

Media Kit

ALANE ADAMS

TRANSMEDIA AUTHOR • LITERACY ADVOCATE



Bio

A portrait of Alane Adams, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling and wearing a brown leather jacket and large gold hoop earrings. The name "ALANE ADAMS" is written in white capital letters inside a white rectangular box on the right side of the image.

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AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Alane Adams is a children's author, literacy advocate, and founder of the Rise Up Foundation.

She is a former university professor and retired entrepreneur with a Masters Degree in Diplomacy. As a children's literacy advocate, Alane travels the country visiting schools to talk to kids about *Reading is a Superpower*. Alane is also a speaker and presenter, and has delivered keynote speeches on the writing process.

Alane's award-winning titles include the *Legends of Orkney*[™] Norse mythology middle grade series, the *Witches of Orkney* prequel series, and a series of historical fiction picture books that include *The Coal Thief*, *The Egg Thief*, *The Santa Thief*, and *The Circus Thief*. Alane's books have won multiple awards, including SCBWI's Spark Award for Best Picture book; Moonbeam Children Awards Gold Medal Best Juvenile Series; Benjamin Franklin Gold Winner Young Children's Fiction; IPPY Gold Medal Winner Holiday Book; USA Best Book Awards Best Children's Books.

Alane 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 traveling to schools, Alane can be found hiking somewhere in the world or hanging out with her three boys.

Learn more at www.alaneadams.com and www.riseupfoundation.org

Legends of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Book 1:

The Red Sun

Middle school student Sam Baron gets the shock of his life when a strange dwarf shows up claiming that Sam is from a magical realm called Orkney. Then Sam's friends are taken prisoner, and he follows their captors to Orkney—embarking upon a journey to rescue his friends, uncover the truth about his past, and combat an ancient curse that threatens to destroy the land.



Awards

- IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist in the Best New Voice: Children's/Young Adult
- Independent Publisher Book Awards Bronze Medalist in Children's Picture Books
- Beverly Hills International Book Awards Winner in the Juvenile Fiction
- USA Best Book Awards Winner of Best Cover Design and Best Children's Fiction

Book 2:

Kalifus Rising

In *Kalifus Rising*, it's Sam who's in trouble this time: Imprisoned by Catriona, leader of the Volgrim Witches, he finds the darker side of his half-god, half-witch heritage released, and he fears he might destroy the very land he's just saved. He believes his only hope for salvation lies with his three best friends and a mystical artifact known as the Moon Pearl; other forces are at work in Orkney's shadows, however—forces that could help free Sam, or condemn him to the darkness forever.



Awards

- USA Best Book Awards Winner of Best Cover Design: Fiction and Best Children's Fiction
- IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award Gold Winner in Young Reader: Fiction (8-12 years) and Cover Design: Children's/Young Adult
- Indie Book Awards Winner in Children's/Juvenile Fiction

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Book 3:
The Raven God

Finally, in *The Raven God*, an army of red giants 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. Once again, it's up to Sam and his friends to prove that they can find the courage to do what's needed when the odds are stacked against them, and the sacrifice asked is greater than any of them could imagine.

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Book Series, Chapter Book**



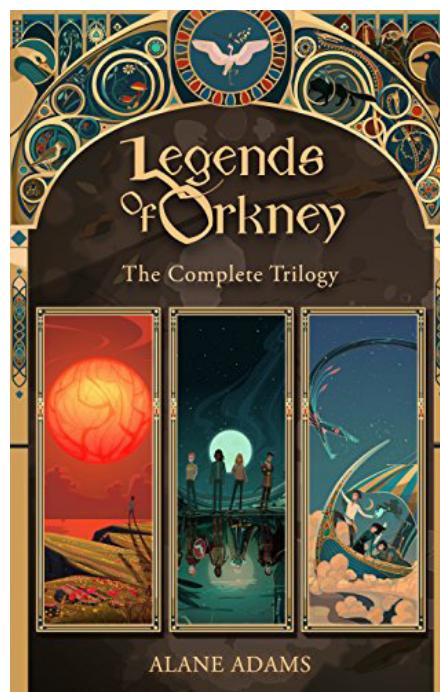
*Legends of
Orkney*[™]
The Complete Trilogy

Experience the Legends of Orkney trilogy—the entire series all together for the first time.

