The Dark Talent

Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians

Brandon Sanderson

The never-before-published, long-awaited fifth book in the Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians middle-grade series from #1 New York Times bestselling author Brandon Sanderson

Alcatraz Smedry has successfully defeated the army of Evil Librarians and saved the kingdom of Mokia. Too bad he managed to break the Smedry Talents in the process. Even worse, his father is trying to enact a scheme that could ruin the world, and his friend, Bastille, is in a coma. To revive her, Alcatraz must infiltrate the Highbrary--known as The Library of Congress to Hushlanders--the seat of Evil Librarian power. Without his Talent to draw upon, can Alcatraz figure out a way to save Bastille and defeat the Evil Librarians once and for all?

PRAISE

For the Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series:

"This is an excellent choice to read aloud to the whole family. It's funny, exciting, and briskly paced. Best of all, the message it gives young readers is that a person's flaws--being late, breaking things, etc.--can sometimes turn into useful talents."

--Nancy Pearl on NPR's Morning Edition

"In this original, hysterical homage to fantasy literature, Sanderson's first novel for youth recalls the best in Artemis Fowl and A Series of Unfortunate Events."

--VOYA

"A happily action-packed romp." --Horn Book

BRANDON SANDERSON is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Rithmatist and Steelheart, both of which were selected for the American Library Association's Teens' Top Ten list. He's also written many popular and award-winning books for adults. His middle-grade series, Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians, is now available in deluxe hardcover editions. BrandonSanderson.com.

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Welcome to the Weenie Zone! David Lubar is back with his eighth collection of Warped and Creepy Tales, which have sold over 2.6 million copies

The appearance of a mysterious new girl in school stops her classmates cold. Black Friday shopping gets out of control for a mother and daughter. And stands full of screaming and shouting Bleacher Weenies are about to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Here are thirty-one hilarious and harrowing stories that will scare you, make you laugh. or get you to see the world in a whole new way. Find out where the author got the idea for each story at the end of the book.

Don't be a weenie. Read these stories. If you dare!

PRAISE

"With its mix of humor and chills, this collection is a sure bet for fans of R. L. Stine's Goosebumps series and reluctant readers." --Booklist on Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies

"Whoever thinks the short story is dead, or that kids don't like short stories, hasn't talked to any real live kids and hasn't read the latest in this popular series." --School Library Journal on Attack of the Vampire Weenies

DAVID LUBAR created a sensation with his debut novel, Hidden Talents, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults. He is also the author of True Talents, Flip, Character, Driven; the Nathan Abercrombie, Accidental Zombie series; and the Weenies short story collections including In the Land of the Lawn Weenies and Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies. He lives in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.
Vassa in the Night

A Novel

Sarah Porter

"A dark, thoroughly modern fairy tale crackling with wit and magical mayhem." --Leigh Bardugo, New York Times bestselling author of the Grisha Trilogy

In the enchanted kingdom of Brooklyn, the fashionable people put on cute shoes, go to parties in warehouses, drink on rooftops at sunset, and tell themselves they’ve arrived. A whole lot of Brooklyn is like that now—but not Vassa’s working-class neighborhood.

In Vassa’s neighborhood, where she lives with her stepmother and bickering stepsisters, one might stumble onto magic, but stumbling out again could become an issue. Babs Yagg, the owner of the local convenience store, has a policy of beheading shoplifters—and sometimes innocent shoppers as well. So when Vassa’s stepsister sends her out for light bulbs in the middle of night, she knows it could easily become a suicide mission.

But Vassa has a bit of luck hidden in her pocket, a gift from her dead mother. Erg is a tough-talking wooden doll with sticky fingers, a bottomless stomach, and a ferocious cunning. With Erg’s help, Vassa just might be able to break the witch’s curse and free her Brooklyn neighborhood. But Babs won’t be playing fair. . . .

Inspired by the Russian folktale "Vassilissa the Beautiful" and Sarah Porter's years of experience teaching creative writing to New York City students, Vassa in the Night weaves a dark yet hopeful tale about a young girl’s search for home, love, and belonging.

