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Winter Catalogue 2024

# EMILY and SAM

## The Case of the Missing Turtle

A Math Adventure



by Dave Cole, illustrated by Matty Mitchell



## A Letter from the Publisher

We are excited for the Winter 2024  
Common Deer Press book launches!

Our Fall 2023 releases continued the Asha and Baz and Lucy and Dee series. As well, there was an exciting new title, *Iz The Apocalypse*, released for young adult readers. These titles are perfect for curling up with on the short, dark days to come and make great gifts for the holiday season.

With the new Winter season, we have a new series launching for our children's chapter books, Emily and Sam, written by the same author who brought us *The Math Kids*. Like *The Math Kids*, this new series aims to both entertain and teach in a fast-paced and exciting way.

There's more excitement when Asha and Baz have a volcano adventure and *The Math Kids* must save the reputation of one of their own by proving his innocence.

We are fortunate to work with incredible people who are as passionate about children and teen books as we are. Independent publishers work very hard to bring books to readers. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to bringing you more uncommon books in 2024.



My very best,  
Kirsten Marion, Publisher  
Common Deer Press





#### Marketing and Promotion:

- Outreach to national and regional television, trade and educational print, podcasts and radio for interviews and reviews
- Targeted pitches for live and virtual events to bookstores, libraries, and teachers
- PR outreach to bloggers
- Targeted ads on Amazon and Facebook

#### Sales Points:

- Encourages responsibility and problem solving
- Features STEM content, including information on math and animals
- Offers opportunities to problem-solve alongside characters
- Includes a variety of fun illustrations

**Ship date:** January 15, 2024

**Pub. date:** February 2024

**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761893

**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761909

**Formats:** Trade PBK, Digital

**Price (PBK):** \$11.99 CAD / \$8.99 USD

**Price (Digital):** \$5.99 USD

**Size:** 5.5 × 8.5 inches

**Pages:** 124

**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Readers/Chapter Books; Mysteries & Detective Stories; Mathematics; Animals/Reptiles & Amphibian

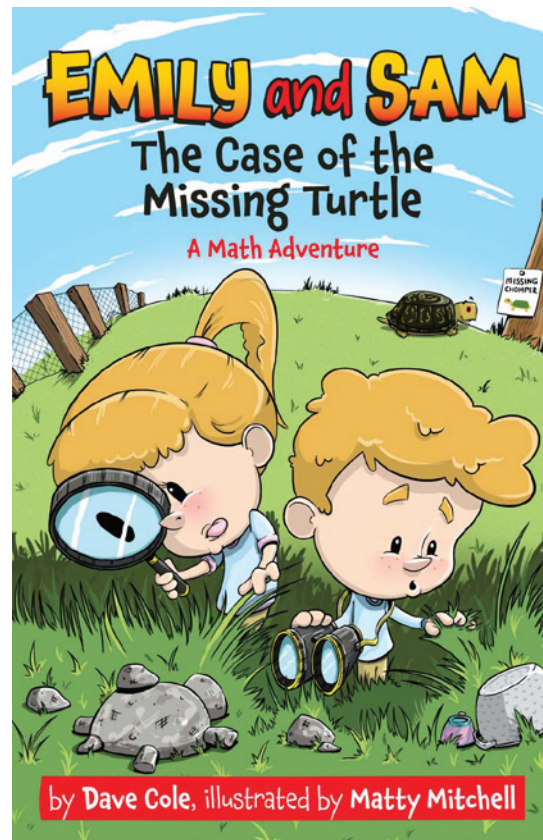
**Target age:** 6-9

#### Comparable Titles:

- *InvestiGators: Heist and Seek* by John Patrick Green, ISBN 9781250849885, First Second
- *A Family Secret: A Timmi Tobbson Junior Children's Detective Adventure Book* by J.I. Wagner, Brooke Vitale, ISBN 9783963267307, freshabooks
- *Pug's New Puppy* (Diary of a Pug #8) by Kyla May, ISBN 9781338713534, Scholastic Inc.
- *Leila and Nugget Mystery* by Dustin Brady, ISBN 9781524877538, Andrews McMeel Publishing

## Emily and Sam: The Case of the Missing Turtle

Dave Cole, illustrated by Matty Mitchell



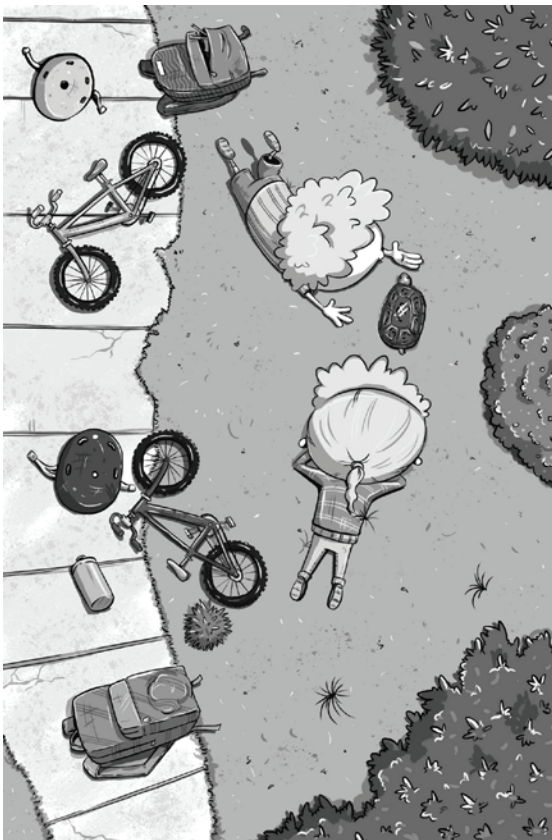
From the creator of *The Math Kids*  
comes a new educational children's chapter books series!

Siblings Emily and Sam are always ready to learn new things. When they find a box turtle and decide to adopt it, they need to learn what to feed it and how to create a safe home for it. But just as they're getting the hang of caring for their new pet, it goes missing! Someone must have taken the turtle, but who? It's up to Emily and Sam to find out.

**David Cole** has been interested in math since he was a very young boy. He pursued degrees in math and computer science and has shared this love of math at many levels, including teaching at the college level, coaching elementary math teams, and running a summer math camp. He also has a love of writing and has written a number of plays that have been performed. The Math Kids was born of a desire to combine his interests and exercise both sides of his brain at the same time. Find him on his website [TheMathKids.com](http://TheMathKids.com) or on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

**Matty Mitchel** was born and raised in Australia but found his way to Seattle eleven years ago and has recently moved back to Fremantle, Western Australia with his wife, son, daughter, and dog. If Matty's not chasing (or being chased by) his two munchkins, he's drawing, and if he's not drawing, then he can be found making something creative, and if he's not creating something, then he is skateboarding, and if that's not the case, then he is probably snuggling with his lovely wife on the couch watching TV.

