Mythical Creatures

Book of Beasts by E. Nesbit
As young King Lionel turns the pages of his magical book, a hungry red dragon and other creatures in the illustrations come to life.

First Margaret Mahy Story Book by Margaret Mahy
Witches, mermaids, dragons, a dog who plays the violin, a girl who finds a dinosaur egg and a boy who wanted the world to be flat... all these and more appear in this book of stories and poems.

Wonderful Me! by Margaret Mahy
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Dragons:
Coming of the Dragon by Rebecca Barnhouse
Rune, an orphaned young man raised among strangers, tries to save the kingdom from a dragon that is burning the countryside and, along the way, learns that he is a kinsman of Beowulf.

Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell
Absurdia is a strange and wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a dreamland of monsters, dragons, and adventures.

Elves:
Cold Tom by Sally Prue
Cast out from the elfin tribe, Tom must hide among the hated humans, whom the tribe call "demons." Tom's human side is emerging, and he is confused and appalled by this change. For he fears the twining emotional bonds, which he sees literally as vines, that bind one human to another. But when he is helped by a kind "demon" girl, it is these strong bonds that save him—and draw him to his true home.

Nightwood by Robin Muller
Retells the Celtic folktale of Tamlynne, a young knight in the court of the Elfin Queen, and Elaine, who is enticed into a nearby wood and, once inside, meets and falls in love with the young knight.

Gargoyles:
Night of the Gargoyles by Eve Bunting
In the middle of the night, the gargoyles that adorn the walls of a museum come to life and frighten the night watchman.
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Mermaids:
Mermaid Tales from Around the World by Mary Pope Osborne
A collection of twelve mermaid tales from around the world. With a strong female character, each water maid determined her own fate, possibly wreaking havoc or bliss.

Ogres:
Zeralda’s Ogre by Tomi Ungerer
The giant appetite of the ogre could only be satisfied by the flesh of children until young Zeralda tamed his taste buds with her culinary art.

Trolls:
Night Noises and Other Mole and Troll Stories by Tony Johnston
Four episodes in which Mole makes four wishes, Troll visits Mole, Troll loses a tooth, and night noises scare the pair of friends.

Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer
After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

Terrible Troll-Bird by Ingri and Edgar Parin d’Aulaire
When four children defeat the terrible troll-bird who has terrified their Norwegian valley for years, everyone celebrates in a merry feast.

Unicorns:
I Wished for a Unicorn by Robert Heidbreder
A child takes a flight of fancy when the family dog is transformed into a thinly disguised unicorn. The ensuing adventure takes the pair into a world filled with castles, monsters, dragons, and wizards.

Unicorn City by Dyan Sheldon
When Dan’s eye catches the flash of a unicorn’s silvery tail, he gradually introduces his skeptical teacher and classmates to a new, almost magical land.

Where Have the Unicorns Gone? by Jane Yolen
Long ago unicorns lived in a haven of sun-dappled glades and flower-filled dells. But as civilization spread over the ages, with its fierce knights, its chugging trains, its thick smogs, unicorns had to find a new sanctuary. But where?