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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"

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Recorded at Margarita Mix Hollywood

Editing/Post Prod: Ryan Coursey

Produced/Directed by: Alane Adams

Witches of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Rich in Norse mythology, the *Witches of Orkney* series is a fast-paced young reader prequel series.

Book 1: The Blue Witch

Before Sam Baron broke Odin's curse on the witches to become the first son born to a witch and the hero of the Legends of Orkney series, his mother was a young witchling growing up in the Tarkana Witch Academy. In this first book of the prequel series, the Witches of Orkney, nine-year-old Abigail Tarkana is determined to grow up to be the greatest witch of all. Unfortunately, she is about to fail Spectacular Spells class because her witch magic hasn't come in yet. Even worse, her nemesis, Endera, is making life miserable by trying to get her kicked out.

When her new friend Hugo's life is put in danger by a stampeding sneevil, a desperate Abigail manages to call up her magic—only to find out it's unlike any other witchling's at the Tarkana Witch Academy! As mysteries deepen around her magic and just who her true parents are, Abigail becomes trapped in a race against time to undo one of her spells before she is kicked out of the coven forever!



Praise

“An enchanting new book full of magical mischief and adventure, Alane Adams’s *The Blue Witch* is guaranteed to please.” —**Foreword Clarion Reviews**

“Bright, brave characters star in this exhilarating tale of magic and mystical creatures.” —**Kirkus Reviews**

“Middle school students will love this fantastical new novel about young witch Abigail.” —**Parade**

“Drawing on Norse mythology and featuring a host of mythical beasts, this series is for the little witch in all of us.” —**Brit+Co**

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Book 2: **The Rubicus Prophecy**

Release Date: October 15, 2019

Abigail has just started her second year at the Tarkana Witch Academy and is already up to her ears studying for Horrid Hexes and Awful Alchemy! Worse, Endera's malevolent spellbook has its hooks in her, whispering in her ear to use its dark magic. Meanwhile, the entire school is talking about the Rubicus Prophecy; a sign has arrived that the chosen witchling is among them, the one who will one day break Odin's curse over them. When an Orkadian warship arrives carrying troubling news, Abigail and her friend Hugo are swept into a new mystery after a young boy from the ship, Robert Barconian, asks for their help retrieving a missing item.

Along with the former glitch-witch, Calla, the four friends end up deep in the catacombs beneath the Tarkana Fortress—a place where the draugar, the living dead, wander about. Abigail discovers there is more to the Rubicus Prophecy than anyone ever imagined. Can she stop it in time before she and her friends are destroyed?