PRAISE

"Bizarre, beautiful, and richly imagined. Sarah Porter weaves a dark, thoroughly modern fairy tale crackling with wit and magical mayhem that would make Baba Yaga proud." --Leigh Bardugo, New York Times bestselling author of the Grisha Trilogy and Six of Crows

"An enchantingly twisted modern fairy tale, perfect for those who prefer Grimm to Disney. Inventive, darkly magical, and beautifully written, it will stay with me for a long time." --Kendare Blake, author of Anna Dressed in Blood and The Goddess War trilogy

SARAH PORTER is a writer, artist, and freelance teacher who lives in Brooklyn with her husband and two cats. She has an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from City College.
Metaltown

Kristen Simmons

*Newsies meets The Jungle in an all-new stand-alone novel from the author of Article 5 and The Glass Arrow*

Best friends Colin and Ty live one day at a time—the only way it’s possible to survive in Metaltown, where money is in short supply, illness runs rampant, and street rules are the highest law. With the other near-starving teenagers of Metaltown, they work long, grueling hours for pennies at the Small Parts factory, attaching fuses to bombs and manufacturing weapons. When they’re worked to the bone, they seek shelter where they can find it, and do it all again the next day.

Meanwhile, in the wealthy River District across town, Lena Hampton spends her days learning useless ancient languages and the art of being a lady…all the while secretly studying the ins and outs of Hampton Industries, dreaming that one day her father will take her seriously and she’ll become the first woman to run the family’s expansive network of factories and businesses.

Colin’s, Ty’s, and Lena’s paths intersect when Ty is injured on the job and Lena, desperate to prove herself, fires her. In one morning, their dreams of a better future disappear, and Colin and Ty must find a way to transform their own lives—and Lena’s—into ones that matter.

**PRAISE**

"*Metaltown* is a raw, heart-racing tale of teens trying to be heard in a society with nothing to lose. The most intense aspect is not its grittiness, but its familiarity. Prepare to be destroyed."—Sara Raasch, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Snow Like Ashes*

"A compelling, inspiring read. The industrial setting is reminiscent of turn of the century works like *The Jungle*, and the characters had me rooting for rebels, fights worth fighting, and girls with gumption. By the time it was over, I had my fist in the air."—Kendare Blake, author of *Anna Dressed in Blood*

KRISTEN SIMMONS has a master's degree in social work and is an advocate for mental health. She lives with her husband, Jason, and their precious greyhound, Rudy, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Fathomless
Anne M. Pillsworth

Sean Wyndham has tried to stay away from the lure of magic—the last time he dabbled in the dark studies, he inadvertently summoned a blood familiar, wreaking havoc on his town and calling the attention of the Elder Gods. But now Sean has been offered the chance to study magic with a proper teacher, overseen by Helen Arkwright, a friend of Sean's father and heir to ancient order of much power, who protects New England from that which lurks in the coastline's unseen depths. Will learning theory be enough, when there is a much greater magical secret hidden in Helen's vaulted library?

Accompanied by his best friend, Eddy, and their enigmatic new friend Daniel, Sean wades out deeper into mystical legend and shadow. With hints and secrets buried long in family lore, they turn to the suspicious Reverend Orne once more for assistance. But as Sean deepens his understanding of his power, a darkness is waking…

PRAISE
"Multifaceted characters...[an] engaging story. Readers who enjoy series like Cassandra Clare and Holly Black's "Magisterium" will find plenty to delight in here."--Library Journal on Fathomless

"...the characters and Sean’s relationships with them feel genuine, as does the magic-filled world they inhabit. Pillsworth integrates the contemporary world and the supernatural one seamlessly, describing cars and highways with the same attention to minute details as she does enchanted paintings. A well-executed sequel that expands the mythos, solidifies the characters, and raises the stakes for the next outing."--Kirkus Reviews on Fathomless

ANNE M. PILLSWORTH's novel Summoned began the Redemption's Heir series, set in the same world as her short story "Geldman's Pharmacy," which received honorable mention in The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror, Thirteenth Annual Collection. She currently lives in a Victorian "trolley car" suburb of Providence, Rhode Island, with her wife.
The Rains
Gregg Hurwitz

The first YA page-turner from New York Times bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz

In one terrifying night, the peaceful community of Creek's Cause turns into a war zone. No one under the age of eighteen is safe. Chance Rain and his older brother, Patrick, have already fended off multiple attacks from infected adults by the time they arrive at the school where other young survivors are hiding.

