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Favorite Teen Reads Head to the Box Office

With the success of the film adaptations of Harry Potter and Twilight, it is no surprise that other young adult reads are moving at lightning (or vampire!) speed from page to screen. Watch for these popular young adult titles in theaters this year.

"Beautiful Creatures" by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl is the first book in a four-part series. Ethan's life is no picnic and he looks forward to the day he can leave his small southern town behind him. When Lena Duchannes arrives, he sees his town and the world in a whole new supernatural light. This is a good pick for fans of Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Saga as well as fans of Charlaine Harris's Sookie Stackhouse series.

The movie version of "Beautiful Creatures" opened this month and includes Emma Thompson and Jeremy Irons in the cast. One movie reviewer billed this as, "kind of like 'Twilight' but better."

This year will also turn out the second installment in Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson series. Viewers will wait until August 16th to see more of Percy, but that leaves plenty of time to read (or re-read) "Sea of Monsters" before heading to the theater.

On the last day of seventh grade, a game of dodge ball takes a very wrong turn and Percy is hurried off to Camp Half-Blood. Things are not right there, either, and Percy sets out on a mission to restore order. He needs the Golden Fleece to set things straight, but retrieving it means he'll have to face the Sea of Monsters.

Logan Lerman returns as Percy and Nathan Fillion plays Hermes in the second installment of this popular young adult series.

Clary Fray is a mundane human who should not be able to see the human "Shadowhunters" who hunt and kill demons in Cassandra Clare's "City of Bones." After she witnesses a murder and realizes other people around her can't see the attackers, Clary's life gets turned upside down.

"City of Bones" opens in theaters in August. Clary is played by Lily Collins who played Snow White in "Mirror, Mirror." Jamie Campbell Bower (Twilight's Caius) plays Shadowhunter Jace.

November 2013 will give moviegoers a chance to catch up with "The Hunger Games" stars Katniss and Peeta in the trilogy's second installment, "Catching Fire."

After rebelling against their murderous government, Katniss and Peeta return home as heroes. But any government that pits children in a death match Olympics can't be expected to let rebels celebrate too long, right?

A lot of the cast of "The Hunger Games" will not be returning, obviously, but Philip Seymour Hoffman joins Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, and Woody Harrelson in this hotly anticipated sequel.

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