

away and join their mission to free Shona, a dragon turned to stone by the evil warlock Devlish. Many adventures later, the three friends are able overcome the warlock and return to the magical island of Marnoch Mor, where Morag doesn't find her storybook ending, but does find a happy home. The characters are full of both flaws and unanticipated strengths, endearing them to the reader and giving the story an unexpected depth. For kids who enjoy magic and unusual heroes, this will be the perfect read. (Random House Children's Books, \$15.99, ages nine to twelve)

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## Dark Isle

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In "Dark Isle" by D.A. Nelson, all Morag has left of her parents is an ancient poetry book which she never lets out of her sight. Trapped in Stoker's Scaview Guest House with evil foster parents, Morag often dreams about escaping to a better life. That is, until locked in the cellar once again, she is convinced by a rat and a dodo to run

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