Most of the kids they know have been dragged away by once-trusted adults who are now ferocious, inhuman beings. The parasite that transformed them takes hold after people turn eighteen--and Patrick's birthday is only a few days away.

Determined to save Patrick's life and the lives of the remaining kids, the brothers embark on a mission to uncover the truth about the parasites--and what they find is horrifying. Battling an enemy not of this earth, Chance and Patrick become humanity's only hope for salvation.

PRAISE

"Gregg Hurwitz is a writer’s writer, fast on his feet, quick with the perfect turn of phrase. The Rains is one of those all-too-creepy-and-believable stories that leaves you looking in your backyard for the next strange weed to poke through the ground. Chilling!"--Ridley Pearson, New York Times bestselling author of The Kingdom Keepers


GREGG HURWITZ is the New York Times bestselling author of fifteen thrillers, most recently Orphan X. His novels have been shortlisted for numerous literary awards, graced top ten lists, and have been translated into twenty-seven languages. He is also a New York Times bestselling comic book writer, having penned stories for Marvel and DC. Additionally, he's written screenplays for many major studios and written, developed, and produced television for various networks. Hurwitz resides in Los Ange...
The Wishing World

Todd Fahnestock

A fun, fanciful adventure in a land where all children's wishes come true

In the Wishing World, dreams are real. You can transform into your own hero, find wild and whimsical friends, and wield power as great as your imagination. But Lorelei doesn't know about any of that. All she knows is that a monster took her family.

It happened during a camping trip one year ago. Hiding inside the tent, she saw shadows, tentacles and a strange creature. By the time she got up the courage to crawl outside, the monster--and Lorelei's mom, dad, and brother--were gone.

Lorelei is determined to find her family. When she accidentally breaks into the Wishing World, she discovers a way. It's a land more wonderful than she could have imagined, a land of talking griffons, water princesses, and cities made of sand, where Lorelei is a Doolivanti--a wish-maker--who can write her dreams into existence.

There's only one problem: the monster is a Doolivanti, too. What he wishes also comes true, and he's determined to shove Lorelei out, keep her family, and make the whole Wishing World his. To save them, Lorelei must find the courage to face him, or her next wish may be her last.

PRAISE

"Whimsical and imaginative, with just the right mix of humor, heart, and adventure. The Wishing World is everything you could wish for in a story--and so much more!"--Shannon Messenger, author of Keeper of the Lost Cities

"The Wishing World is a book children will be clamoring for, saying as Lorelei might, “Double ‘yes, please’ with a ‘gimmie, gimmie’ on top!”--Edith Cohn, author of Spirit’s Key

"Fantastical world-building, a charming and courageous cast of characters, and just the right amount of whimsy make this the perfect concoction for anyone wishing to escape into a magical new adventure."-- Marissa Burt, author of Storybound

TODD FAHNESTOCK won the New York Public Library’s Books for the Teen Age Award for one of his short stories, and his self-published young adult novel, Fairmist, was a #1 Amazon.com bestseller. Stories are his passion, but Todd's greatest accomplishment is his quirky, fun-loving family. The Wishing World began as a series of bedtime stories for his children.
Unmortal
Anne M. Pillsworth

The thrilling conclusion of the Redemption's Heir series--a Lovecraftian adventure for teens.

Sean Wyndham begins his second summer of magical training with mentor Joseph Kokokoho, who guards the mysteries of long-deserted Dunwich. Mountains crowned with stone circles and dubious altars, whippoorwill-haunted glens that lead to transdimensional rifts, what could be cooler?

A new familiar, that's what, and a new shot at developing a better control over his own Magic. And, with Eddy and Daniel at nearby Miskatonic University for weekend hang-outs, Sean's expectations for this summer are high. Also at MU is a new magic student, Felicia Peralta, long and lean and impenetrably distant, until she takes a sudden interest in Sean.

