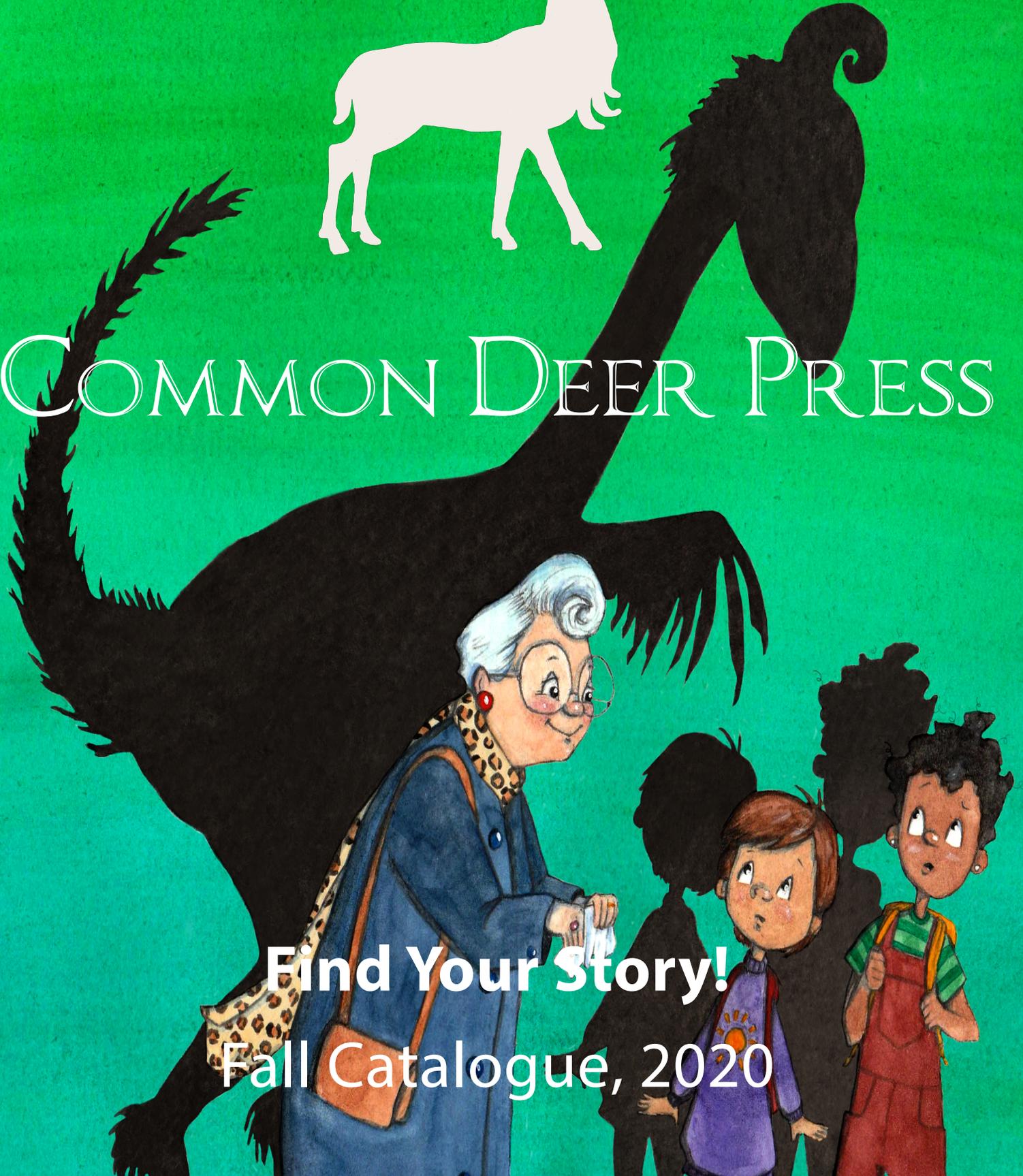




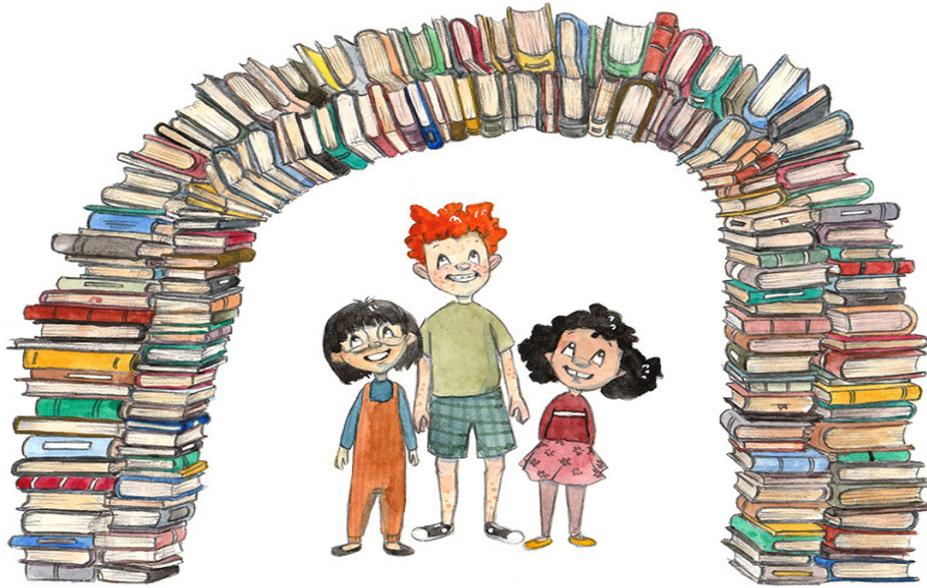
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Shannon O'Toole

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Kirsten Marion
Publisher
Common Deer Press

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- National and regional television, trade and educational print, radio, and online campaigns
- Targeted pitches for interviews, bookstore signings, and library events
- PR outreach to bloggers
- Targeted social media campaigns

Sales Points

- strong protagonists