**Emily and Sam:**  
**The Case of the Missing Turtle**  
Interior Illustrations





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- Targeted pitches for live and virtual events to bookstores, libraries, and teachers
- PR outreach to bloggers
- Targeted ads on Amazon and Facebook

#### Sales Points:

- Features STEM content
- Includes historical information on Katia Krafft
- Contains curriculum links to science, history, and English language arts
- Encourages interest in volcanoes, ecosystems, Earth sciences

**Ship date:** February 15, 2024

**Pub. date:** March 2024

**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761916

**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761923

**Formats:** Trade PBK, Digital

**Price (PBK):** \$9.99 CAD / \$7.99 USD

**Price (Digital):** \$5.99 USD

**Size:** 5.5 × 8.5 inches

**Pages:** 114

**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Science & Nature/General; Science Fiction/Time Travel; Historical/General

**Target age:** 6-9

#### Comparable Titles:

- *Junko Tabei Masters the Mountains* (A Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls Chapter Book #3), ISBN 9781733329200, Rebel Girls
- *The Nature Club: A Branches Book* (Owl Diaries #18) by Rebecca Elliott, ISBN 9781338745467, Scholastic Inc.
- *The Secret Explorers and the Cave Crisis* by S.J. King, ISBN 9780744085280, DK Children

## Asha and Baz Meet Katia Krafft

Caroline Fernandez, illustrated by Dharmali Patel



**In the fourth book in the Asha and Baz series, readers learn about volcanoes from renowned volcanologist Katia Krafft!**

Asha wants to win a super cool volcanic rock by solving the Great Volcano Challenge at school. So she and her best friend Baz use their magic stick to travel to Iceland in 1973 to learn from famous volcano researcher Katia Krafft.

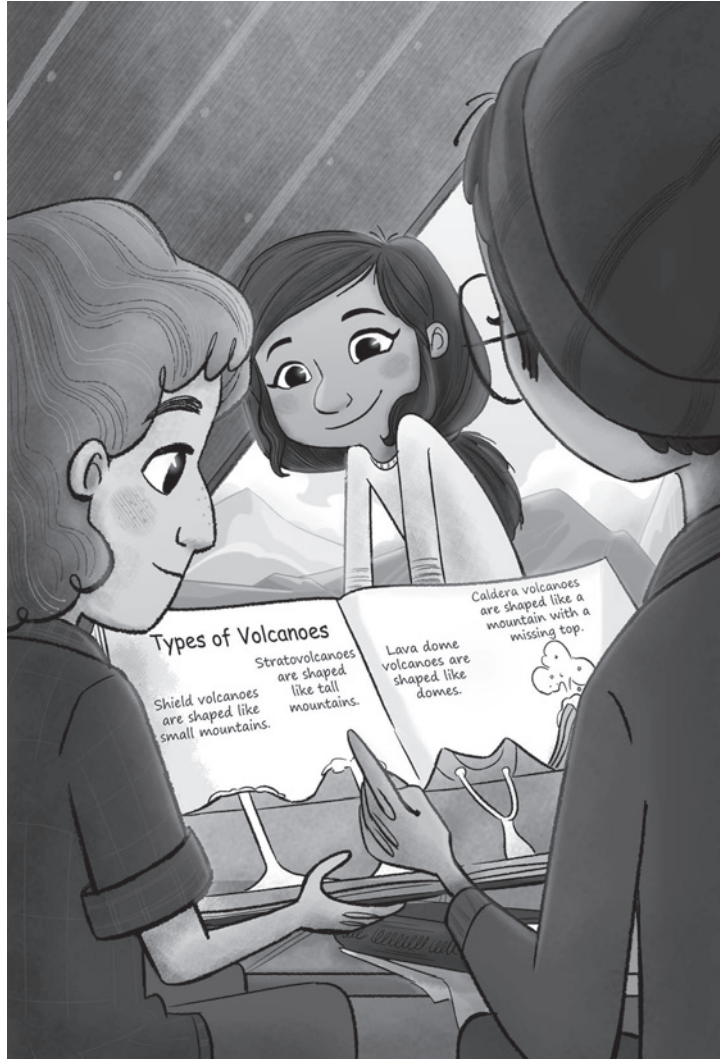
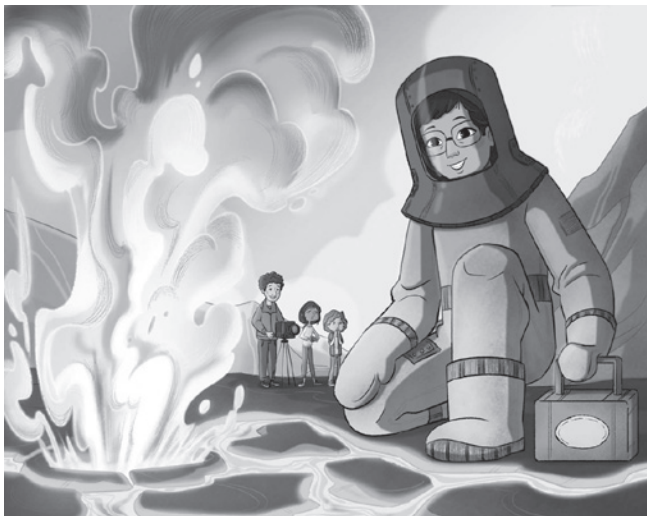
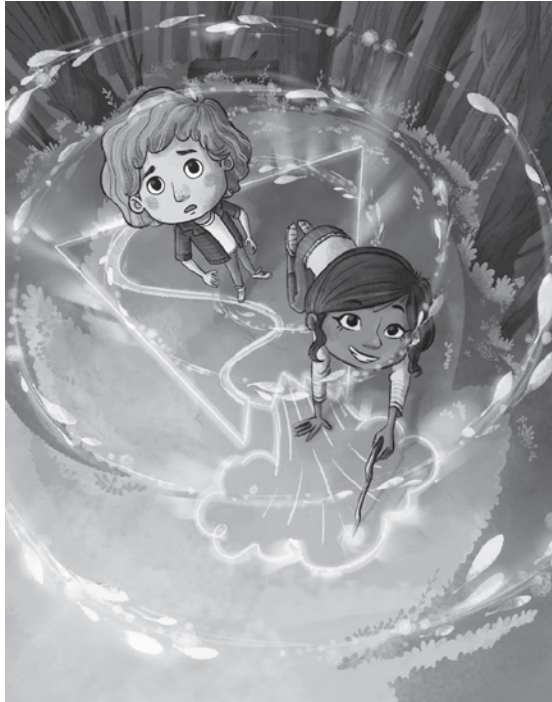
She's sure to be able to help them with their project, but she's got an eruption to observe and data to record—and ash, lava, and smelly gases are a lot scarier than a classroom. With safety concerns rising, Asha and Baz will need to keep their cool to get back home and win the prize.

