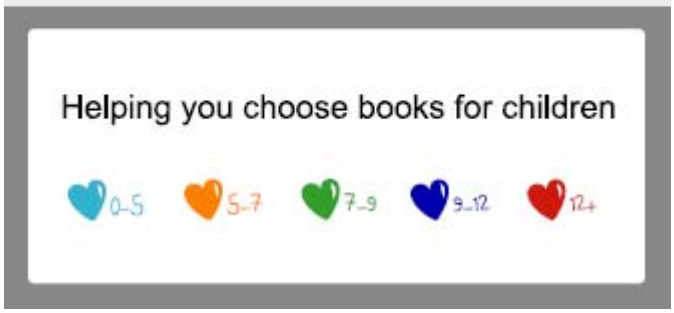
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"I believe when I am in the mood that all nature is full of people whom we cannot see, and that some of these are ugly or grotesque, and some wicked or foolish, but very many beautiful beyond any one we have ever seen, and that these are not far away. . . . the simple of all times and the wise men of ancient times have seen them and even spoken to them."

—W. B. Yeats, *The Celtic Twilight*

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Equipment and Protection

Before one begins an expedition to observe the habits and habitats of fantastical creatures, there are several useful items one should collect.

A thermos with milk for appeasing and luring faeries. They like milk best lukewarm.



One twig each from an oak, an ash, and a thorn tree. Bind them together with red thread, and this will offer protection against faerie folk.



Shown here are:
AMERICAN MOUNTAIN ASH (Sorbus americana)
HONEY LOCUST (Gleditsia triacanthos)
SCARLET OAK (Quercus coccinea)



A magnifying glass comes in handy, especially when studying smaller creatures like sprites and salamanders.



A bag of salt can dispell some magical illusions, and many faeries cannot abide it.



Bring a journal (and pencils) to record all of your findings. You never know what you may come across.

It should be noted that the color red is protective, but faeries do not like the color and will shy away from it in the same manner that bees fly from smoke, making the faeries more difficult to find. The color green will, by contrast, draw faeries, but they may not be pleased to find a human wearing their color.

When hunting for nocturnal creatures such as banshees and will-o'-the-wisps, a flashlight is quite helpful.



A backpack or satchel is useful for carrying everything. Make sure it has an iron or steel clasp to keep pixies from stealing your inventory!

