

# Media Kit

## ALANE ADAMS

TRANSMEDIA AUTHOR • LITERACY ADVOCATE





# Bio

A portrait of Alane Adams, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling and wearing large gold hoop earrings and a brown leather jacket. The portrait is set against a dark grey background.

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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. Her newest release is *The Eye of Zeus*, Book 1 of the *Legends of Olympus* Greek mythology middle grade series.

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.

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# *Legends of Olympus*<sup>TM</sup> Middle Grade Series

Book 1:

## Eye of Zeus

**Release Date: April 7, 2020**

Phoebe Katz is a twelve-year-old foster kid from New York City who's been bounced around the system her entire life. Things happen around Phoebe, but it's not like they're her fault! But when a statue of Athena comes to life, Phoebe gets the stunning news she's the daughter of Zeus and was sent away from ancient Greece as a baby to stop a terrible prophecy that predicted she would one day destroy Olympus. Athena warns Phoebe to stay in hiding, but when the vengeful god Ares kidnaps her beloved social worker, Phoebe has no choice—she has to travel back to Ancient Greece and rescue him. There, Phoebe and her friends Angie and Damian discover a new prophecy, one that may fix everything.

The catch: Phoebe has to collect talismans from six Greek monsters, including the fang from a nine-headed hydra, a talon from the Nemean lion, and a feather from the Sphinx. No problem for a girl with the power to call up lightning bolts and change the weather—but can Phoebe collect them all and stop the prophecy before she destroys Olympus?

### **Praise**

“This charming and brilliant novel is superbly plotted and will win over readers: This unique novel manages to breathe fresh life into an orphaned child, New York City, and the Greek pantheon. . . This author and novel are ready for prime time and the big time.”

—***Publishers Weekly*, BookLife Prize  
Critic's Report**



**Release Date: April 7, 2020**

**Publisher: SparkPress | Ages 10-14**

**Distributed by Ingram Publishing Services**

**eBook ISBN: 978-1-68463-029-5, \$9.95**

**Paperback ISBN: 978-1684630288, \$12.95**

# Legends of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Fast-paced and spellbinding, the *Legends of Orkney* trilogy is a magical adventure not to be missed.



In *The Red Sun*, you'll be introduced to middle school student Sam Baron, who gets the shock of his life when he learns he's from a magical realm called Orkney. When Sam's friends are taken prisoner, he heads to Orkney to rescue them, uncover the truth about his past, and combat an ancient curse that threatens to destroy the land.

In *Kalifus Rising*, Sam fears he might destroy the very land he's just saved as he discovers the darker side of his half-god, half-witch heritage. Imprisoned by the leader of the Volgrim Witches, his only hope for salvation lies with his three best friends and a mystical artifact known as the Moon Pearl.

Finally, in *The Raven God*, an army of red giants are 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. Sam and his friends must find a way to the odds stacked against them, even when the sacrifice asked is greater than any of them could imagine.

**Publisher:** SparkPress | **Ages** 10-14  
**Distributed by** Ingram Publishing Services  
**Available in** eBook and Paperback formats

## Praise

"Percy Jackson meets Norse mythology in this captivating and unique adventure."

—*Foreword Reviews*



**Winners of over 10 awards and finalist titles including 2017 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards: Gold Medal, Best Book Series – Chapter Book**



# Witches of Orkney™ Middle Grade Series

Rich in Norse Mythology, the *Witches of Orkney* is a riveting young reader prequel series filled with magical spells, mysterious beasts, and witch-hungry spiders.



In *The Blue Witch*, 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, and—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, a desperate Abigail manages to call up her magic—and soon becomes trapped in a race against time to undo one of her spells before she is kicked out of the coven forever.

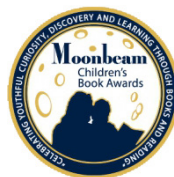
In *The Rubicus Prophecy*, Abigail has just started her second year at the Tarkana Witch Academy and the entire school is busy talking about the Rubicus Prophecy; a sign has arrived that the chosen witchling is among them, the one who will one day break Odin's curse over them. When an Orkadian warship arrives carrying troubling news, Abigail and Hugo must help retrieve a missing item deep in the catacombs beneath the Tarkana Fortress. Abigail discovers there is more to the prophecy than anyone ever imagined. Can she stop it in time before she and her friends are destroyed?