**Caroline Fernandez** is an award-winning author of children's books, magazine feature articles, and blog posts. She is the author of the popular Boredom Busters (series), *Stop Reading This Book*, The Adventures of Grandmasaurus (series), Asha and Baz (series) and more! She writes, reads, and bakes in Toronto, Ontario. You can follow her on Twitter @parentclub and/or Instagram @parentclub.

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**Asha and Baz  
Meet Katia Krafft**  
Interior Illustrations





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**Sales Points:**

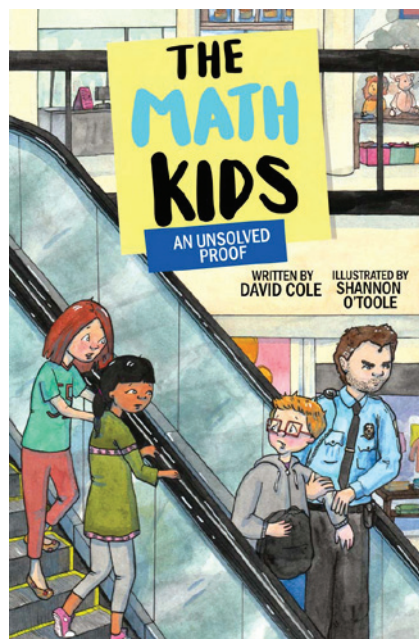
- Encourages responsibility and social problem solving
- Features STEM content, including information on proofs and patterns
- Offers opportunities to problem-solve alongside characters

**Ship date:** February 15, 2024**Pub. date:** March 2024**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761879**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761886**Format:** Trade PBK, Digital**Price (PBK):** \$14.95 CAD / \$12.95 USD**Price (Digital):** \$8.99 USD**Size:** 6 × 9 inches**Pages:** 180**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Mysteries & Detective Stories; Mathematics; Social Themes/ Friendship**Target age:** 9-12**Comparable Titles:**

- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies, ISBN 9780547237657, HarperCollins Publishers
- *Just Harriet* by Elana K. Arnold, ISBN 9780063092044, HarperCollins Publishers
- *Recipe Ruckus* by Carolyn Keene and Peter Francis, ISBN 9781534476899, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing
- *Math Mysteries: The Triplet Threat* by Aaron Starmer and Marta Kissi, ISBN 9781250839282, St. Martin's Press

## Math Kids: An Unsolved Proof

David Cole, illustrated by Shannon O'Toole



**Hidden cameras, secret operations, and new math concepts await in the Math Kids' ninth adventure!**

Justin has been accused of stealing from the comic book shop! To earn back the trust of his parents and the store manager, he'll have to work at the shop for four whole weekends. And that puts a damper on his plans to play video games and hang out with fellow Math Kids, Jordan, Catherine, and Stephanie.

With the end of summer approaching, the four friends realize that finding proof of Justin's innocence is their only way to save Justin's good name. To get it, they'll need to uncover who really stole the comics. Their primary suspects are the two older boys who accused Justin, but catching them red-handed will require more than just teamwork.

Solving this problem will require knowledge of proofs and patterns, and if the Math Kids aren't successful, it won't be only Justin's reputation at risk.

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**Shannon O'Toole** is a Toronto-based illustrator, painter, and elementary school teacher. Her playful illustration work is inspired by the unique and humorous characters in her life. Aside from illustrating books for children, Shannon has exhibited her artwork in galleries across Ontario. When she is not drawing, Shannon can be found curled up with her dog, Edgar, watching old movies. You can visit her online at [www.shannonotooleart.com](http://www.shannonotooleart.com) or follow her on Instagram @shannonotooleart.



## Math Kids: An Unsolved Proof

Interior Illustrations





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- Targeted pitches for live and virtual events to bookstores, libraries, and teachers
- PR outreach to bloggers
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#### Sales Points:

- Features an adventure-filled story with resilient young heroes who overcome their fears
- Imagines a fantasy world with magic, both good and evil
- Explores the uncertain path to maturity
- Highlights themes of growth, understanding, courage, and friendships
- Examines danger, embarrassment, disastrous choices and their consequences

**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761800

**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761824

**Formats:** Trade PBK, Digital

**Price (PBK):** \$16.95 CAD / \$12.95 USD

**Price (Digital):** \$9.99 USD

**Size:** 6 × 9 inches

**Pages:** 282

**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Fantasy & Magic; Adventure; Friendship

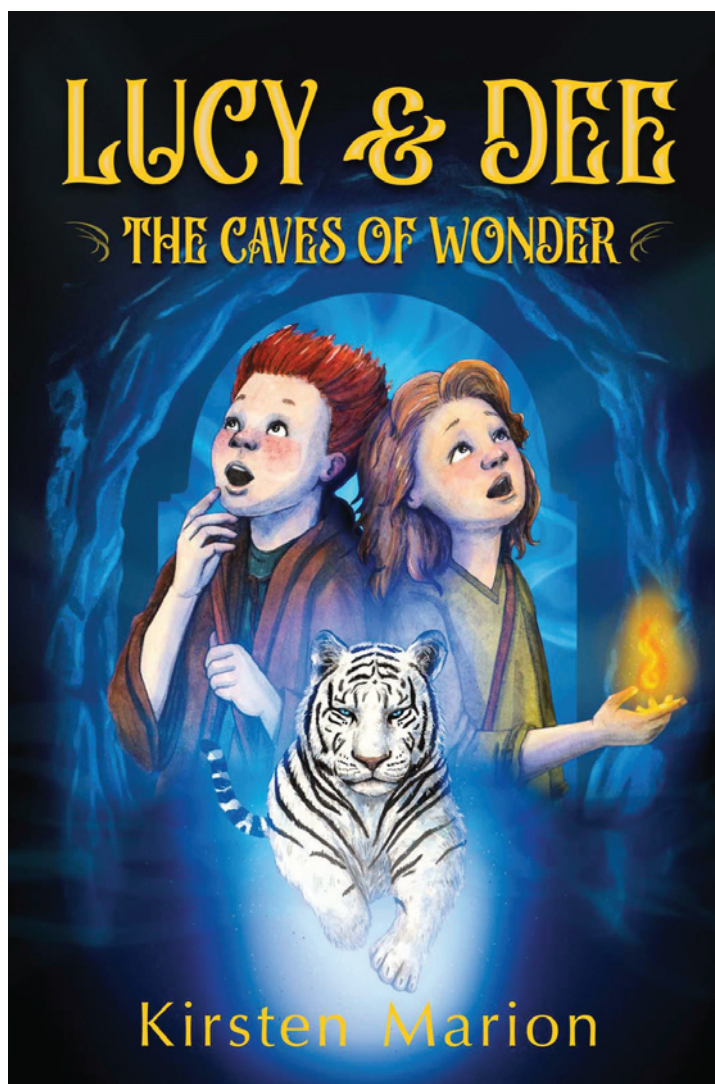
**Target age:** 11-14

#### Comparable Titles:

- *Game of Stars* (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #2) by Sayantani DasGupta, ISBN 9781338185744, Scholastic
- *5 Worlds Book 2: The Cobalt Prince*, by Mark Siegal, ISBN 9781101935897, Random House Children's Books
- *The Silk Road* by Kirsten Marion, ISBN 9781988761664, Common Deer Press

## Lucy and Dee: The Caves of Wonder

Kirsten Marion



#### Trapped and on the run!

Lucy and Dee are stranded in the magical world of Sericea with the young emperor Yidi as they flee his stepmother Xixi, the sorceress queen. Hiding their true identities to protect both themselves and their new friend Mai, the group must make the hazardous trip across Sericea to the Caves of Wonder to find the White Tiger, a fabled warrior who could help them defeat Xixi. Along their risky journey, developing talents and rumors of revolution challenge their resolve and friendship. Dangers lurk around every corner, and if Lucy, Dee, and Yidi can't face them together, their lives and the very fate of Sericea will be in peril.

