

# FINDING MAGIC IN READING

A Visit with Award-Winning Authors

## MIKEY BROOKS & ALI CROSS

**T**hank you for showing interest in having Mikey Brooks & Ali Cross come to your school. Below you will find a brief outline and explanation of the presentation they will deliver to your students. They are comfortable in doing whole school assemblies, specific grade assemblies, or even classroom visits. You are invited to look over the attached catalog showcasing both Mikey and Ali's books. No purchase is necessary but note that the prices are discounted for schools. If you have any questions you can contact Mikey directly by emailing him at: [insidemikeysworld@gmail.com](mailto:insidemikeysworld@gmail.com) or Ali at: [ali@alicross.com](mailto:ali@alicross.com).

### WHAT TO EXPECT

**S**tories have been a part of the human race since the beginning of time. Before the written word we had oral stories shared around campfires and in songs. Now we have them everywhere, not just in books. We see them in movies, pop music, theatrical plays and dances, even in video games. Mikey and Ali believe that there is something that connects every reader to a story. They call it: *magic*. The important thing is to discover what that magic is and how to use it to create a love of reading for a lifetime.

### OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION:

- Introduction
- Why We Love Stories
- The Magic that Connects Us
- How to Build a Story
- Creating a Character
- Creating a Story
- The Magic in Reading, Writing & Illustrating
- Questions from Students

**D**uring the presentation Mikey will put his illustration skills to the test. With the help of the kids he will draw a conglomerate of different things to make the perfect character. (Example shown is a mixture of a T-Rex, Zebra, Unicorn, and Mermaid, created during an Elementary School Visit in 2014). Mikey, Ali, and the kids will use this character to write a short story together. Understanding what elements are used to create a story helps kids understand them better, which benefits them as readers and writers.

After the presentation Mikey will take a picture of the drawing and then recreate it professionally to be given to the school later. This is always a fun activity that kids of all ages enjoy.

Mikey and Ali's hope is that they can instill in each child a desire to pick up a book and read. They thank you for the opportunity and looks forward to sharing this message with your school.





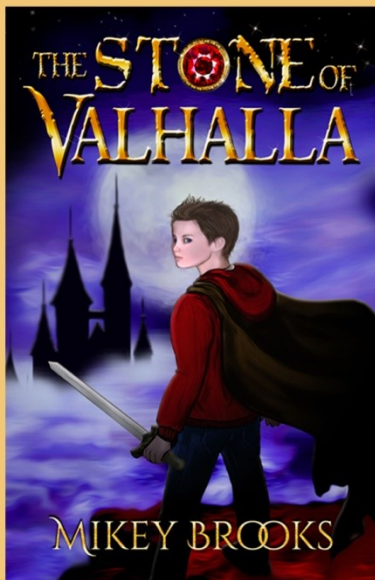
## The Stone of Valhalla

Breaking into an old lady's basement was supposed to reward Aaron with new friends. Instead he finds an enchanted amulet that transports him to another world—one at war with magic. Before he knows it, he is accused of witchcraft and invited to a bonfire—where he's the main attraction. If that's not bad enough, a goblin army shows up and toasts the town...literally.

The good news: Aaron escapes being charbroiled. The bad news: the goblins are after him. They want his amulet and will stop at nothing to get it. Battling to find his way home, Aaron teams up with a not-so-magical-wizard and learns it's his fate to destroy the amulet and save this new world. But is he willing to sacrifice his own?

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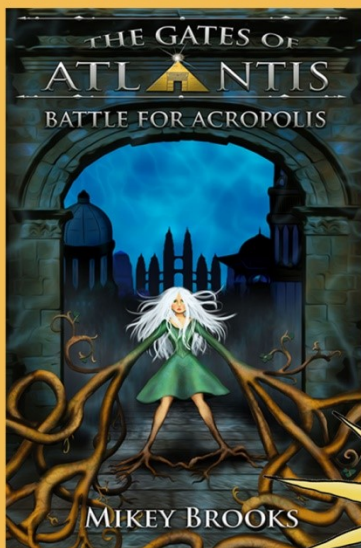
## The Gates of Atlantis: Battle for Acropolis

Thirteen-year-old Talon is in trouble...again. He didn't mean to burn down the school library. It just happened. Things like that always happen to Talon. His life is a mixture of the weird and bizarre. No one else he knows can shoot fire from their hands or cause an earthquake...but he can. Every night the same dream haunts Talon: the destruction of an underwater city. He hasn't a clue what it means but he feels like fate is trying to warn him. It's not until he runs away with his foster sister Hattie that he discovers his trouble-making powers and strange nightmare are connected. Together they are the key to saving magic...to saving Atlantis.

