

THE CHRONICLES OF
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Series Description

Peek in between the cracks of here and there to discover Een, an ancient land born long ago, when magic still danced on the wind. The Eens come in many shapes and sizes, though it is safe to say that they are mostly small, mostly friendly, and—mostly of all—afraid of the outside world. Except for Kendra Kandlestar.



The plucky eleven-year-old with seven braids yearns for something more in life—and she gets it when she is chosen by the Orb of Een to go in search of the Box of Whispers, an enchanted chest that is said to guard her people's most valuable treasure.

Accompanied by a peculiar cast of characters including the ornery Uncle Griffinskitch, Honest Oki the mouse, and Trooogul the troll-like Unger, Kendra soon finds herself caught up in a chain of events that lead her to discover what has become of her long-lost family and to unravel the mystery surrounding the ancient feud between the Eens and the monsters of the outside world.

Her quest takes her to dungeons, mazes, and even a gladiator arena where all manner of mythical creatures fight for survival. Through it all Kendra struggles to understand the power of Een magic—and herself.



The Chronicles of Kendra Kandlestar

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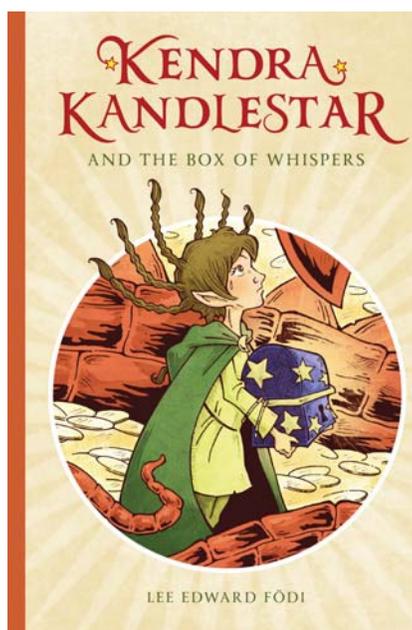
Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers

6" x 9", 240 pages

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IN SEARCH OF STOLEN WHISPERS . . . For over a thousand years, the Box of Whispers has guarded the most precious treasure in the Land of Een. When the box is suddenly stolen, Kendra is swept away on a magical adventure where doors speak in riddles, plants cast dangerous spells, and strange creatures lurk in every shadow. Will she be able to overcome these perils and find the fabled chest?



Book 2

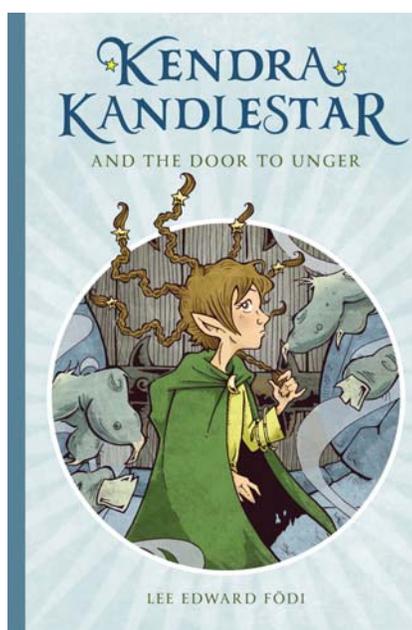
Kendra Kandlestar and the Door to Unger

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LOST IN A MAZE OF MYSTERY . . . Everyone knows that the creatures of the outside world are forbidden to enter the land of Een. That's why Kendra is so surprised when a giant Unger arrives in the middle of the night to deliver a cryptic message: If she can find the Door to Unger, she will be able to unlock the truth about her long-lost family. But is he telling the truth, or is it a dangerous trap?