**Kirsten Marion** completed undergraduate studies in English and Classics and a postgraduate degree in psychology, which helps inform the voices and motivations of her characters. She's spent decades travelling the world and has lived on three continents, giving her a unique mix of experiences to colour her imaginary worlds. She currently lives in Victoria, Canada. Visit Kirsten at [kirstenmarion.com](http://kirstenmarion.com), on Instagram @kirstenlmarion, or on twitter @kirsten\_marion.



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#### Sales Points:

- Highlights historical women in science
- Ties to science, history, and English curricula
- Includes a helpful appendix for further learning
- Features a class activity sheet

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**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761855

**Formats:** Trade PBK, Digital

**Price (PBK):** \$9.99 CAD / \$7.99 USD

**Price (Digital):** \$5.99 USD

**Size:** 5.5 × 8.5 inches

**Pages:** 110

**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Science Fiction/Time Travel; Biographical/United States

**Target age:** 6-9

#### Comparable Titles:

- *World War II* by Mary Pope Osborne, ISBN 9781101936399, Random House Children's Books
- *Code Breaker, Spy Hunter* by Laurie Wallmark, ISBN 9781419739637, Abrams Books for Young Readers
- *Asha and Baz Meet Hedy Lamarr* by Caroline Fernandez, ISBN 978988761787, Common Deer Press
- *Asha and Baz Meet Mary Sherman Morgan* by Caroline Fernandez, ISBN 9781988761671, Common Deer Press

## Asha and Baz Meet Elizebeth Friedman

Caroline Fernandez, illustrated by Dharmali Patel



### Spies and secret codes await in Asha and Baz's latest adventure!

In the third book of the Asha and Baz series, readers travel to the past to learn about codebreaking during Word War II! When Asha and Baz get stuck on a codebreaking challenge at school, they travel to 1942 to find help. Codebreaker Elizebeth Friedman seems like just the person for the job—but first, the kids must help her decode some secret messages from Nazi spies!

**Caroline Fernandez** is an award-winning author of children's books, magazine feature articles, and blog posts. She is the author of the popular Boredom Busters (series), *Stop Reading This Book*, *The Adventures of Grandmasaurus* (series), *Asha and Baz* (series) and more! She writes, reads, and bakes in Toronto, Ontario. You can follow her on Twitter @parentclub and/or Instagram @parentclub.

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- PR outreach to bloggers
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**Sales Points:**

- Features a foster kid protagonist in a coming-of-age narrative
- Explores community and found family themes
- Discusses social and systemic issues and mental health
- Contains classical music content

**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761848**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761862**Formats:** Trade PBK, Digital**Price (PBK):** \$14.95 CAD / \$12.95 USD**Price (Digital):** \$9.99 USD**Size:** 6 × 9 inches**Pages:** 290**Category:** Young Adult Fiction; Coming of Age; Family/Adoption; Performing Arts/Music**Target age:** 14+**Comparable Titles:**

- *What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo, ISBN 9780553537741, Random House Children's Books
- *The Midnights* by Sarah Nicole Smetana, ISBN 9780062644626, Harper Collins
- *Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway, ISBN 9780062330635, Harper Collins
- *Just Lucky* by Melanie Florence, ISBN 9781772601046, Second Story Press
- *Azar on Fire* by Olivia Abtahi, ISBN 9780593109458, Penguin Young Readers Group

**A Junior Library Guild Gold  
Standard Selection**



## Iz the Apocalypse

Susan Currie



**A fierce voice longs to break free.**

A spark ignites inside fourteen-year-old Iz Beaufort when she hears school music group Manifesto perform. Even though she hasn't written a song since *That Place*, she recognizes herself in the moving performance and longs to be part of the group, certain that they might actually understand her.

But Manifesto is based at the prestigious Métier School, and Iz has bounced through twenty-six foster homes. Plus, there's no way Dominion Children's Care would ever send a foster kid to a private school when a public option is available. So Iz does what any passionate, broken, off-the-chart wunderkind might and takes matters into her own hands.

Iz fakes her way in, only to face a new set of challenges: tuition fees, tough classwork, and new classmates she can't immediately identify as friends or foes. And if she can't handle all this while keeping how she got into Métier a secret, she could get kicked out of both school and her current home.

But a life with music—a life where Iz gets to have a voice—might be worth risking everything.

**Susan Currie** is an elementary teacher in Brampton, Ontario (22 years and counting). Before she entered the public school system, she earned a living as an accompanist, pit musician, music director, choir director, organist, dinner musician, leader of various music programs for children, and piano teacher. She has written two other books—*Basket of Beethoven* (Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2001) and *The Mask That Sang* (Second Story Press, 2016). Susan is an adoptee who was in the foster care system briefly as a baby, and only learned of her Haudenosaunee heritage (Cayuga Nation, Turtle Clan) as an adult. She is happily married to John and has a wonderful daughter named Rachel.

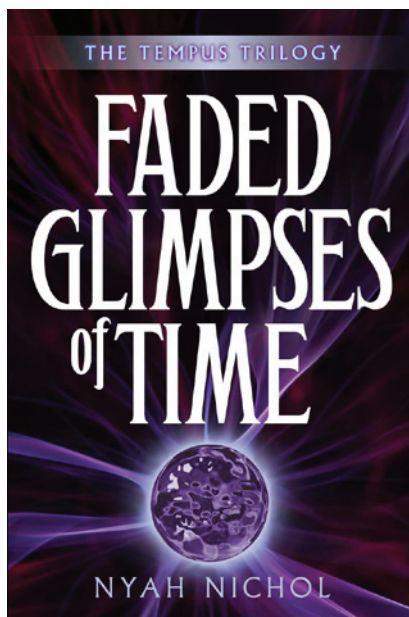


## Faded Glimpses of Time

**Author:** Nyah Nichol  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761718  
**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761725  
**Format:** Trade PBK, Digital  
**Price (PBK):** \$19.95 CAD / \$15.95 USD  
**Price (Digital):** \$9.99 USD  
**Size:** 6 × 9 inches  
**Pages:** 204  
**Category:** Science Fiction; Time Travel; Survival Story; Dystopian; Social Issues/Friendship; Thrillers & Suspense  
**Target age:** 14+

### Praise for *Faded Glimpses of Time*

“An exciting whirlwind of science-fiction espionage for those who appreciate plot-driven stories.”  
**—Kirkus Reviews**



Even with do-overs,  
saving the world can  
seem impossible.

