

Media Kit

ALANE ADAMS

TRANSMEDIA AUTHOR • LITERACY ADVOCATE



Bio



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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 Master's 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, *The Legends of Olympus* Greek mythology middle grade 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 forthcoming April 2021 release is *The Medusa Quest*, Book 2 of the *Legends of Olympus* 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.

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

Legends of Olympus™ Middle Grade Series

Filled with non-stop adventure, *The Legends of Olympus* delivers a twist on Greek mythology young readers will love.



In *The Eye of Zeus*, Phoebe Katz is no ordinary twelve-year-old girl. Strange things happen around her, but the strangest of all is when a statue of Athena comes to life to reveal an ancient prophecy. Not only does Phoebe discover she is the daughter of the Greek god Zeus, but it's said that she would one day destroy Olympus! Though she is warned to stay in hiding, Phoebe must travel back to ancient Greece in order to save her closest friend who was kidnapped by the war god Ares. But on her journey, she may just discover a new prophecy that could change everything...

In *The Medusa Quest*, Phoebe is back on a new mission to save Olympus and undo the fallout from her first visit. But when she learns the epic mythology stories in the books are changing because of her actions, the entire fabric of Greek mythology is in peril. She must go back to Olympus and right the history she wrecked — despite the efforts of a powerful force that will stop at nothing to see the demi-god children of Zeus destroyed. Can Phoebe collect the items she needs and save Olympus once again?

Praise

“A great addition to any library collection, with a fiery, smart protagonist readers will love.”

—*School Library Journal*

Publisher: SparkPress | Ages 10-14

Distributed by Ingram Publishing Services

Available in eBook and Paperback formats

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.

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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?

In *Witch Wars*, Abigail faces her biggest challenge of all: can she stop a war from destroying Orkney? To do so, she and Hugo must head to Jotunheim, the land of the giants, and find the mighty god Thor and ask to borrow his mighty Mjolnir. But when their former-friend-now-foe Robert Barconian arrives with a band of dwarves intent on stopping them, Abigail and friends must unite—but has she made the biggest mistake of all trusting in the wrong ally?

Publisher: SparkPress | Ages 8-12
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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. Gold medal, Best Series

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

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
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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.

Free Virtual Class Videos + Worksheets



For the past several years, children’s author and literacy advocate Alane Adams has traveled the country visiting over 300 schools, speaking over 600 times to over 100,000 students about how books get written. Now, students can learn the fundamental steps an author takes when writing a story with “Between the Pages,” an exciting new video series created by Alane to replicate her popular author talk. Lessons are targeted towards students grades 2-6, but the series can be used by teachers of all grade levels.

Between the Pages includes:



5 Captivating Video Segments



Downloadable Worksheets



Comprehensive Teacher’s Guide



Behind the Scenes Videos

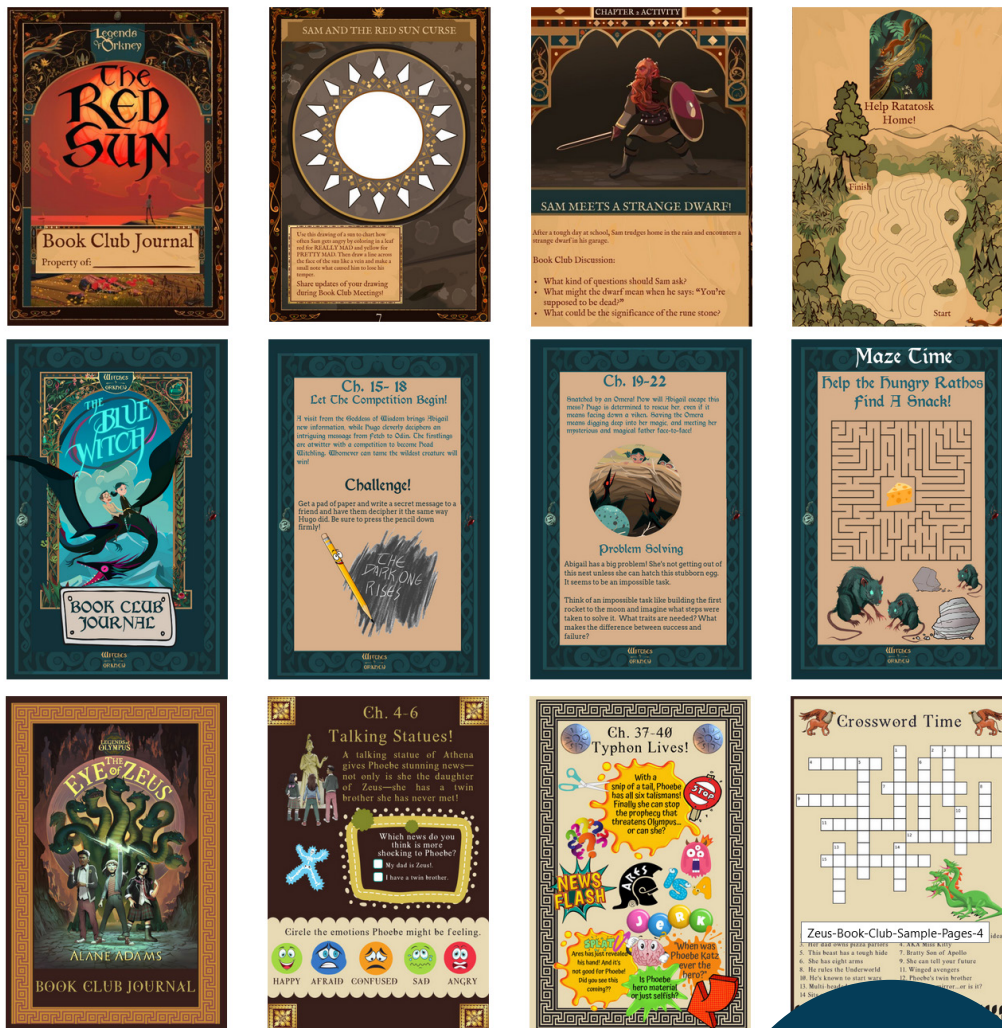


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Book Club Kits

Start a Book Club Today

Welcome to the fantastic worlds of Orkney and Olympus, where magical portals, gods, and witches run wild! Choose a Book Club kit for *The Red Sun* (perfect for grades 5 and up), *The Blue Witch* (perfect for grades 4 and up) or *The Eye of Zeus* (perfect for grades 5 and up).



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

- Map of Orkney or Olympus
- A Fun Introduction to Norse or Greek Mythology
- Games & Activities
- Book Club Questions
- About the Author

**Request Your
Book Club Kit
at AlaneAdams.
com Today & Earn
Free Poster +
Bookmark**

Media

Alane Adams and her books have been featured on:



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:

300+

schools visited

600+

talks given

100,000+

kids reached

Alane Adams has also been invited to speak at multiple conference events, including School Library Journal's Middle Grade Magic, Las Vegas Writer's Conference, and Comic-Con's WonderCon and is available to speak on topics such as:

- **Breaking Up With Writer's Block for Good**—keys to developing daily habits for writing, eliminating excuses, and developing new ideas.
- **Connecting Characters to Readers**—how to create memorable connections to hook the reader from the first page.
- **Best Social Media Practices for Authors**—navigating the different social media channels to find your target audience.

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