- themes of friendship, family, and loss
- a fast-paced science fiction with multiple POVs
- highlights the consequences of time travel

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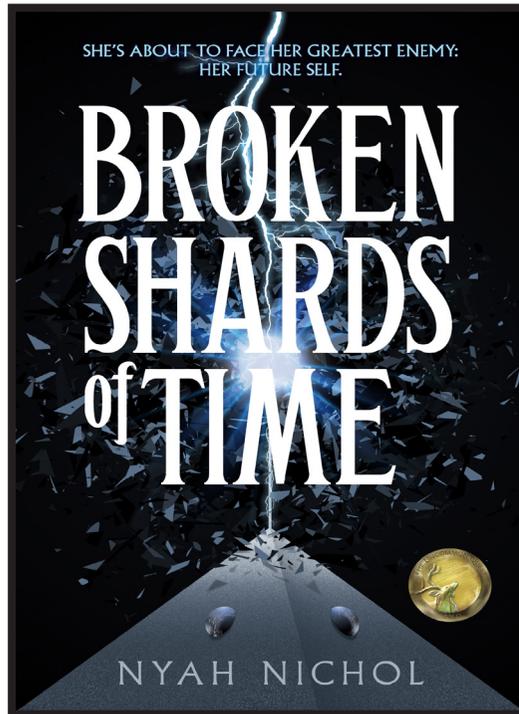
6 x 9 inches | 228 pages

Ages 14+

Category: young adult fiction; science fiction; time travel; thriller & suspense; friendship; dystopian

Comparable Titles

- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, Katherin Tegan Books 2011, ISBN-13: 978-0062024022
- *The Girl from Everywhere* by Heidi Heilig, Greenwillow Books 2016, ISBN-13: 978-0062380753