Series-  
Book 2

Wren Derecho has successfully time travelled back to the present, confident that the dangerous and powerful orb has been lost forever. However, her relief quickly turns to horror when she realizes the orb has mysteriously reappeared and things are not the same as when she left them. Wren must now navigate through the new timeline and overcome the unexpected obstacles and twists it presents.

### Awards

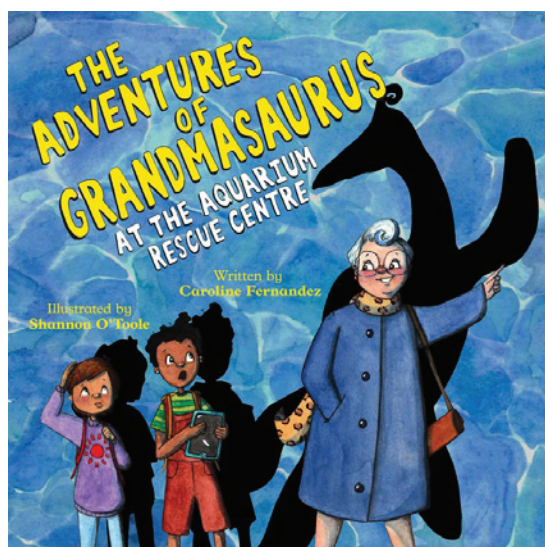
- ♦ 2022 finalist — Forward Reviews Indie Award for Young Adult Fiction

## The Adventures of Grandmasaurus: At the Aquarium Rescue Centre

**Author:** Caroline Fernandez  
**Illustrator:** Shannon O'Toole  
**ISBN (HBK):** 9781988761596  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761589  
**Format:** HBK, Trade PBK  
**Price (HBK):** \$19.95 CAD / \$16.95 USD  
**Price (PBK):** \$14.95 CAD / \$12.95 USD  
**Size:** 8 × 8 inches  
**Pages:** 40  
**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Animals; Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Creatures; Family; Fantasy & Magic  
**Target age:** 4-8

### Praise for *The Adventures of Grandmasaurus*

“Readers with embarrassingly rambunctious relatives of their own will moo-roar in sympathy.”  
**—Kirkus Reviews**



### This picture book

- offers plenty of scientific facts
- features an intergenerational narrative



### Grandma is at it again!

When aquarium dust makes Grandma sneeze and turn into different Mesozoic Era marine reptiles, it's up to her grand-kids (and readers) to track her down and stop her funny business!

### Awards

- ♦ 2022 SCWBI Crystal Kite Awards—Canada Division—Finalist

### Purple Dragonfly

- » 2022 Second Place: STEM
- » 2022 Honorable Mention: Picture Books 6 and older
- » 2022 Honorable mention: Best Illustration

## Asha and Baz Meet Mary Sherman Morgan

**Author:** Caroline Fernandez  
**Illustrator:** Dharmali Patel  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761671  
**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761688  
**Format:** Trade PBK, Digital  
**Price (PBK):** \$9.99 CAD / \$7.99 USD  
**Price (Digital):** \$5.99 USD  
**Size:** 5.5 × 8.5 inches  
**Pages:** 106  
**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Science Fiction/Time Travel; Biographical/United States; Readers/Chapter Books; Technology/Astronauts & Space; School & Education  
**Target age:** 6-9



**History and science collide in the first book of this time-travel series!**

**Series Book 1**

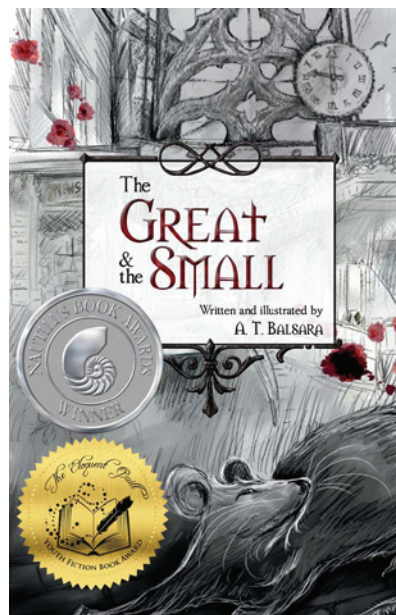
Asha and Baz have a paper rocket to launch! Whoever builds the rocket that travels the farthest will get to meet astronaut Chris Hadfield. The only problem is Asha and Baz don't know how to power their rocket. Stuck and unsure, the kids brainstorm by drawing a rocket in the sand using a stick. But this is a very unusual stick. In fact, it's a magic stick! And it transports them back in time to meet a person who might be able to help them with their rocket problem: scientist Mary Sherman Morgan.

### Awards

- ◆ 2023 Next Generation Indie Book Awards Finalist: Children's/Juvenile Early Readers/Chapter Books (Fiction)

## The Great & the Small

**Author and Illustrator:** A. T. Balsara  
**ISBN (HBK):** 9781988761121  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761107  
**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761114  
**Format:** HBK, Trade PBK, Digital  
**Price (HBK):** \$34.99 CAD / \$29.99 USD  
**Price (PBK):** \$17.99 CAD / \$14.99 USD  
**Price (Digital):** \$11.99 USD  
**Size:** 6 × 9 inches  
**Pages:** 296  
**Category:** Dark Fantasy; Political Fiction; Contemporary Fantasy  
**Target age:** 12+



**Where is the line between good and evil?**

Deep below the market, in the dark tunnels no human knows exist, a war has begun. Lead by the charismatic Beloved Chairman, a colony of rats plots to exterminate the ugly two-legs who have tortured them in labs, crushed them with boots, and looked at them with disgust for as long as anyone can remember. When the Chairman's nephew is injured and a young two-leg nurses him back to health, however, doubt about the war creeps in. Now the colony is split: obey the Chairman and infect the two-legs with the ancient sickness passed down from the Old Ones, or do the unthinkable . . . rebel.

