

Media Kit

ALANE ADAMS

TRANSMEDIA AUTHOR • LITERACY ADVOCATE



Bio

A portrait of Alane Adams, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a brown leather jacket and large gold hoop earrings. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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Alane Adams is a social entrepreneur, philanthropist, professor, award-winning author and an avid literacy advocate. After spending decades balancing budgets for the family business, she founded the Rise Up Foundation focusing on global poverty issues and particularly their effect on children. A Masters Degree in Diplomacy and several field visits with UNICEF later, Alane witnessed firsthand the importance of education and literacy in the battle to end extreme poverty and shifted the focus of her foundation to improving and supporting literacy efforts. Her passion for literacy and children came together when her 12-year-old son Alex challenged her to write a book he could read. The *Legends of Orkney*[™] book series was born and she hasn't stopped writing since. *The Red Sun* and *Kalifus Rising* are the first two books in her *Legends of Orkney*[™] middle grade book series, with the third book in the series, *The Raven God*, publishing September 2017. In 2015, Alane teamed up with Artifact Technologies to create BattleKasters, a live-action adventure mobile game based on the *Legends of Orkney*[™] book series. In addition, Alane created an award winning picture book series, which includes: *The Coal Thief*, *The Egg Thief* and *The Santa Thief*.

She is a proud member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the International Reading Association, The Literacy Research Association, and the California Reading Association.

When she's not writing or teaching, she can be found hiking somewhere in the world or hanging out with her three boys.

Books

Legends of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Legends of Orkney™



Perfect for fans of *Harry Potter*, *Percy Jackson* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Legends of Orkney™* is a spell-binding series of middle-grade adventure fantasy novels that draws on Norse mythology.

Learn more at www.legendsoforkney.com.

“Alane Adams is the brilliant mind behind the Legends of Orkney™ book series.” - Hypable

“Sam’s internal struggles and focus on the dark side of his witch heritage are reminiscent of Anakin Skywalker and will likely appeal to fanboys and fangirls, particularly as he ‘must face the darkness inside.’ Combined with strong female leads, both heroic and villainous, the ever growing and changing cast of characters has something for everyone. Fantasy, mythology, a touch of romance, and enough sword fights and battles to appease even the most action-hungry.” —Foreword Reviews, five star review

“Leave it to the brilliant Alane Adams to entrance readers from the first fantastical word until her very last...[an] exhilarating adventure.” - Bookstr

*“...Alane Adams will do for [Orkney] what... the fantasy series *Outlander* has done for the Western Isles.”* - The Scotsman

“This fast-paced, adrenaline-inducing tale is overflowing with spellbinding thrill, and every young reader will finish the last page with their imaginations full of fantastical literary satisfaction.” - Brit + Co

“This sequel will have you on the edge of your seat.”
- Recently Heard

“This series will do well with the Percy Jackson crowd and fans of Norse mythology.”
- School Library Journal

“A high fantasy tale that maintains a quick pace...”
- Kirkus Reviews

“This is the sort of adventure story that will keep children glued to the book. The references to Norse mythology are exciting and the author has woven a great adventure tale with a lot of twists and turns.”
- Readers’ Favorite

Books

The final installment in *The Legends of Orkney* trilogy

The Raven God

After defeating the Volgrim witches, life in Orkney is quiet. Too quiet. Before Sam Baron can catch his breath, an army of fire giants led by Surt gather in the Eighth Realm of Muspell, determined to destroy Orkney—and it's all Sam's fault. After all, he took Odin's life with an ancient cursed dagger, and now, mankind has lost its protector. To make matters worse, the God of Mischief, Loki, is on the loose and determined to reunite with his evil wife, Angerboda, and their three children: Fenrir the wolf, Jormungand the sea serpent, and Helva, Goddess of Death.