The Books

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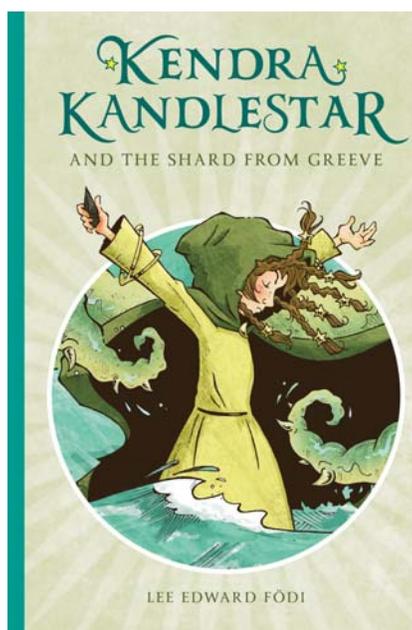
Kendra Kandlestar and the Shard from Greeve

6" x 9", 296 pages

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TRAPPED IN A PIT OF MONSTERS . . . When Kendra is granted a wand by the ancient tree of Een, she yearns to become a great sorceress. But magic doesn't come easily to Kendra, and she soon turns to the shard from Greeve—and its dark power—to help her rescue her brother from the Rumble Pit, a deadly gladiator arena where centaurs, dragons, and a myriad of mythical creatures are forced to fight in a fierce contest for survival.



Book 4

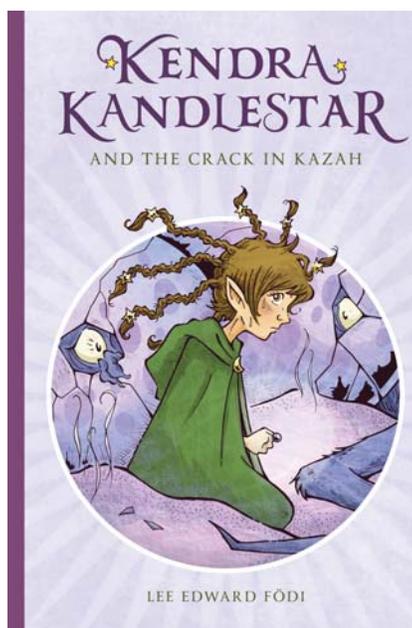
Kendra Kandlestar and the Crack in Kazah

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A SPLINTER IN SORCERY . . . According to Een legend, a Kazah stone grants a wizard the power to catch an echo of the past—and a glimpse of the future. But when Kendra Kandlestar is given her own cracked and broken Kazah stone, she soon discovers that it's capable of so much more. With her faithful friend Oki by her side, Kendra is sent on an unimaginable journey across the cosmos, entering worlds that are strange and bewildering—and at the same time all too familiar.



The Books

Book 5

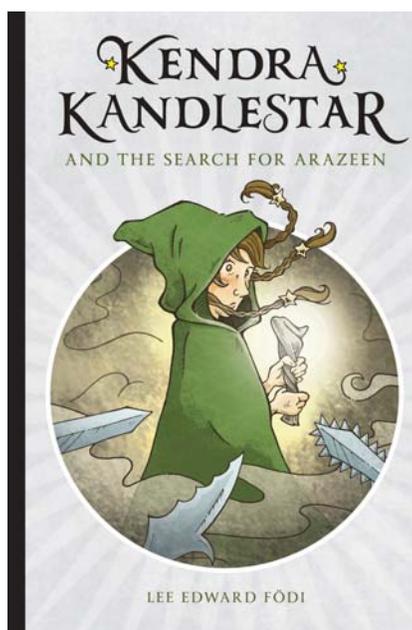
Kendra Kandlestar and the Search for Arazeen

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A QUEST FOR PEACE . . . When Kendra Kandlestar finally discovers the fabled City on the Storm, she hopes it will bring her one step closer to finding her long-lost family. However, all is not what it seems at the mysterious castle in the clouds, and after a devastating attack leaves Kendra weak and empty, she is ready to give up on everything. But war is coming. As Shuuunga the Unger witch marches upon the Land of Een with an army of monsters Kendra struggles to discover her inner peace, what the Eens call "Arazeen"—to defend her people and save them from destruction.



About the Author

Lee Edward Födi has been writing and illustrating stories about magic, monsters, and mystery for as long as he can remember. Growing up on a farm, he was subjected to various horrible chores such as cleaning up after chickens, pigs, geese, and younger siblings.