### Awards

- ◆ 2020 Page Turner Book Awards—shortlisted and won a Spectrum Audiobook prize
- ◆ 2018 Nautilus Book Awards—Silver (given to books that promote peace)
- ◆ 2018 Literary Classics Book Awards—Top Honors, The Eloquent Quill Award
- ◆ 2018 Literary Classics Book Awards—Golds, Upper Middle Grade category and Epic category
- ◆ 2018 Screencraft Cinematic Book Competition—SemiFinalist
- ◆ 2018 Moonbeam Book Awards—Silver, YA Fantasy/Sci-Fi category

### Praise for

#### *The Great & the Small*

*"The Great & the Small has earned the Literary Classics Seal of Approval."*  
**—Literary Classics**



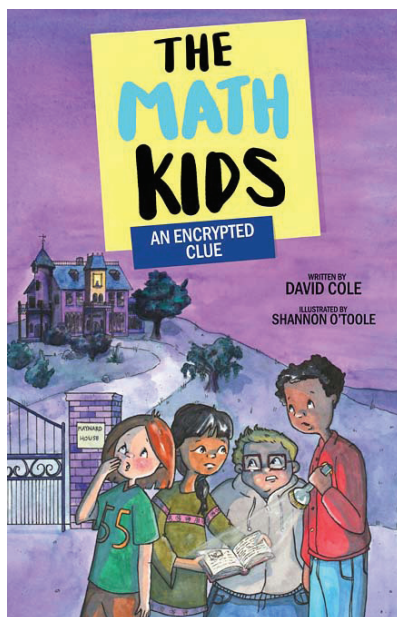
## The Math Kids: An Encrypted Clue

**Author:** David Cole  
**Illustrator:** Shannon O'Toole  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761565  
**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761572  
**Format:** Trade PBK, Digital  
**Price (PBK):** \$13.95 CAD / \$11.95 USD  
**Price (Digital):** \$7.99 USD  
**Size:** 5.5 × 8.5 inches  
**Pages:** 188  
**Category:** Mystery & Detective Stories; Mathematics; Social Issues/Friendship; School & Education  
**Target age:** 8-10

### Praise for The Math Kids: An Encrypted Clue

"...the exciting conclusion is a true group solve, with the kids deciphering the overall metapuzzle, accomplishing as a team what they never could have solo."

—Kirkus Reviews



## The Math Kids have a new puzzle to solve!

When Stephanie Lewis finds secret writing in the margin of an old book in the library, the Math Kids have a new puzzle to solve. But first, they must learn about codes and ciphers and how they can use their math skills to solve them.

As one clue leads to another, the kids are drawn into the mysterious old house that overlooks the town. Is it really haunted like some townspeople say? And who is the man with the long beard who keeps showing up everywhere they go? But that's not their only problem. The math competition they've been training so hard for is about to be cancelled.

Series-  
Book 4

### Awards

- ♦ Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards Finalist

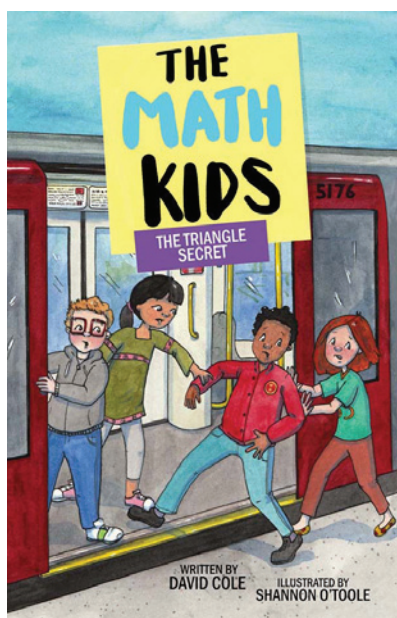
#### Purple Dragonfly

- » First Place: Mystery
- » First Place (tie): STEM
- » Second Place (tie): Middle Grade Fiction



## The Math Kids: The Triangle Secret

**Author:** David Cole  
**Illustrator:** Shannon O'Toole  
**ISBN (PBK):** 9781988761626  
**ISBN (Digital):** 9781988761633  
**Format:** Trade PBK, Digital  
**Price (PBK):** \$15.95 CAD / \$11.95 USD  
**Price (Digital):** \$8.99 USD  
**Size:** 6 × 9 inches  
**Pages:** 184  
**Category:** Mystery & Detective Stories; Mathematics; Social Issues/Friendship  
**Target age:** 10-12



## A mysterious will launches the Math Kids into their riskiest adventure yet!

When FBI Special Agent Carlson is kidnapped while investigating the plane crash of Willard Howell, an eccentric billionaire inventor, the Math Kids spring into action. If Catherine, Stephanie, Justin, and Jordan can figure out the Great Triangle mentioned in Howell's will, they might just uncover who's behind the crash and Agent Carlson's kidnapping—if they don't get caught themselves.

Series-  
Book 6

### Awards

- ♦ 2022 INDIES Finalist: Juvenile Fiction (Children's)

#### Purple Dragonfly

- » 2022 First Place: Mystery
- » 2022 First Place: Middle-Grade Fiction
- » 2022 First Place: STEM



## Just Watch Me

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**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Technology; Family/Marriage & Divorce; Friendship; Bullying; Diversity & Multicultural  
**Target age:** 11+



**A hilarious, middle-grade novel about friendship, bullying, and the power and perils of social media.**

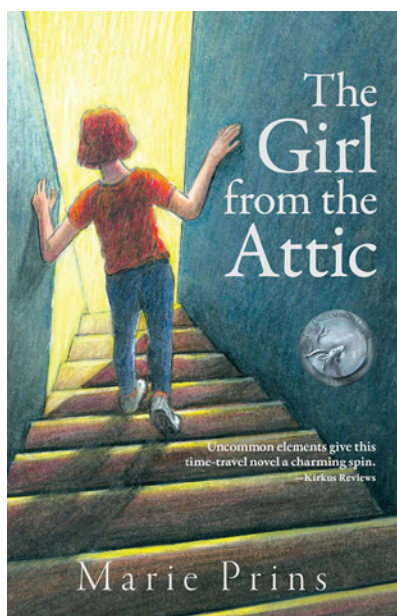
Simon Rosen has qualified for the Canadian Video Game Championships in Vancouver. If he can get straight A's in school, his parents have agreed to take him. The stakes are especially high: his parents are always fighting, and if he can just get them to Vancouver—the place where they fell in love—maybe he can save his family from the brink of divorce.

### Awards

- ♦ 2019 Uncommon Quest for the Great Canadian Children's Novel—Bronze

## The Girl from the Attic

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**Target age:** 9-13



**To find a place in her family, Maddy must travel through time.**

Maddy Rose lives in two worlds. A hundred years apart. In the same strange house built as an octagon. When a mysterious black cat leads her into the unknown attic, she meets Clare and his very sick sister, Eva. Together Maddy and Clare jump into a money-making scheme in his uncle's dangerous soap factory to buy a cure for Eva. But an unexpected tragedy befalls them before Maddy is pulled back into her own time to confront the premature birth of her own sister. Will the skills she learned in the past help her solve the problems of the present? As the Girl from the Attic, Maddy must rise to the challenges of both worlds to find her own place in the life of the octagon.