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## The Dream Keeper

*The Dream Keeper Chronicles Book 1*

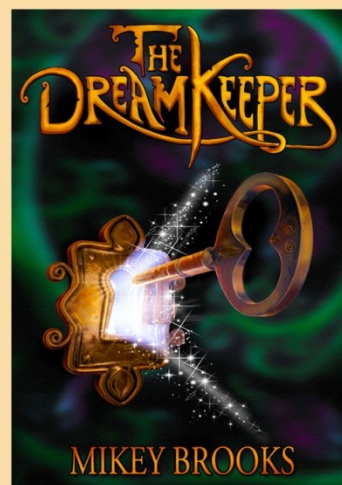
When an evil shifter takes over the gateway to the realm of Dreams, it falls to 14-year-olds Parker and Kaelyn to stop him. Their only hope lies with Gladamyr, the Dream Keeper, but can they trust a Nightmare to save their world?

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Lexile Score: 750

Grade level: 4+ Age level: 9+



## The Dreamstone

*The Dream Keeper Chronicles Book 2*

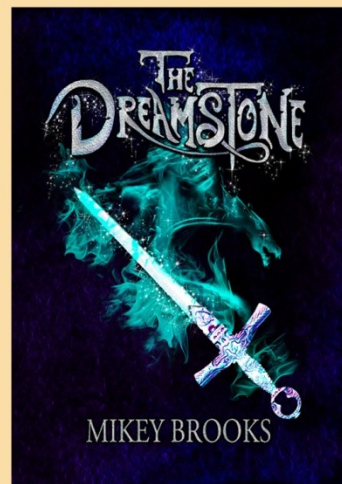
When Parker's mom is dreamnapped by the wicked Mab, it is up to him and Kaelyn to save her. When they return to Dreams, they discover Mab isn't their only problem. Gladamyr has lost his powers and the only way to get them back is to become what he fears the most—a nightmare.

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## The Dream Makers

*The Dream Keeper Chronicles Book 3*

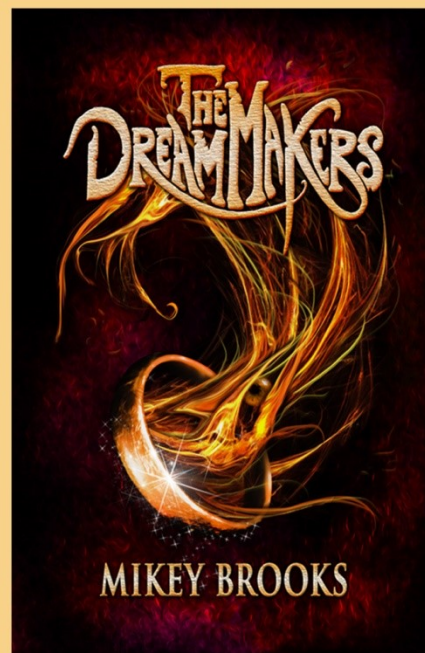
When Mares escapes into the world of Awake, it is left to Gladamyr and his teen bonds, Parker and Kaelyn, to stop him. They must return the most evil nightmare ever to exist back to Dreams before the barrier between the two worlds crumbles and darkness reigns forever. But to do so, Parker and Kaelyn must heal broken friendships and unite an army of children who are brave enough to conquer their fears.

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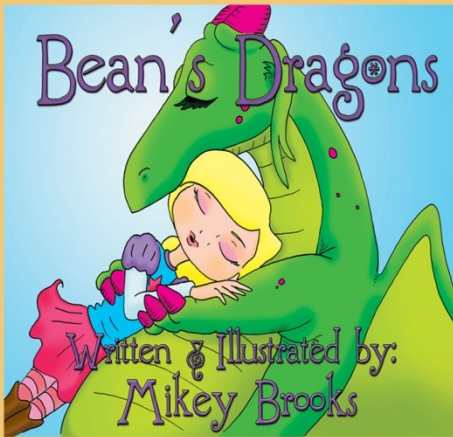


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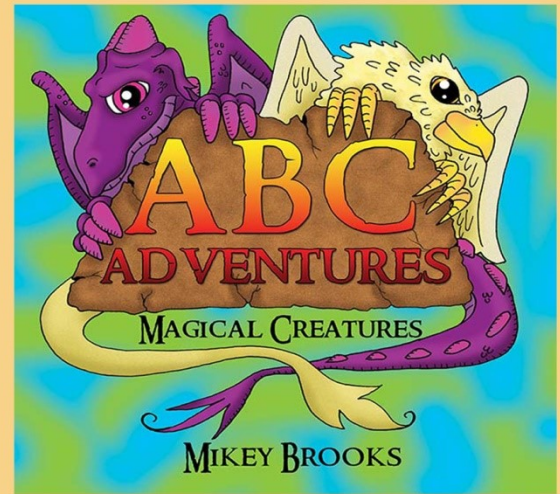


## Bean's Dragons

Have you ever had a dragon in your house? How about a dozen? Bean is a little girl with an imagination that is creating quite a mess. Although Bean loves each of her dragons, she forgets how untidy they can be when having so much fun. When Bean's parents discover what's happened in their short absence, Bean finds herself the blame of the dragons' giant mess.