After “flying the coop,” Födi was able to pursue his love of art, mythology, and storytelling.

He is the author and illustrator of *The Chronicles of Kendra Kandlestar*, which include *The Box of Whispers*, *The Door to Unger*, *the Shard from Greeve*, *The Crack in Kazah*, and *The Search for Arazeen*. He has also illustrated several picture books for other authors, including *I'll Follow the Moon* and the Canadian national bestseller, *The Chocolatier's Apprentice*.



When he is not chronicling, “Mr. Wiz” (as he is so often called by his students) spends his time teaching kids how to daydream through his fun-filled creative writing workshops. He has taught programs in Canada, the United States, England, South Korea, Thailand. In addition, he is a co-founder of Dream Workshop, a Vancouver-based not-for-profit program in which children’s authors, illustrators, and performers help kids publish their own books.

He enjoys traveling, and especially exploring castles, mazes, tombs, and temples around the world—not to mention tiny places hidden between the cracks of here and there.

Födi currently lives in Vancouver, Canada. He studied at the University of British Columbia and has a degree in English Literature and a diploma in Fine Arts. He is an active member of several organizations dedicated to children’s literature.

Find out more at Lee Edward Födi at leefodi.com and kendrakandlestar.com.

Awards & Recognition

Chocolate Lily Award, 2015 (Canada)

Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers ~ shortlisted for readers' choice award.

CCBC Selection ~ Best Book for Kids and Teens, 2012 (Canada)

Kendra Kandlestar and the Crack in Kazah ~ Junior fiction selection by Canadian Children's Book Centre.

Mom's Choice Award ~ Gold Recipient, 2012 (USA)

Kendra Kandlestar and the Crack in Kazah ~ best children's chapter book for readers aged 8-12 in the category of Fantasy, Myths, and Legends.

Reader Views Reviewer's Choice Award ~ Winner 2012 (USA)

Kendra Kandlestar and the Crack in Kazah ~ best children's book for readers aged 8-12.

Cybil ~ Nominee, 2011 (USA)

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Surrey Book of the Year ~ Nominee, 2007 (Canada)

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Canadian Toy Testing Council ~ Recommended Book, 2007 (Canada)

Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers

Selected. Reviews

"All the books in the series are really good. The first one stands out because it's the first one we read ... this one [*The Crack in Kazah*] I think is now my next favourite in the series ... there are so many twists and ideas ... you just don't know where the book is going to go next."

– Just One More Book

"*Kendra Kandlestar and the Crack in Kazah* would be an excellent class novel for individual reading or as a read aloud choice. It would be an excellent addition for personal, class, school and public libraries. Highly Recommended.."

– Deborah Mervold, CM Magazine - Canadian Review of Materials

"Kendra Kandlestar is back with an amazing new fantasy adventure in this third volume in the series. Mythic archetypes are explored amidst plenty of humour and action. Kendra also faces choices that illustrate the importance of accountability in our lives."

– Best Books for Kids & Teens 2010, CCBC

"Lee Edward Fodi, the 'Wizard of Words,' returns with his newest adventure in, *Kendra Kandlestar and the Shard from Greeve*. In his legendary way, author and illustrator Lee Edward Fodi flawlessly mixes magic, monsters and mystery for his readers. In this fantasy adventure, and third book in this series, Kendra Kandlestar battles herself as she must choose between being a true sorceress or learning to be a powerful master of dark magic. Readers will be on the edge of their pages as they watch Kendra Kandlestar struggle with her choices. The suspense of Kendra Kandlestar's difficult decision will challenge her audiences to look within themselves to learn how to overcome their own mischievous sprites! Mythic archetypes, hair-raising action and humor makes this installment of the Kendra Kandlestar chronicles a book fans of fantasy will be tempted to stay up all night to read. This family-friendly series and exciting book is filled with thought-provoking issues, *Kendra Kandlestar and the Shard from Greeve* will entertain readers of all ages."

