

# CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS... *Harry Potter Readalikes*

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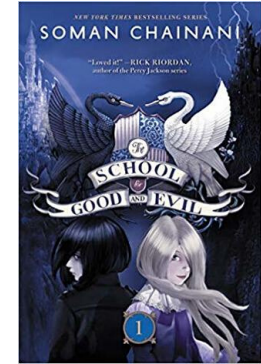
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When Harry Potter finds out he's going to Hogwarts, it's like a dream come true. Everything that makes him different in the Muggle world finally makes sense and he has a place where he belongs.

In this book series, the kids who are swept away to a magical school aren't taken on a charming train ride through the country; they're kidnapped. For two hundred years the mysterious annual kidnappings have occurred, always in pairs. No one ever knew what happened to the kids, but a pattern became clear in the pairs who were selected: one child was always beautiful and kind, while the other was a strange outcast.

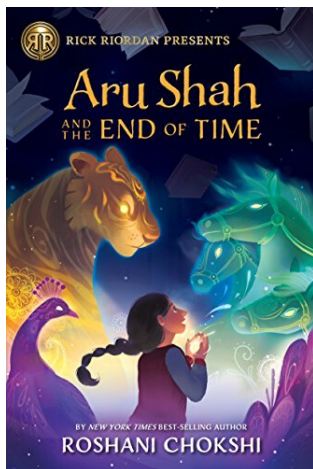
This time, mismatched best friends Sophie and Agatha are the ones who are taken in the night and they are going to find out where the kidnapped children go: The School for Good & Evil, where ordinary kids are trained to be fairy tale heroes and villains. It seems obvious that sweet Sophie will learn to be a princess and grumpy Agatha will be an evil witch or some other kind of villain. But what happens if they get "sorted" into the wrong schools?



***The School for  
Good and Evil***  
by Soman Chainani  
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e-book & audiobook  
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## **Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

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Harry Potter finds out that not only is he a wizard, but he's also The Boy Who Lived. There are so many fantasy stories about regular kids finding out they are the "chosen one" and this is one of my favorites in recent years.

Aru Shah is twelve when she finds out she's the reincarnation of an ancient Hindu deity. That's a lot for a middle schooler to handle. It all started because Aru likes to embellish her stories (lie) in order to fit in at school. When her classmates catch her in a lie about the ancient Lamp of Bharata, an artifact from her mom's museum, Aru just *has to* call their bluff.

Well of course lighting the lamp goes terribly wrong. It unleashes the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose sole duty is to awaken the God of Destruction. Yikes. But this is where Aru's legendary status comes into play. Remember she's the reincarnation of a deity? It turns out she is actually qualified to deal with the Sleeper. In fact, she may be the only one who can save the world. . .even though she is still wearing Spider-man pajamas when her adventure begins.

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