken: An Anatomy, by China Miéville
A contemporary fantasy set in present-day London finds people flocking to a British Museum exhibit of a giant squid that is stolen by magical criminals, a crime that propels young curator Billy into a supernatural underworld.

The Bone Season, by Samantha Shannon
Paige Mahoney is a Dreamwalker, a rare type of clairvoyant employed by the Seven Seals, the powerful criminal syndicate that operates within a dystopian 21st-century London controlled by the Scion government. When she's captured by Scion agents and turned over to the otherworldly Rephaim, Paige -- renamed XX-59-40 -- ends up in Sheol I, a prison camp where she and her fellow "voyants" will be trained to battle the flesh-eating Emim. Placed under the guardianship of Arcturus, Warden of the Mesarthim, Paige must develop her gifts if she wants to survive, let alone escape. This fast-paced, action-packed fantasy boasts extensive world-building, a complex system of magic, and a well-developed cast of characters.

Among Others, by Jo Walton
Seeking refuge in fantasy novel worlds throughout a youth under the shadow of a dubiously sane mother who dabbled in magic, Mori Phelps is forced to confront her in a tragic battle and gains unwanted attention when she attempts to perform spells herself.

Urban Fantasy Series:
The Dresden Files, by Jim Butcher
Wizard private detective Harry Dresden battles overwhelming supernatural forces in these fast-paced and haunting noir fantasies. He confronts deadly paranormal politics and appalling moral choices with prodigious skill, a wicked sense of humor, and a deep-set personal code of honor. Set in a vividly-described Chicago, these are compelling books with well-drawn characters.

The Sookie Stackhouse Novels, by Charlaine Harris
Full of paranormal politics of the vampire, fairy, and were variety, these fast-paced and upbeat mysteries feature the telepathic Sookie Stackhouse, her complicated and steamy supernatural love life and her knack for finding trouble. Though these engaging novels are humorous, they also tackle some darker themes, such as betrayal or a missing child.

The Mercy Thompson Novels, by Patricia Briggs
While trying to live a so-called normal existence, mechanic Mercy Thompson, a shapeshifter raised by werewolves, gets into trouble with the gremlins, witches, and vampires with whom she deals on a daily basis.

Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter, by Laurell K Hamilton
With vampires, werewolves and shapeshifters out in the open, St. Louis isn't quite what it used to be. Lucky for them, there is the beautiful and lethal Anita Blake: reanimator, necromancer, vampire hunter and supernatural detective for hire.

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Coldwater is unexpectedly admitted into an exclusive college of magic and rigorously educated in modern sorcery.

The City, by Dean Koontz
There are millions of stories in the city--some magical, some tragic, others terror-filled or triumphant. Jonah Kirk's story is all of those things as he draws readers into his life in the city as a young boy, introducing his indomitable grandfather, also a "piano man;" his single mother, a struggling singer; and the heroes, villains, and everyday saints and sinners who make up the fabric of the metropolis in which they live--and who will change the course of Jonah's life forever. Welcome to The City, a place of evergreen dreams where enchantment and malice entwine, where courage and honor are found in the most unexpected corners and the way forward lies buried deep inside the heart.

Chasing the Moon, by A. Lee Martinez
When Diana moves into a great new apartment, it seems like she's finally having some good luck. Until she finds out about Vom the Hungering, the monster in the closet who eats everything and everyone, and her duty to guard him for eternity, and her inability to leave the apartment because the door has suddenly disappeared--then it seems like she's having her same old bad luck.