

Hello,

I'm excited to share my advanced reader chapter book, The Wolf and The Wind, with you. I discovered the universe of this story during the pandemic. I started walking on the public trail behind my house, and each day, I saw some new piece of this magical land. I started taking pictures and giving things names. Then came the kids who would discover their bigger selves on magic quests.

The Wolf and The Wind is an advanced reader chapter book portal fantasy written for kids in grades 1-3. It's like Alice in Wonderland without the smoking caterpillar.

In The Wolf and The Wind, Paige Metier is having the worst day of third grade ever. Her bully has ruined her new shoes and stolen their magic. When she gets home, there's still hours before she can have screen time. To top it off, when she gets to the park to use the swings and feel the freedom of flying, she falls trying to get on the swing.

Flynn and Ari help get her cleaned up. Seeing her distress, Flynn invites Paige to join them on an adventure. They show her the way to the portal to the magic land of Gaeldor.

In Gaeldor, she meets Fensive, a hare who teaches her the rules of Gaeldor. Together they enter the Twinkling Land of ForNever where the Queen announces the Wind has gone missing, and someone must take the quest to find it.

Going home isn't a good option, so Paige takes up the quest. Paige learns to make friends, trust herself, and believe in magic as she moves through Gaeldor in search of the Wind.

I received my bachelor's degree in Writing from the University of Michigan - Flint. Using that education, my career in technical writing has spanned 15 years and counting. In 2017, I started Awesome Authors Kids, leading writing classes that encourage children to write their stories and share their voice. That led to publishing my first picture book Dig It Out. My short story *The Caretaker Noticed* was published in Robot Dinosaur Fiction in May 2018. Swim the Stars is my first novel, a lower YA space opera. The Wolf and The Wind is book one of the Adventurers in Gaeldor series. Book two will be available in June 2025.

More information on me and the book, including a series of questions I wrote for book clubs to use are attached to this email. These materials are also available on my website:

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I am available for an up-to 60-minute online visit with the book club to discuss the story, my writing process, and share some of the pictures that made Gaeldor come to life at no cost.

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