Orkney's only hope lies with Sam and his stalwart friends. As Surt prepares to launch his forces against Orkney, Sam and two of his fellow witches, Perrin and Mavery, set out on a journey to rescue Odin, aided by Skidbladnir, a magical ship of the gods that can fly over land and sea, and Geela, a Valkyrie who can transform into a battle-ready goose. Meanwhile, Leo and Keely travel north to stop Loki from starting a war between the Eifalians and the Vanir, while Howie is left to watch over Skara Brae. With time running out, our heroes try frantically to prove once again that they can find the courage to do what's needed when the odds are stacked against them—even when the sacrifice asked is greater than any of them could imagine.



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Distributed by Ingram Publishing Services

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Paperback Price: \$16.95

Books

Legends of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Kalifus Rising

Sam Baron just freed Orkney from the ravages of the Red Sun—but now, imprisoned by Catriona, leader of the Volgrim Witches, Sam finds the darker side of his half-god, half-witch heritage released, and he fears he might destroy what he saved. Unable to resist the witches' enchantments, Sam has become their most potent weapon, and is leading an army of monstrous men against Skara Brae. Sam's only hope for salvation lies with his three best friends and a mystical artifact known as the Moon Pearl. Keely travels north in search of the pearl, while Howie prepares for the gathering onslaught. Leo seeks a powerful artifact in the underworld, and faces an ancient evil that could be an even greater threat than Catriona and her cronies. As Sam's friends rush to save him, other forces are at work in Orkney's shadows—forces that could help free Sam, or condemn him to the darkness forever.



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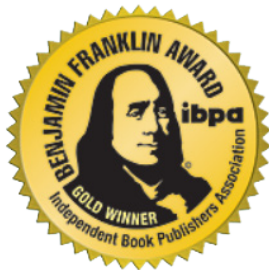
Legends of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series **THE RED SUN** Available Now

Sam Baron is about to get the shock of his life. His substitute English teacher claims to have turned his old teacher into a lizard. But that's not the weirdest thing to happen: Sam's life turns upside down when a strange dwarf named Rego arrives and claims Sam is from a magical realm called Orkney.

When his friends are taken prisoner, Sam embarks on a journey to Orkney through a stonefire to rescue them. But when he arrives, he discovers an ancient curse has turned the sun a poisonous red and threatens to destroy the land. With only a young witch girl to guide him, Sam must choose between saving his friends or stopping the red sun from consuming the land.



Awards:



An IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist in the Best New Voice: Children's/Young Adult category



2015 Independent Publisher Book Awards Bronze Medalist in Children's Picture Books



Winner in the Juvenile Fiction Category of the 3rd Annual Beverly Hills International Book Awards



Best Cover Design and Best Children's Fiction

Audiobook

SparkPress Audio presents

THE RED SUN

by Alane Adams read by Karan Brar



“The Red Sun is a roller coaster ride of adventure, Norse mythology, magic and mayhem. Between Sam facing awesome villains in the magical realm of Orkney to teachers turning into lizards, I had the best time doing the voiceover for the audiobook.

Don’t miss out on this terrific story!”

- Karan Brar, actor on Disney’s “Jessie” and “Bunk’d

Mix Engineer: Wouter Van Herwerden

Recorded at Margarita Mix Hollywood

Editing/Post Prod: Ryan Coursey

Produced/Directed by: Alane Adams

Picture Book Series

Children's Picture Book series set in 1920s Pennsylvania

The Santa Thief

Ages 4 to 8

All Georgie wants for Christmas is a new pair of ice skates. But times are tough and he gets the disappointing news Santa might not come this year. Follow Georgie as he decides to take matters into his own hands—and discovers what Christmas is all about. *The Santa Thief* is a heartwarming tale of boyhood set in 1920s Pennsylvania.

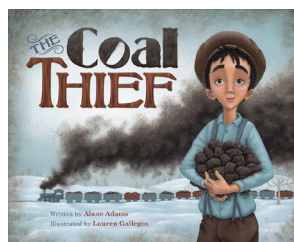


The Coal Thief

Brrr! Georgie wakes up to a freezing morning and gets the bad news that there is no coal to heat the farmhouse—and he knows there is no money to buy more, either. Just after he finds this out, along comes his friend Harley, who drags him off on an adventure to find some mysterious “black gold.” Before Georgie can catch his breath, he’s in a pile of trouble—all the way up to his ears! Take a trip back in time and join Georgie in this heartwarming tale of mischief made and lessons learned in America’s storied past.

