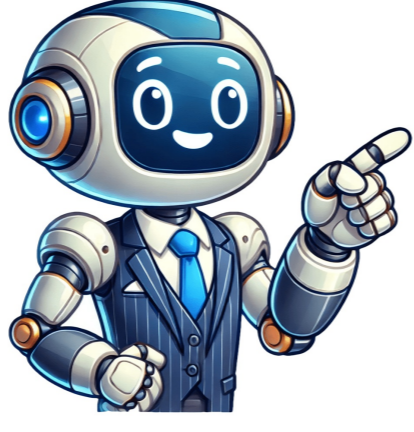


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Arthur spiderwick's field guide to the fantastical world

Come join me in exploring this fantastical world around you! Published: October 25, 2005 Ages: 9 to 12 Format: Hardcover, 122 pages Author: Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You is a handbook that details the Invisible World. The faerie creatures are concerned about this guide because it contains information on their weaknesses, which could mean the extinction of the already endangered Fey. When the Grace family moved into the Spiderwick Mansion, they discovered the book and had to fight to prevent evil ogre Mulgarath and his goblin army from obtaining the guide. After saving the guide, the children contacted authors Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi and convinced them to publish the book at Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. It all began with a mysterious correspondence left for authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black at a small New England bookstore. The letter told of their great-great-uncle Arthur Spiderwick and an unfinished tome filled with eyewitness accounts of creatures otherwise thought to be the stuff of legend. In this #1 New York Times bestselling serial, readers were enthralled by the account of the siblings Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace as they battled dwarves, goblins, elves, and a diabolical ogre in their efforts to hold on to their uncle Spiderwick's life work. Now, through the combined efforts of the Grace children and authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, Simon & Schuster is thrilled to present that work to you! This book begins with an introduction and progresses through six sections featuring 31 faerie species, culminating with an addendum that includes observations supplied by Jared Grace. This long-awaited compendium delivers enough information to satisfy even the most demanding faerie enthusiast. Not only will readers learn the habits and habitats of the 14 fantastical creatures featured in the New York Times, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestselling chapter books, but they will be delighted and astonished by an additional 17 creatures. Also included are dozens of snippets from Arthur Spiderwick's personal journal as well as cameos from a few series favorites. With so much to offer, this book is destined to be pored over for generations to come! **Table of Contents** * Around the House and Yard * In Fields and Forests * In Lakes, Streams, and the Sea * In the Hills and Mountains * In the Sky * Dragons Griffins (Mixtidae) Phoenixes (Vetustidae) Outside at Night[] Addendum by Jared Grace For Further Reading Praise[] This field guide claims to be a reproduction of Arthur Spiderwick's investigations into magical creatures, including brownies, boggarts, and other beings from the Invisible World. The book features beautiful gouache and pencil illustrations reminiscent of Audubon's work in Birds of America. The descriptions are based on Spiderwick's own notes and add depth to the art. Fans of fantasy will enjoy exploring this hidden world. Anyone who believes in supernatural creatures like sprites, phookas, and nixies will find the field guide fascinating. —Walter Minkel, School Library Journal

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