**JESS REDMAN BIO**

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**THE MIRACULOUS SYNOPSIS**

***In the tradition of heartwrenching and hopeful middle grade novels such as Bridge to Terabithia comes Jess Redman's stunning debut about a young boy who must regain his faith in miracles after a tragedy changes his world.***

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Eleven-year-old Wunder Ellis is a miracle-collector. In a journal he calls The Miraculous, he records stories of the inexplicable and the extraordinary. And he believes every single one. But then his newborn sister dies, at only eight days old. If that can happen, then miracles can’t exist. So Wunder gets rid of The Miraculous. He stops believing.

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Then he meets Faye―a cape-wearing, outspoken girl with losses of her own. Together, they find an abandoned house by the cemetery and a mysterious old woman who just might be a witch. The old woman asks them for their help. She asks them to believe. And they go on a journey that leads to friendship, to adventure, to healing―and to miracles.

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The Miraculous is Jess Redman’s sparkling debut novel about facing grief, trusting the unknown, and finding brightness in the darkest moments.

**HONORS/PRAISE FOR THE MIRACULOUS**

**A Bank Street Best Children’s Book of 2019**

**An Amazon Best Children’s Book of 2019**

**Amazon Editor’s Pick**

**Sakura Medal nominee**

“Redman explores faith, the intertwined nature of sorrow and joy, and the transformative process of grief through Wunder’s eyes in a part-fantasy, part-realistic adventure with genuinely humorous moments…Layered, engaging, and emotionally true.” —Kirkus Reviews, **starred** review

“Redman’s gorgeous debut uses a cozy world of bright characters to tackle themes of death, grief, and doubt with gentle compassion and a light touch…a moving lesson for young people learning to cope with both the good and the bad that life has to offer.” —Booklist

"A stunning story expressing the complexities and mysteries of love and death in all of its light and darkness. A beautifully rendered and meaningful read for young readers asking deep questions." —Veera Hiranandani, author of Newbery Honor-winning THE NIGHT DIARY

"Filled with longing, love, hope, and wisdom, THE MIRACULOUS is a small miracle of a book." —Alison McGhee, author of SHADOW BABY and the NYT Bestseller SOMEDAY

"Exquisitely crafted, serious, yet woven through with wry humor, this story's miracles are its fierce and tender characters. I loved this extraordinary debut." —Leslie Connor, author of the National Book Award Finalist THE TRUTH AS TOLD BY MASON BUTTLE

**QUINTESSENCE SYNOPSIS**

Three months ago, twelve-year-old Alma moved to the town of Four Points. Her panic attacks started a week later, and they haven’t stopped—even though she told her parents that they did. And every day she feels less and less like herself.

Then Alma meets the ShopKeeper in the town's junk shop, The Fifth Point. The ShopKeeper

gives her a telescope and this message:

**Find the Elements. Grow the Light. Save the Starling.**

That night, Alma watches as a star—a star that looks like a child—falls down from the sky and into her backyard. She knows what it’s like to be lost and afraid, to long for home. And if a star really is stranded in Four Points, Alma knows she has to get it back up to the sky. With the help of some unlikely new friends from Astronomy Club and the mysterious ShopKeeper, she sets out on a quest that will take a little bit of science, a little bit of magic, and her whole self.

QUINTESSENCE is a stunning story of friendship, self-discovery, interconnectedness, and the inexplicable elements that make you you.

**HONORS/PRAISE FOR QUINTESSENCE**

**NCTE Charlotte Huck Honor Book**

**Sunshine State Young Readers Award Book**

**A Bank Street Best Children’s Books of 2020**

**OwlCrate Jr. Featured Book of the Month**

“An unforgettable quest in which a young girl, along with her companions, journeys to the stars and back, finding friendship, magic, and her place in the world.” **—NCTE Charlotte Huck Award Committee**

“A wildly imaginative tale full of wonder and hope that is grounded in our everyday world and the very real problems that today’s children face.” —Megan Frazer Blakemore, author ofThe Story Web

“A magical, wondrous book. . .The story is beautifully written and gave me chills almost constantly—with that magic-just-around-the-corner feeling.” —Gillian McDunn, author ofCaterpillar Summer

“A fanciful adventure with a rich emotional core and a fairy tale flair. An emphasis on Alma’s mental health and circular thought patterns proves an effective complement to the story’s magical elements, as her new endeavor and friends grant her the resilience to navigate her needs. Reminiscent of Neil Gaiman’s *Stardust*, this is a clever, entertaining story with its own distinct identity.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“…a cozy contemporary fantasy that balances fresh, cosmic world building with painful personal challenges…Short chapters and tight pacing keep things moving at a brisk clip, and readers will no doubt enjoy following Alma and her new friends on their fantastical treasure hunt of sorts. A warm, engaging adventure.” —*Booklist*

“Redman’s writing shines [in] the portrayal of Alma’s mental health and its effect on her sense of self and on those around her. . .Reassuring, especially to kids struggling to articulate their own feelings in the face of lingering stigma about mental health.” —*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

“As bright and magical as a falling star, Quintessenceis a beautifully told story that collided with my heart and set it aglow.” —Heather Kassner, author ofThe Bone Garden

“While firmly grounded in real-world issues, Quintessenceshimmers with the perfect amount of magic. Redman’s deft, sympathetic portrayal of anxiety, a welcome and important addition to the middle grade canon, blends with scientific references to astronomy that are sure to engage young readers. Well-rounded, relatable, and resilient characters working together in a captivating setting make this the perfect read for fans of STEM and the stars.” —Sarah Baughman, author ofThe Light in the Lake

**THE ADVENTURE IS NOW SYNOPSIS**

***A fun-filled, action-packed middle grade novel about a boy who learns about protecting the environment, finding real friends, and living in the now while spending the summer on a remote island.***

Sometimes it's hard to be Milton P. Greene. He says all the wrong things, his family is falling apart, and everyone at school avoids him because of the very embarrassing Bird Brain Incident. But when Milton plays his video game *Isle of Wild*, he becomes someone else--Sea Hawk, the brave and brilliant naturalist explorer who conquers danger at every turn.

Then Milton's parents ship him off to the remote Lone Island for the summer, where his uncle Evan is an environmentalist researcher. The island is chock-full of spectaculous species, and Milton realizes this is his chance to become the brave and brilliant naturalist he's always wanted to be--and even meet some fellow explorers!

But as it turns out, the future of the Lone Island is in some pretty serious peril, and the only thing that can save it is a field guide full of cryptic clues. If Milton and his unexpected new friends are going to protect the island, they'll have to trust each other, discover new truths, and embark on a wild and wondrous adventure all their own.

**HONORS/PRAISE FOR THE ADVENTURE IS NOW**

**Amazon Editor’s Pick**

**A Bank Street Best Children’s Book of 2021**

**Rhode Island Children’s Book Award nominee**

“A Roald Dahl-esque delight.” ―*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

“Redman (Quintessence) renders compassionate characters in Milton and crew, placing an emphasis on honesty and emotional directness that makes for an affirming adventure.” ―*Publishers Weekly*
“Magic blooms as thick as Truth-Will-Out Vine on every page of this story. I adore Milton P. Greene, his wild adventure, his magical island, and his brave, daring heart.” ―*Natalie Lloyd,*New York Times–*bestselling author of*A Snicker of Magic *and The Problim Children series*

“Vividly imagined and full of heart, *The Adventure is Now* is a delight! This story is just right for our current times, when we’re all yearning for a ‘spectaculous’ adventure.”―*Gillian McDunn, author of*Caterpillar Summer and These Unlucky Stars