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## ABC Adventures: Magical Creatures

ABC Adventures is filled with magical creatures that are familiar and some you might not have heard of. Its a fantastic way to engage you child in the fun of learning the alphabet.

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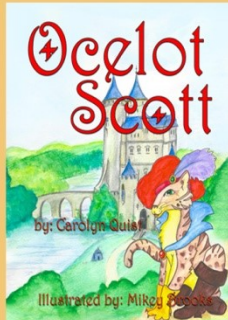
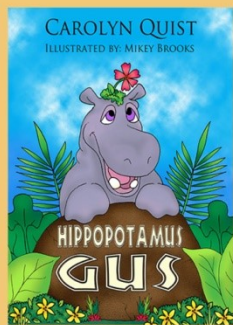
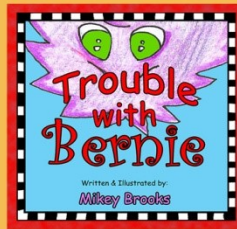
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## Trouble with Bernie

Mikey is having trouble with his imaginary friend. No matter how they play they always seem to get in trouble. Is there a way Mikey can get Bernie to stay out of trouble?

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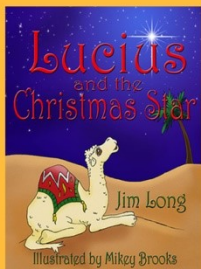
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Three delightfully funny books by author Carolyn Quist  
Illustrated by Mikey Brooks

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## Lucius and the Christmas Star

A camel's unexpected journey to meet the Christ child. Written by Jim Long, illustrated by Mikey Brooks.

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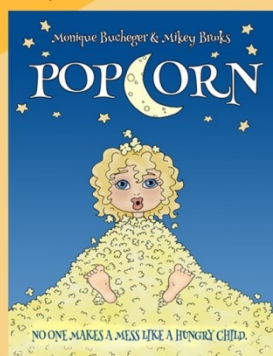
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## POPCORN

Little Ginnie's attempt to make a snack goes terribly wrong in this deliciously funny book. Written by Monique Bucheger, illustrated by Mikey Brooks.

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## The Gates of Atlantis Complete Series

Centuries ago the great city of Atlantis had to be hidden from humans. Now magically buried in the depths of the ocean, it is the source of all magic. All was well in the magical world...until the leaders of Atlantis listen to the whims of a mad man.

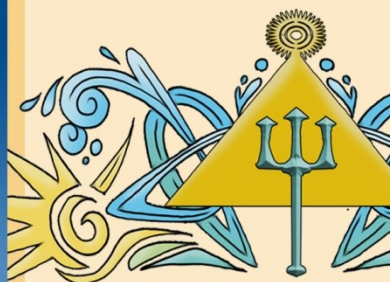
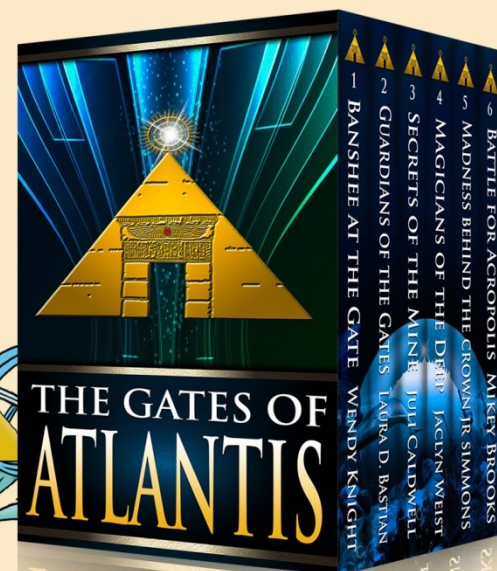
A group of teens set out on their own unique quests to fight for the world they love. They face dangers they didn't know existed. As they battle their way through mysterious tunnels and secrets of the ancient world, they find themselves in a race against time. One by one, the mad man will shut down the Gates of Atlantis and destroy the magic. Can these unlikely heroes stop him before it's too late?