- IPPY Awards Bronze Medal Picture Books
- Moonbeam Children’s Awards Silver Medal Picture Books
- USA Book Awards Picture Book Finalist
- IndieFab Finalist Picture Books

Watch Christian Slater read *The Coal Thief* at www.storylineonline.net



The Egg Thief

Young Georgie wakes up to a morning of chores when he gets the bad news—someone has stolen all the eggs in the henhouse. The culprit is Buster, a stray dog who takes Georgie on an adventure to find more eggs. Follow Buster and Georgie and their mischievous antics in this heartwarming tale of farm life in America’s storied past.

The Red Sun Curriculum

Teachers, introduce a fantasy fiction series to your class that comes with a Common Core aligned curriculum!

In October 2015, Adams partnered with Pop Culture Classroom to release 'The Red Sun Curriculum.' Completely aligned with Common Core guidelines, this new curriculum gives teachers and librarians the opportunity to introduce an exciting new modern fantasy series to students while staying in line with national reading standards. BattleKasters plays a role in this curriculum as well, as students and teachers have the opportunity to further explore the world of Orkney by playing the game on campus.

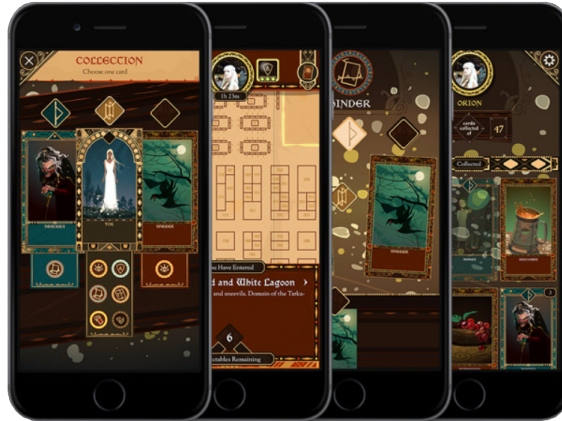
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Game

BattleKasters



The live-action adventure based on the *Legends of Orkney*[™] book series that turns live events into dynamic game boards.

BattleKasters is a mobile game based on the *Legends of Orkney*[™] book series! This transmedia platform evokes interest and excitement in the novels by integrating players with the characters.

Thousands have downloaded and played BattleKasters already and the game is driving players to want to learn more about *Legends of Orkney*[™]. Whether BattleKasters gamers win a copy of the book, purchase a copy or just get hooked on the idea, interest around *The Red Sun* has been picking up speed with every fan con attended.

Press coverage

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THE SCOTSMAN

Psychology Today 

“The game gives an added scavenger hunt of sorts to your fancon experience, and has inspired many, especially kids, to read The Red Sun.”

Video Game News Source

“BattleKasters will allow us to expose our fans to the areas of the show that we think are interesting...by engaging them in a fun format, it’s a point of entry to get them interested in something that ultimately is a jumping off point for how they interact with readership.”

Lawrence Settembrini, Director of Strategic Accounts, ReedPOP

Media

Legends of Orkney™, Alane Adams
and BattleKasters have been seen on:



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Psychology Today



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Literacy



Rise Up Foundation

Alane Adams started the Rise Up Foundation in 2008 as a way to use her time, experience and resources to help individuals and organizations rise above their circumstances to actualize their full potential.

Rise Up strives to be a resource for people, nonprofits and communities working toward prosperity and empowering children and families to achieve lifelong successes. Through book donations, classroom support, advocacy, and grant-making, the Rise Up Foundation is able to create real and lasting change for children and families in need.

Rise Up's Literacy Impact:

79,877

students affected

14,150

new books donated

852

classrooms supported

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