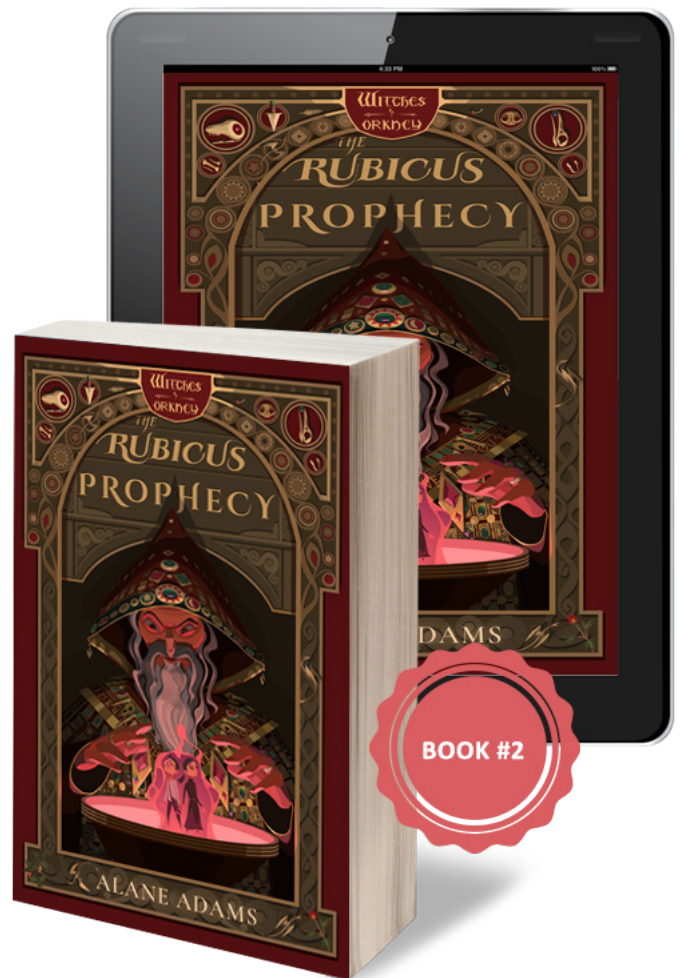
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Picture Book Series

Ages 4 to 8

Historical fiction picture books set in 1920s Pennsylvania

The Circus Thief

The circus is in town, and Georgie has his heart set on going. When Papa agrees to take him and his friend Harley, the boys marvel at the amazing elephants and clowns. But the best act of all is the amazing Roxie, a trained horse who can do all sorts of tricks. When Georgie is invited to ride on her back, he discovers it's her last show—Roxie is going to be sent to the work farm! When Roxie bolts with Georgie on her back, Papa must come to his rescue.



The Santa Thief

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.

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Picture Book Series (continued)

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.



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.

Awards

- IPPY Awards Gold & Bronze Medal Picture Books
 - USA Book Awards Picture Book Winner
- SCBWI Spark Award Best Illustrated Picture Book
 - Benjamin Franklin Book Awards Silver Medal
 - *Kirkus* Best Books of 2016 Indie Award

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The Red Sun Curriculum Kit

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

Adams partnered with Pop Culture Classroom to release “*The Red Sun* Curriculum Kit.” 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.

[Download Curriculum](#)

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In addition to the Curriculum Kit, Alane offers the *Legends of Orkney* Book Club, which features a free *Legends of Orkney* Book Club Journal, bookmark, notepad, and special pen. Each book club journal includes a map of Orkney, games & activities, discussion questions, an introduction to Norse mythology and more.

Book Club Kits

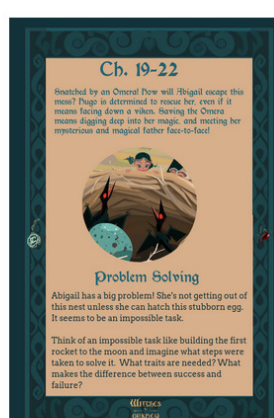
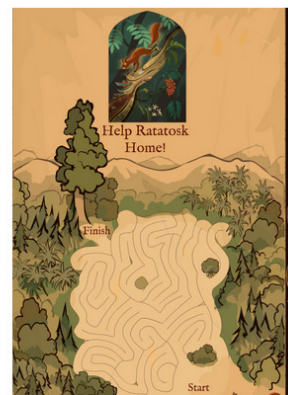
Start a Book Club Today

Welcome to the fantastic world of Orkney, where magical portals, gods, and witches run wild! Choose a Book Club kit for *The Red Sun* (perfect for 5th grade and up) or *The Blue Witch* (perfect for 4th grade and up) and you'll have resources aplenty to guide your readers on their fantastical journey.

Here's what's included with the free book club kit:

- A map of Orkney
- A fun introduction to Norse mythology
- Games & activities
- Book club questions
- A free book club poster and bookmark
- And more!

Request a book club kit



Media

Alane Adams and her books have been featured on:



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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:



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