BROKEN SHARDS OF TIMES

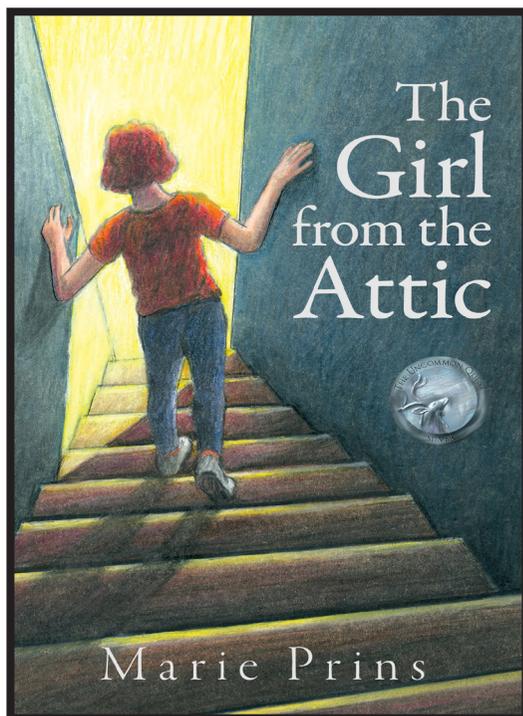
Nyah Nichol

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

Wren Derecho is the lone survivor of a mysterious accident that took the lives of her parents. As Wren tries to navigate through the pain of grief and loss, she crosses paths with three other individuals and soon realizes that something beyond coincidence has intertwined their lives together. Each of their journeys is marked by immense tragedy, fate, a time machine, and a mysterious power source that seems to be alive . . . and not from this world.

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Nyah Nichol was born and raised in the small northern Alberta city of Cold Lake. Her hobbies include reading, drawing, and crocheting. She has three younger siblings who can be annoying at times, but sweet and awesome the rest of the time. She has a mom and dad who love her very much and support her in everything she does.



THE GIRL FROM THE ATTIC

Marie Prins

To find a place in her family, Maddy must travel through time to get there.

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? Can the strange shape of the house make a difference?

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From the age of five, when **Marie Prins** begged her mother to teach her how to read, her life has been, in one way or another, about books. In her childhood, she devoured them. At university, Marie studied them and earned a BA in English Literature. As an adult, she sold them, first at The Toronto Women's Bookstore and later at Parentbooks. Now she teaches children how to read them. And most recently, she writes them. Her Muse is nature, gardening, and the lives lived in an historic, octagonal house not far from the north shore of Lake Ontario. Visit her at www.marieprins.ca.

Marketing and Promotion

- National and regional television, trade and educational print, radio, and online campaigns
- Targeted pitches for interviews, bookstore signings, and library events
- PR outreach to bloggers
- Targeted social media campaigns

Sales Points

- coming-of-age story
- strong female protagonist
- historical insight into rural Ontario
- exploration of family dynamics
- time travel

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5.5 x 8.5 inches | 222 pages

Ages 9-13

Category: juvenile fiction; historical fiction/Canada; social themes/emotions & feelings; family/blended families

Comparable Titles

- *Once Was a Time* by Leila Sales, Chronicle Books 2016, ISBN-13: 978-1452140094
- *The Secret Lake* by Karen Inglis, Well Said Press 2011, ISBN-13: 978-0956932303

Marketing and Promotion

- National and regional television, trade and educational print, radio, and online campaigns
- Targeted pitches for interviews, bookstore signings, and library events
- PR outreach to bloggers
- Targeted social media campaigns

Sales Points

- highlights the power and perils of social media
- strong themes of friendship, family, and bullying
- a relatable male protagonist who loves video games makes this book appealing for boys

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CAD \$12.95 (paperback)

5.5 x 8.5 inches | 134 pages

Ages 10+

Category: juvenile fiction; technology; family/marriage & divorce; friendship; bullying; diversity & multicultural

Comparable Titles

- *Speechless* by Jennifer Mook-Sang, Scholastic Canada 2015, ISBN-13: 978-1443142670
- *I Funny* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, Jimmy patterson 2013, ISBN-13: 978-0316322003