**Praise for**  
***The Girl from the Attic***  
*"Uncommon elements give this time-travel novel a charming spin."*  
**—Kirkus Reviews**

### Awards

- ♦ 2019 The Uncommon Quest for the Great Canadian Children's Novel—Silver

### Purple Dragonfly

- » 2021 First Place: Family Matters
- » Second Place (tie): Middle Grade Fiction





## The Adventures of Grandmasaurus

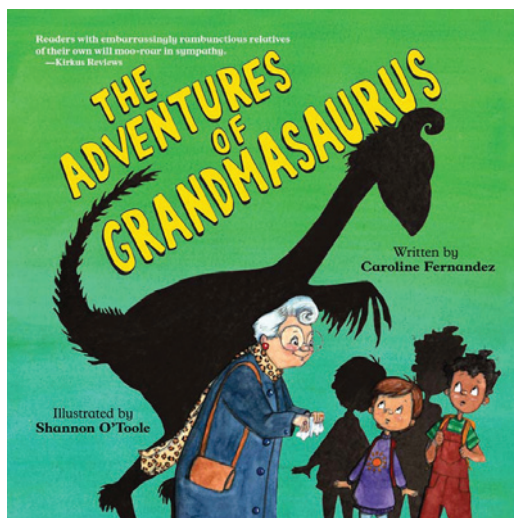
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**Pages:** 32  
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**Target age:** 4-8

## The Adventures of Grandmasaurus: At The Supermarket

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## Stop Reading This Book!

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**Half Grandma.  
Half dinosaur.  
All mischief.**

**Series-  
Book 1**

“Grandma keeps running off and doing funny business. On a field trip! And if she doesn’t stop, we’ll miss the school bus.”

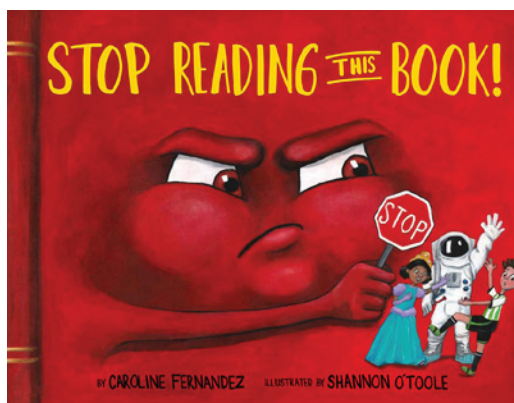
With each sneeze, Grandma turns into a different dinosaur and takes off. It’s up to me and Moonie to track her down and keep her from making a mess of the museum—before we miss the bus back home!



**Bite into a new  
adventure with  
Grandmasaurus!**

**Series-  
Book 3**

The grocery store may be a normal place to visit, but there’s nothing normal about a Grandma who magically sneezes herself into different dinosaurs! When Grandma’s dinosaur antics threaten to make a mess of the store, it’s up to her grandchildren to find and stop her—even if they have healthy eating reports to write.



**“A worthy addition to home,  
school and public libraries.”**

—CM: Canadian Review  
of Materials

Once upon a . . . Wait. You? Not You! It is my duty to protect the page of this book from mischief-makers like you. Stop Reading This Book! Uh oh!

This book thinks you’re a mischief-maker and it’ll do anything to get you to stop reading. But who’s the real villain—the reader or the book?

## The Math Kids: The Prime-Time Burglars

**Author:** David Cole  
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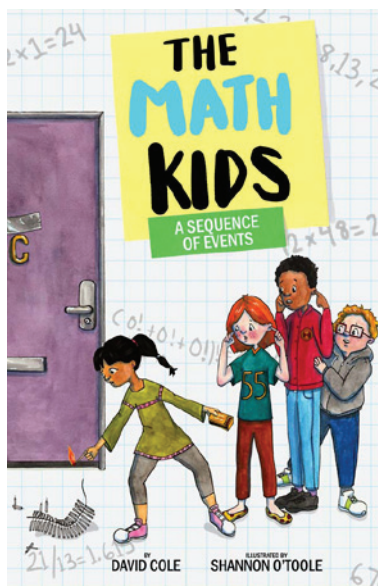
## Meet the Math Kids!

Best friends Jordan and Justin are the only two kids in their class's advanced math group until Stephanie Lewis marches into their classroom and they form the Math Kids. When mysterious burglaries rock their neighbourhood and the class bullies target them, they discover their new club—and a little math—might solve both problems.

Series  
Book 1

## The Math Kids: A Sequence of Events

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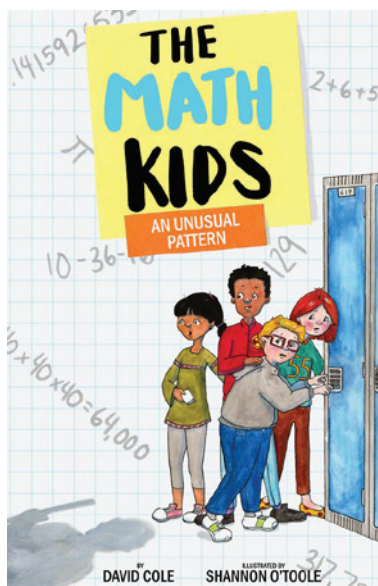
## A new member joins the Math Kids!

The Math Kids have set their sights on new club member Catherine Duchesne to help them win the upcoming Math Olympics. Although she has been quiet in class, she knows some really cool math tricks that are sure to help the Math Kids team. But when Catherine doesn't show up for school and Jordan, Justin, and Stephanie find out her father's been kidnapped, the group springs into action to help their new friend.

Series  
Book 2

## The Math Kids: An Unusual Pattern

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**Target age:** 9-12



## A special agents gives the Math Kids a new mission

When Special Agent Carlson asks the Math Kids to take a look at a cryptic poem written by a dying bank robber, they know they'll need all of their math skills to crack the case. To complicate matters, the school janitor, Old Mike, has been accused of stealing from lockers!

The Math Kids will need math, bravery, and a little bit of luck to solve the bank robbery and get Old Mike his job back.

Series  
Book 3

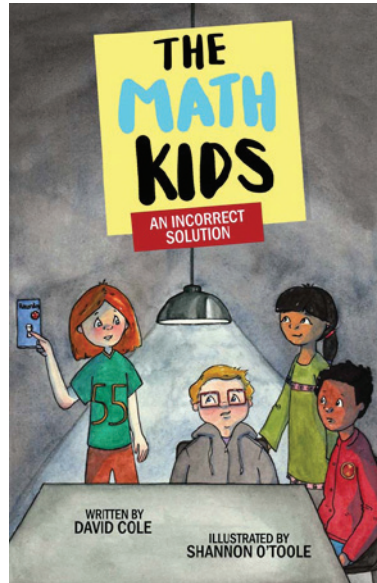
**"Highly Recommended."**

—CM: Canadian Review of Materials



## The Math Kids: An Incorrect Solution

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**Pages:** 180  
**Category:** Mystery & Detective Stories; Social Issues/Friendship; Social Issues/Physical & Emotional Abuse; Mathematics  
**Target age:** 8-11



**Fifth grade brings new adventures for the Math Kids!**

The Math Kids have been split up, and new teachers and troubled classmates suddenly seem a lot more challenging than homework. But the right plan—and some math—might solve everything.