– Midwest Book Review

"Although *Kendra Kandlestar and the Shard from Greeve* is the third volume in a series, it works as a stand-alone read. It would appeal to a variety of readers, including readers of fantasy and adventure stories. The ending certainly leads the reader to the conclusion that there will be more adventures for Kendra and her associates. This book would be an excellent class novel for individual reading or as a read-aloud choice. It would be an excellent addition for personal, class, school and public libraries. Highly Recommended."

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Selected. Reviews

“The second book in the Kendra Kandlestar Chronicles has all the same virtues as the first: action, humor, mystery, and imagination. As a bonus for returning readers, favorite characters from *The Box of Whispers* are all present, while Födi’s illustrations bring new characters to equally vivid life. However, it’s not necessary to have read the first book in the series in order to enjoy this one - all of the relevant context is provided, without bogging down the action. Födi also does a great job of wrapping up this adventure, while hinting at the challenges Kendra will face in book three, *The Shard From Greeve*. This made me curious to know what was coming next, and I’m sure kids will feel the same way.”

– Ten Stories Up

“Author and illustrator Lee Edward Fodi has a lovely way of spinning a funny, entertaining fantasy tale while weaving in important lessons. The Kendra books are a great choice for eight- to 12-year-olds who are ready to explore a rich, wonderful world of the imagination.”

– The Surrey Now

“Editor’s Choice: small-press titles: Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers. Kendra Kandlestar is an 11-year-old girl from the Land of Een with seven brown braids that radiate out from her head. Vancouver’s Lee Edward Födi wrote this fantasy story—which he says is, at the bottom, about confronting your fears—and created its better-than-average black-and-white illustrations.”

– Vancouver Sun

“Lee Edward Fodi has created a magical world for children. And I suspect they will be enthralled, entranced and want more. Based on the ending of this book, I believe we’ll see more of Kendra Kandlestar and her friends in another installment. Armchair Interviews says: Bring on another Kendra Kandlestar book Mr. Fodi. We’re waiting.”

– Armchair Reviews

“Lee Edward Fodi has found the magic elixir of children’s stories. Kendra Kandlestar and the Box of Whispers, Fodi’s second book, is a wonderfully funny, engaging tale of magical people and creatures, adventure and courage. And who can resist a good adventure that has an enormous red dragon?”

– The Surrey Now

Fun Facts about Lee Edward Födi

1. **He can't write without drawing.** He can't necessarily prove it, but Födi thinks most fantasy authors need to sketch and doodle their way to words. He figures he'll just include his drawings as part of his book.
2. **He teaches daydreaming.** Specializing in presentations and workshops for elementary-aged children, Födi has taught programs in Canada, the United States, England, South Korea, and Thailand. He thinks daydreaming can be much more rewarding than other careers (see Number 3).
3. **His is a failure in business.** His first enterprise, at the age of ten, was raising chickens so that he could sell their eggs and use the profits to buy Star Wars figures. This failed miserably because his chickens were struck with a deadly virus and never made it to henhood. Yes, he knows. Most kids start lemonade stands.
4. **He wrote and illustrated his first book when he was six years old.** It was called *The Farm 7720*. No one is sure why.
5. **His first pet was a blind chicken.** He tugged it around in his wagon when he was three years old. Why a blind chicken? The ones that could see got away.
6. **He is NOT mechanically inclined.** This was discovered early on in his life, after running the tractor over his dad's outhouse. Thankfully, his dad was not inside at the time.
7. **He named a character after his cat.** This is embarrassingly cliché, but in his defense, he has also named pets after a character. If you can call the raccoon that raids his kitchen a pet. (He does.)
8. **He is NOT Indiana Jones.** He likes to travel to exotic places to see pyramids, temples, great walls, and walls that aren't so great. Since he is claustrophobic, clumsy, wary of cockroaches, and generally enjoys eating and staying clean, such visits always results in interesting adventures. And, yes, inspiration.
9. **He hates eggs.** If you ever had to collect eggs every day (and see how they . . . er, come out), you'd probably hate eggs too.
10. **His students call him Mr. Wiz.** Oh, and "Super Wiz," "Cap'n Wiz," or "Mr. Evil Wiz." (He likes this last one the best).

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