JUST WATCH ME

Erin Silver

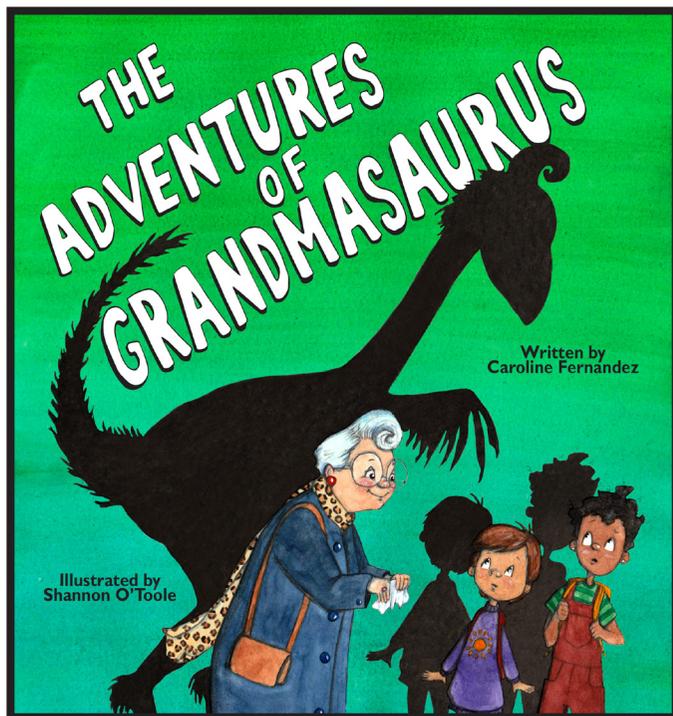
A hilarious, relevant fast-paced middle grade novel about friendship, bullying, and the power and perils of social media

Twelve-year-old Simon Rosen has qualified for the Canadian Video Game Championships in Vancouver. His parents agree to take him if he can get straight A's in school. Simon is sure this trip is exactly what his parents need to fall in love again.

Unfortunately, Simon is enrolled in Technology, and the class isn't what he expected. Instead of building robots, it's a social media course! To get an A, he needs to create "engaging content" on his own live-streaming VideoKids channel. Simon accidentally streams one embarrassing video after another. Nothing goes right!

The pressure mounts when it's announced that only one student will get an A, pitting Simon against his best friend Joceyln, who also needs an A. Things get worse when he has to confront two bullies who are out to get him. In this hilarious story about growing up in the social media era, one thing is for sure: Simon is in for the toughest semester of his life.

Erin Silver has a postgraduate journalism degree and an MFA in Creative Nonfiction. She has been writing professionally for more than 15 years. Her work has appeared in everything from *The Washington Post* and *Globe and Mail* to *Harper's Bazaar* and *Good Housekeeping*, among many other North American magazines, newspapers and blogs. One of her picture books was named a finalist in the 2017 CANSCAIP Writing for Children Competition. She is currently working on a non-fiction children's book for Lorimer Kids. Visit her at erinsilver.ca.



THE ADVENTURES OF GRAMASAURUS

Written by Caroline Fernandez, illustrated by Shannon O'Toole

Half Grandma. Half dinosaur. All mischievous.

The Adventures of Gramasaurus features a quirky Grandma who magically sneezes herself into different dinosaurs while on a field trip with her two grandchildren. When Grandma starts behaving like a dinosaur the kids quickly learn this will not be a regular field trip! There is a world of adventure searching for and identifying Gramasaurus. This intergenerational tale also shows kids know best when it comes to proper behaviour at the museum!

Caroline Fernandez is a kidlit author, parenting blogger, and social media enthusiast. She is the author of *Stop Reading This Book!* and two bestselling books, *Boredom Busters: Over 50 Awesome Activities for Children Aged 7 years +* (Cico Books, 2014 2016 Silver Birch Non-Fiction Honour Book) and *More Boredom Busters: Over 50 Awesome Activities for Children Aged 7 years +* (Cico Books, 2015). She is the creator of www.parentclub.ca, a popular blog which shares information to make life easier for busy families. Caroline has been listed as one of Toronto's Top Mom Bloggers. Caroline lives, writes, and bakes in Toronto, Ontario.

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 not drawing, Shannon can be found curled up with her dog, Edgar, watching old movies.