**Series Book 5**

## The Math Kids: A Knotty Problem

**Author:** David Cole  
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**Target age:** 9-12



**Tensions rise between the Math Kids!**

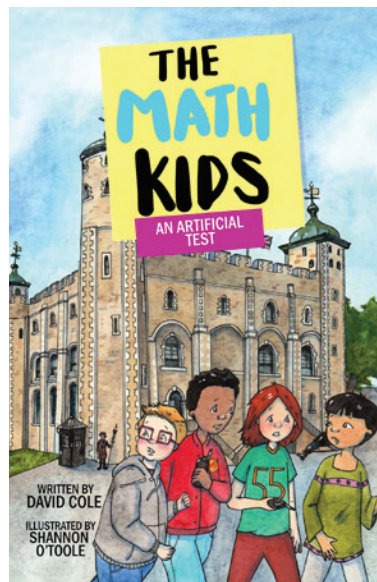
When Stephanie finds out her soccer team has a tournament on the same day as the district math competition, an upset Justin offers her a choice: choose Math Kids or leave the club. Dismayed by his attitude, Stephanie quits and Catherine goes with her. With their club in shambles, the future of their friendships is further threatened by the news that Justin's dad has been offered a new job and wants to move his family to St. Louis.

Jordan, Justin, Catherine, and Stephanie may face the permanent fracture of their friend group and a bleak end to their school year—unless they can come together to overcome some impossible situations.

**Series Book 7**

## The Math Kids: An Artificial Test

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**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Mathematics; Social Issues/Friendship; Mystery & Adventure  
**Target age:** 9-12



**Jet off to London and a new mystery with the Math Kids!**

After a tough end to the school year, the Math Kids—Jordan, Justin, Stephanie, and Catherine—take a jet to London for an exciting summer vacation. But they're quickly drawn into investigations of terrorist activity.

Authorities are on high alert because of threats to landmarks across the city. But there's something odd about the messages. Working alongside Bobby, a police officer tasked with being their trip guide, the kids must uncover the true purpose of a mysterious online message board or risk being sent home early.

With their vacation plans and the safety of London at risk, the Math Kids are in for their most complex case yet!

**Series Book 8**

## Broken Shards of Time

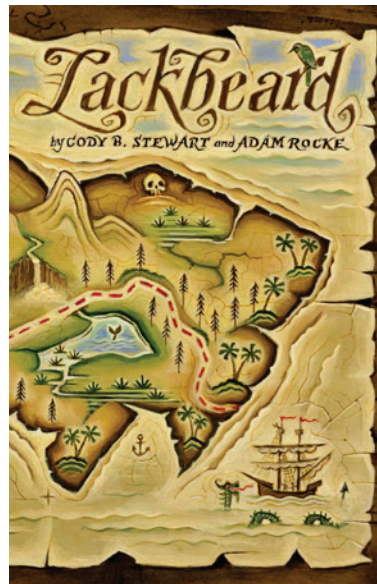
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## Lackbeard

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## #NotReadyToDie

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**Target age:** 14+



**She's about to face her greatest enemy: her future self.**

Orphaned and made bionic after a mysterious accident, Wren Derecho becomes enmeshed with an enigmatic power source. During her journey to navigate the pain of grief and loss, she crosses paths with three individuals with talents and traumas of their own. Wren and her team quickly discover that the hero of any story can easily become the villain as they travel through time so Wren can defeat her greatest enemy: herself.

**All they wanted was their forever homes.**

When a motley group of orphans steals an ancient artifact from the Golden Age of Piracy and a treasure map drawn in blood, what they get is an epic adventure.

**"Highly Recommended."**

—CM: Canadian Review of Materials

Ginny's life suddenly comes to a screeching halt one fateful Monday when a shooter shows up at Southwestern High School during first period. In lockdown with both the homeroom sub and her secret crush badly wounded, Ginny finds herself teamed up with Kayla, one of the "Barbies." Together, they must try to keep their classmates alive amid terror and pain.

**Series Book 1**



## Lucy & Dee: The Silk Road

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**Target age:** 11-14



**Unexpectedly trapped in a fantasy kingdom, best friends Lucy and Dee embark on a quest.**

**Series Book 1**

When Lucy and Dee chance upon a hidden road and the lord of stone offers them a quest, the opportunity for both arises. All they have to do is befriend a young emperor—which would be a lot easier if he wasn't a royal pain and an angry queen didn't want him dead.

With the entitled ruler in tow, Lucy and Dee must find a way home with a mysterious feather and a dragon-whisperer (who looks suspiciously like a hedgehog) as their only defence against capture . . . or worse

## The Extraordinary e-Tab of Julian Newcomber

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**Category:** Juvenile Fiction; Science Fiction; Time Travel  
**Target age:** 9-12



**A time-travel novel with unexpected twists and adventure.**

Julian believes he's finally escaped his father's calamities. Until a vaguely familiar 20-year-old man walks out of the bedroom closet and says he's future Julian.

Turns out his (their?) inventor father's latest contraption, the eTab, alters time. When grown-up Julian travelled into the past, he dropped his cell phone on a Civil War battlefield. It was, what the sarcastic crowd might call, a bone-headed move.

Now, Grown-Up Julian needs Young Julian to help him retrieve his cell phone before the future is unpredictably changed. No pressure.

## Dear Earthling: Cosmic Correspondent

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**Target age:** 8-12



**A space adventure great for middle-grade readers!**

Join Dethbert Jones in his blamstastic space adventures with his robot best friend, Andi Social! Misadventures abound, but Dethbert's curiosity and enthusiasm can't be crushed. Not by anything in this galaxy, anyway!

## The Boatman

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## A tale of ghosts, grief, and recovery.

Isabel Wixon sees ghosts. Her friends consist of a talkative ventriloquist's dummy and a gentlemanly spider living in her hair. Real friends? Too hard. Inventing friends—much easier. Inventing the Boatman—a terrible monster that lures kids into a permanent sleeping sickness—probably wasn't one of her better ideas.

## Asha and Baz Meet Hedy Lamarr

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**Illustrator:** Dharmali Patel  
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**Target age:** 6-9



## Dive into the past and Learn about famous actor and inventor Hedy Lamarr!

Series Book 2

Computer class is off to a rocky start for Asha and Baz! They've been given a Coding Challenge and must correctly code instructions to send a digital frog across a computer screen. But they can't seem to figure it out. With their reputation as the smartest kids in their class at stake, the pair turn to their magic stick for answers. They use it to draw their coding problem in the sand and are transported back in time to 1941 Hollywood to meet Hedy Lamarr, leaving them even more confused: How can an actor help them solve the Coding Challenge?





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