Nor is Felicia the only one unusually curious about Sean. The undead witch Patience Orne has returned to Arkham, determined to meet her many-times-great-grandson at last--and meeting isn't the only thing on her mind...

PRAISE
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"Fantastic...A novel for readers who like their magic dangerous, their witches panicked, and their hexes irrecoverable."--Sean Beaudoin, author of The Infects and Wise Young Fool, on Summoned

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Seriously Shifted

Tina Connolly

A sparkling new adventure about teen witch Camellia and her mother, wicked witch Sarmine, introduced to readers in Seriously Wicked

Teenage witch Cam isn’t crazy about the idea of learning magic. She’d rather be no witch than a bad one. But when a trio of her mother’s wicked witch friends decide to wreak havoc in her high school, Cam has no choice but to try to stop them.

Now Cam’s learning invisibility spells, dodging exploding cars, and pondering the ethics of love potions. All while trying to keep her grades up and go on a first date with her crush. If the witches don’t get him first, that is.

Can’t a good witch ever catch a break?

PRAISE

"Connolly has a knack for integrating fantastical elements into the day-to-day world of school dramas, boy-girl flirtations, and mother-daughter angst.... Tongue-in-cheek humor and fast-paced hijinks abound as events build toward a climactic Halloween dance and Cam steps forth as a resourceful heroine ready to embrace her innate abilities, chart her own course, and experience her first kiss."—School Library Journal on Seriously Wicked

"Connolly exhibits a sharp wit and a keen tongue that make Seriously Wicked a fun read."—The New York Journal of Books

TINA CONNOLLY lives with her family in Portland, Oregon. She is the author of Ironskin, a Nebula Award finalist, and its sequels, Copperhead and Silverblind. Her stories have appeared all over, including in Strange Horizons, Lightspeed, and Beneath Ceaseless Skies. She is a frequent reader for Podcastle, and narrates the Parsec-winning flash fiction podcast Toasted Cake.
Seriously Wicked

A Novel

Tina Connolly

The only thing worse than being a witch is living with one

Camellia's adopted mother wants Cam to grow up to be just like her. Problem is, Mom's a seriously wicked witch.

Cam's used to stopping the witch's crazy schemes for world domination. But when the witch summons a demon, he gets loose—and into Devon, the cute new boy at school.

Suddenly Cam's got bigger problems than passing Algebra. Her friends are getting zombiefied. Their dragon is tired of hiding in the RV garage. For being a shy boy-band boy, Devon is sure kissing a bunch of girls. And a phoenix hidden in the school is going to explode on the night of the Halloween Dance.

To stop the demon before he destroys Devon's soul, Cam might have to try a spell of her own. But if she's willing to work spells like the witch...will that mean she's wicked too?

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"Seriously Wicked is seriously cute and fun. Likable yet eccentric characters make Seriously Wicked a novel full of humor, witchy stuff, and adventure."--It's a Book Life blog

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The Galahad Archives Book Three

A New Life

Dom Testa

"Few YA SF series in recent memory have been this satisfying."
--Booklist, starred review


When the tail of the comet Bhaktul flicks through Earth's atmosphere, deadly particles are left in its wake, and mankind is confronted with a virus that devastates the adult population. A renowned scientist proposes a bold plan: to build a ship that will carry a crew of 251 teenagers to a home in a distant solar system. Two years later, Galahad and its crew are launched. If their mission fails, it will be the end of the human race.

PRAISE

"A deeper, broader, scarier, and more intellectually stimulating journey with every book.... This powerful conclusion proves how deftly Testa planted his seeds of destruction and salvation along the way." --Booklist, starred review, on the Galahad Archives series

"Part space opera, part mystery, the story draws readers in from the beginning with well-placed hooks, plenty of suspense, and a strong premise." --School Library Journal on The Comet's Curse

Dom Testa is an author, speaker, and the top-rated morning radio show host in Denver. His non-profit foundation, The Big Brain Club, empowers students to take charge of their education. Visit him online at DomTesta.com.
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