Marketing and Promotion

- National and regional television, trade and educational print, radio, and online campaigns
- Targeted pitches for interviews, bookstore signings, and library events
- PR outreach to bloggers
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Sales Points

- offers non-fiction facts bringing added-value learning to readers
- will be well received by readers who enjoy active reading

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8 x 8 inches | 32 pages

Ages 4-8

Category: juvenile fiction; animals; dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures; family; fantasy and magic

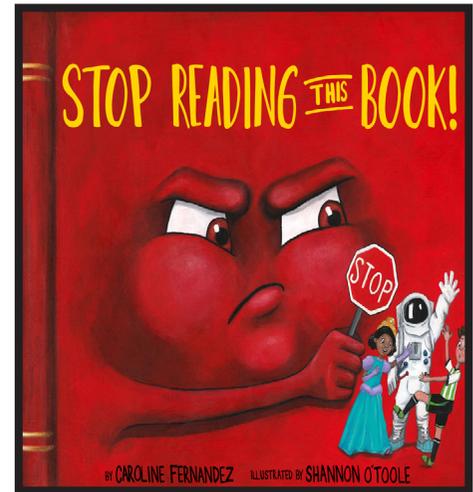
Comparable Titles

- *Jurassic Bark!* (PAW Patrol) by Hollis James and Fabrizio Petrossi, Golden Books 2017, ISBN-13: 978-0399558801
- *If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur*, Linda Bailey, Tundra Books 2017, ISBN-13: 978-1101918913

STOP READING THIS BOOK!

Author: Caroline Fernandez
Illustrator: Shannon O'Toole
Dimensions: 8.5 x 11 inches
Pages: 40
Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-41-1
Price: CAD \$14.95 (paperback)
Age range: 4-8
Category: juvenile fiction; interactive adventures; social themes
Available now

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?



#NOTREADYTODIE

Author: Cate Carlyle
Dimensions: 5.5 x 8.5 inches
Pages: 126
Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-39-8
Price: CAD \$14.95
Age range: 14+
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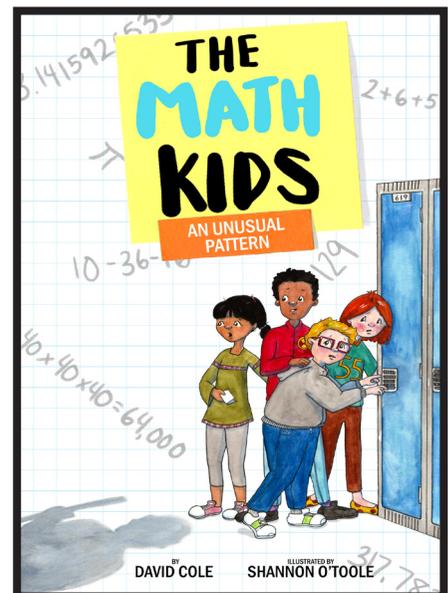
Ginny's life suddenly comes to a screeching halt one fateful Monday when a shooter shows up at Southwestern High School during first period. In lockdown with both the homeroom sub and her secret crush badly wounded, Ginny finds herself teamed up with Kayla, one of the "Barbies." Together, they must try to keep their classmates alive amid terror and pain.

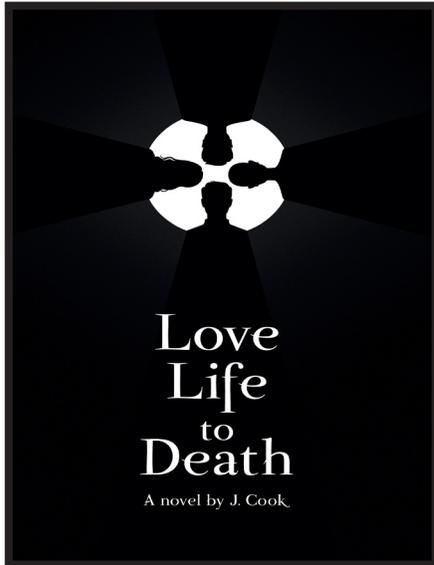


THE MATH KIDS: AN UNUSUAL PATTERN

Author: David Cole
Illustrator: Shannon O'Toole
Dimensions: 5.5 x 8.5 inches
Pages: 121
Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-37-4
Price: CAD \$11.99
Age range: 8+
Category: juvenile fiction; mystery; STEM
Available now

The Math Kids are back again! When Special Agent Carlson, asks for help with a cryptic poem left by a dying bank robber, Jordan, Stephanie, Justin, and Catherine are ready to take on a new case. But they've got another problem to solve: their favourite janitor has been accused of stealing! They'll need math, bravery, and a bit of luck if they hope to solve the bank robbery case and prove their friend's innocence.