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Grade: 4+ Age level: 9+





## JUMP BOYS: SOS

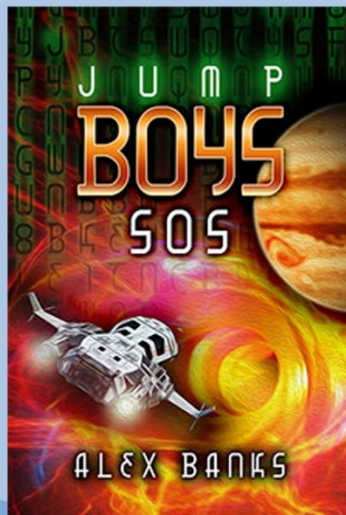
In a society where technical expertise is valued above all else, thirteen-year-old brothers Jayce and Val are among the most privileged—until they uncover their uncle's plot to claim dominion over space and time. While attempting to rescue a lone girl from a post-apocalyptic earth, Val will come face to face with space pirates and Jayce will lay his life on the line for the sake of his brother and the little girl who holds the key to time itself.

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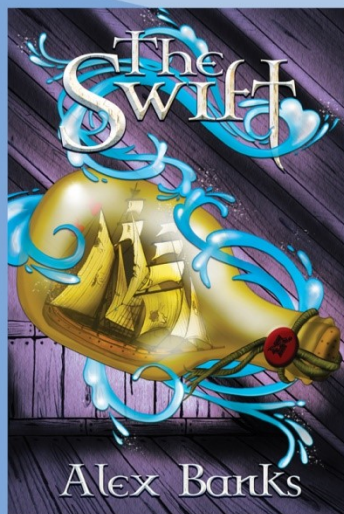
Lexile Score: 780

Grade: 4+ Age level: 9+



## The Swift

The night twelve-year-old Pete planned to shoot the winning goal in the championship hockey game was the same night his dad was lost at sea. Now, eight months later, his mom still cries all the time, his beloved grandfather, stricken with Alzheimer's, can't even remember him, and



they're about to lose their crappy old house to the bank. To make matters worse, his twin brother Henry blames Pete for all of it. After all, they were a family of fishermen—if Pete had gone to help on the boat instead of to the game, their dad might still be alive. While searching the attic for stuff they can sell, Pete finds a battle-torn ship-in-a-bottle. When he and Henry show the bottle to their grandpa, the three of them are transported back in time—on board the very ship that's going down. Battling pirates and the raging sea, the boys must learn to work together to help their grandpa save his past. If they don't, they won't have a future to return to.

**ITEM #205**

Retail: \$12.99 **ONLY \$8**

Grade: 4+ Age level: 9+



## Become (Desolation #1)

Sixteen-year old Desolation Black wants nothing more than to stay in Hell where it's cold and lonely and totally predictable. Instead, she's sent back to Earth where she must face the evil she despises and the good she always feared.

**ITEM #204**

Retail: \$13.99 **ONLY \$10**

YA Age level: 13+



## Desolate (Desolation #2)

It's been two months since sixteen-year-old Desolation Black chose Earth over Hell and her friend Miri over her eternal love, Michael. When she's injured by a strange demon, old temptations arise, and the lines between good and evil blur. Desi discovers those choices aren't so final after all.

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Retail: \$14.99 **ONLY \$10**

YA Age level: 13+



## Destined (Desolation #3)

Choosing is a bad idea, because Desi always makes the wrong choice, and sometimes there are no do-overs. Now Desi's final choice will define not only her future, but the fate of humankind.

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YA Age level: 13+



## Blood Crown

In this science fiction romance, an android uprising threatens to destroy the human race, unless humans evolve as well. Victory depends on the bond between two individuals who have been designed to take humanity into the future. But Serantha, has long been presumed dead, and Nicolai has abandoned his crown—even if the pair can realize their potential it may be too late to save mankind.

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YA Age level: 13+





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Ali Cross is a ninja novelist with a black belt in awesome. She lives in Utah with her kickin' husband, two sparring sons, one ninja cat, one sumo dog and four zen turtles.

Ali also writes under the pen name Alex Banks.

Alex Banks doesn't live on Planet Earth. Alex lives on the

Prime Colony Ship orbiting Jupiter or on a pirate ship off the Nova Scotia coast, or on a world called Insulunda where the land masses shift and move like clouds in the sky. Wherever there are dreams to be charted like stars, or fun to be had just down the street . . . that's where you'll find Alex Banks. For more information about Ali and Alex visit: [www.alicross.com/](http://www.alicross.com/)



Mikey Brooks is a small child masquerading as an adult. On occasion you'll catch him dancing the funky chicken, singing like a banshee, and pretending to have never grown up. He is an award winning author of the middle-grade fantasy adventure series *The Dream Keeper Chronicles*. His other books

include: *The Gates of Atlantis: Battle for Acropolis* and *The Stone of Valhalla*. His picture books include the best-selling *ABC Adventures: Magical Creatures*, *Trouble with Bernie*, and *Bean's Dragons*. Mikey has a BS degree in English from Utah State University and works fulltime as a freelance illustrator, cover designer, and author. As a member of the Emblazoners, he is one of many authors devoted to 'writing stories on the hearts of children' ([emblazoners.com](http://emblazoners.com)). Find out more about him at:

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