Scholatic’s 10 trends in Children’s Books in 2010  
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Dystopian Fiction

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| Hunger Games | Suzanne Collins | Young Adult |
| The Maze Runner | James Dashner | Young Adult |
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Multimedia

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| 39 Clues \* | Various authors | 3-6 |
| Skeleton Creek \* | Patrick Carman | 5-8 |
| The Search for WondLa | Tony DiTerlizzi | 5-8 |
| Amanda Project | Stella Lennon | Young Adult |

Mythology Based

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| Percy Jackson | Rick Riordan | 5-8 |
| The Kane Chronicles \* | Rick Riordan | 5-8 |
| Goddess Girls \* | Joan Holub | 3-6 |
| Heroes of Olympus | Rick Riordan | 5-8 |

Popular Characters

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| David \* | David Shannon | K-3 |
| Fancy Nancy \* | Jane O’Connor | K-3 |
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Return of Humor

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| Diary of Wimpy Kid | Jeff Kinney | 5-8 |
| Ook & Gluk | Dav Pilkey | 3-6 |
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Shift in Picture Books

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| Pinkalicious \* | Victoria Kann | K-3 |
| Splat Cat | Rob Scotton | K-3 |
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Diary/Journal Format

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| Diary of a Wimpy Kid | Jeff Kinney | 5-8 |
| Dork Diaries | Rachel Russell | 3-6 |
| Big Nate \* | Lincoln Pierce | 3-6 |
| Popularity Papers | Amy Ignatow | 3-6 |

Special Needs Protagonist

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| My Brother Charlie | Holly Robinson Peete | K-3 |
| Marcelo in Real World | Francisco X Stork | Young Adult |
| Mockingbird | Kathryn Erskine | 5-8 |
| Rules \* | Cynthia Lord | 3-6 |

Paranormal Romance

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| Shiver Trilogy | Maggie Stiefvater | Young Adult |
| Beautiful Creatures | Kami Garcia | Young Adult |
| Immortal | Gillian Shields | Young Adult |
| Prophecy of the Sisters | Michelle Zink | Young Adult |