**Publisher: SparkPress | Ages 8-12**  
**Distributed by Ingram Publishing Services**  
**Available in eBook and Paperback formats**

## Praise

"Bright brave characters star in this exhilarating tale of magic and mystical creatures."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



**Winner of 2019 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards: Gold Medal, Pre-Teen Fantasy Fiction; Readers Favorite: Gold Medal, Children's Mythology & Fairytale; and American Book Awards: Gold Medal, Best Juvenile Fiction.**



# Picture Book Series

Take a step back in time to the storied past of America in the 1920s in these heartwarming tales of boyhood and adventure that each deliver a gentle lesson on kindness and consequences.



In *The Coal Thief*, Georgie wakes up to a freezing morning and gets the bad news that there is no coal to heat the farmhouse—and no money to buy more. Along comes his friend Harley, who drags him off on an adventure to find some mysterious “black gold” but they end up in a pile of trouble! Watch Christian Slater read *The Coal Thief* at [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

In *The Egg Thief*, Georgie wakes up to a morning of chores when he gets the bad news that 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.

In *The Santa Thief*, all Georgie wants for Christmas is a new pair of 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 by stealing Santa’s identity—and discovers what Christmas is all about.

In *The Circus Thief*, Papa agrees to take Georgie and his friend Harley to the new circus, where the boys marvel at the amazing Roxie, a trained horse who can do all sorts of tricks. But when Georgie is invited to ride Rosie and she bolts with Georgie on her back, Papa must come to the rescue!

**Publisher: SparkPress | Ages 4-8**

**Distributed by Ingram Publishing Services**

**Available in eBook and Hardcover formats**

## Praise

“A delightful take on the theme of a boy and his dog, full of detailed—and frequently funny—images and a valuable message about paying attention to the needs of your neighbors.”

—*Kirkus Review* (starred, *The Egg Thief*)



Winners of more than seven awards, including a Kirkus Starred Review 2016, Kirkus Book of the Year Finalist 2016, the SCBWI 2017 Spark Award, USA Best Book Awards 2017 Best Picture Book and Best Cover Design, IPPY Awards Bronze Medal Winner 2015 Picture Books, and Moonbeam Awards Silver Medal Best Picture Book 2015.



## 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

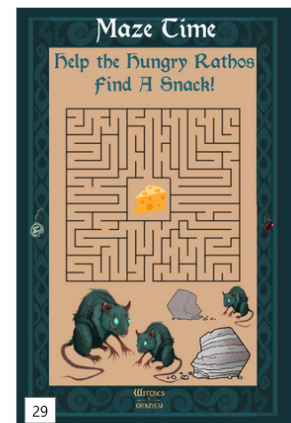
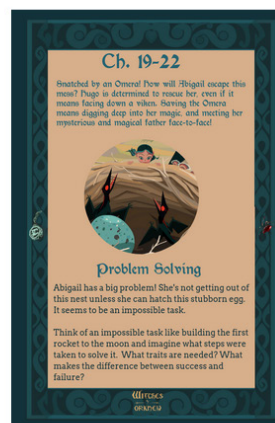
## Start a Book Club Today

Welcome to the fantastic world of Orkney, where magical portals, gods, and witches run wild! Choose a Book Club kit for *The Blue Witch* (perfect for 4th grade and up) or *The Red Sun* (perfect for 5th 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

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# Non-profit Literacy Organization



## 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 supports literacy projects as a path toward improving the future prospects of children in underserved and disaster-affected communities by making book donations, providing classroom support, advocacy, and grant-making. In addition to literacy efforts, Rise Up works with organizations committed to defining and solving the problems that chronic poverty brings to children and their communities. Recent literacy partnerships include First Book and Donors Choose.

### Rise Up's Literacy Impact:

**270+**

schools visited

**500+**

talks given

**100,000+**

kids reached

The Rise Up Foundation has appeared in:

**YAHOO!**  
FINANCE

**VARIETY**

**backstage**★

**THE**  
*Hollywood*  
REPORTER

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