LOVE LIFE TO DEATH

Author: J. Cook

Dimensions: 5.5 x 8.5 inches

Pages: 276

Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-32-9

Price: CAD \$19.99

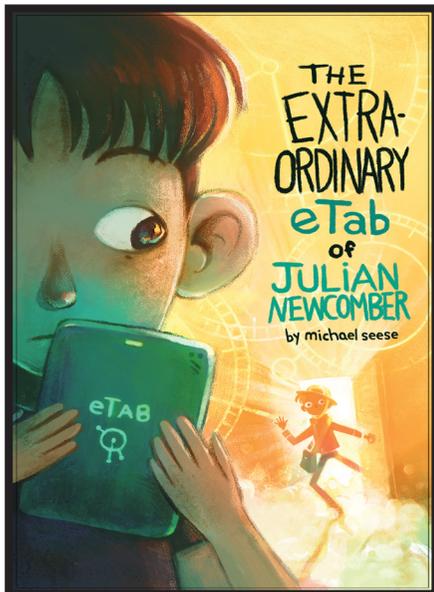
Age range: 18+

Category: adult fiction; thriller; suspense; religious; cult

Available now

The Vicar proudly preaches the One Law of The Order to the masses. One Law to unite faith and science as one. The Order offers pleasant congregations and strong coffee. The clergy can also, should you be curious, predict your death to the day.

But when love gets in the way of a proscribed death, the Vicar's faith falters. Is it too late to save and be saved?



THE EXTRAORDINARY E-TAB OF JULIAN NEWCOMBER

Author: Michael Seese

Dimensions: 5.5 x 8.5 inches

Pages: 156

Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-28-2

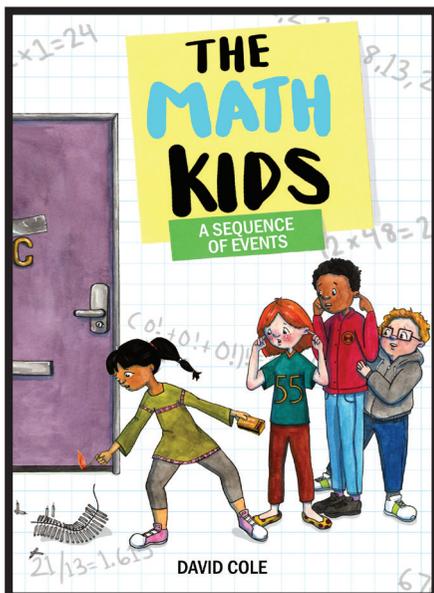
Price: CAD \$12.99

Age range: 8+

Category: juvenile fiction; science fiction; time travel

Available now

Julian is trying to adjust to another new house when a man walks out of his closet claiming to be him from the future. Now, Julian must help his future self repower his time travel device, the eTab, or risk polluting the timeline and rewriting history as he knows it! No pressure.



THE MATH KIDS: A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Author: David Cole

Illustrator: Shannon O'Toole

Dimensions: 5.5 x 8.5 inches

Pages: 124

Paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-30-5

Price: CAD \$11.99

Age range: 8+

Category: juvenile fiction; mystery; STEM

Available now

The Math Kids need a fourth teammate for the Math Olympics, and they set their sights on Catherine Duchesne. But when Catherine doesn't show up for school because her father's been kidnapped, the group springs into action to help their new friend.

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Trade paperback: CAD \$17.99
- ***Threshold*** by Patricia J. Anderson, fiction fantasy, 240 pages, paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-16-9
Trade paperback: CAD \$19.99
- ***The Math Kids: The Prime-Time Burglars*** by David Cole, illustrated by Shannon O'Toole, middle grade STEM, 110 pages, paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-22-0
Trade paperbackback: CAD \$ 9.99
- ***Dear Earthling: Cosmic Correspondent*** by Pen Avey, middle grade science fiction, 114 pages, paperback ISBN: 978-1-988761-26-8
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