

TALES OF WEIRDERLAND

THE COLLECTED VOLUMES

KYLE STEENBLIK

League of Utah Writers 2025 Diamond Quill (Best Book of the Year)



BookSnapshot

An award-winning collection of six interlinked stories that grow with the reader—beginning in playful, imaginative adventures and deepening into age-appropriate explorations of kindness, resilience, grief, ADHD, identity, and found family. Written to make kids laugh, feel seen, and feel brave, Tales of Weirderland pairs whimsy with heart, offering teachers, librarians, and caregivers a springboard for conversation without ever losing its sense of wonder.

Audience: Ages 9–12 (Grades 4–7)

Categories / BISACs: JUV001000 Fantasy & Magic; JUV039060

Social Themes / Values & Virtues; JUV039130 Social Themes /

Emotions & Feelings; JUV039140 Social Themes / Friendship

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SelectPraise

"The playful and witty dialogue is particularly impressive. It enhances character development and offers levity during tense moments. Additionally, it distinguishes characters and their relationships, enriching their interactions. Kyle Steenblik employs vivid imagery to bring scenes to life, enabling young readers to visualize the enchanting world and its fantastical elements... Tales of Weirderland is a refreshing take on the genre that respects its roots in classic fairytales while delivering new and exciting adventures for contemporary readers. Steenblik's creativity and skill in crafting a series of individually satisfying tales, cohesively bound by shared themes and characters, shine through in his writing"

— Carol Thompson for Readers' Favorite

"What surprised me most was the book's emotional depth. Though it starts as a fun, lighthearted read, the second trilogy carries a weightier message. Steenblik wrote these stories as a reflection of his children's growth, and it shows... This collection is a must-read for families, fantasy lovers, and anyone who enjoys a story that doesn't take itself too seriously while still delivering heartfelt moments. If you grew up loving *The Princess Bride* or *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Tales of Weirderland* will feel like coming home"

— Literary Titan

"Tales of Weirderland will instantly win the applause of young readers. It invites readers on a journey filled with courage, curiosity, creativity, and self-discovery. Kyle Steenblik does a fantastic job of moving his lively and inventive narratives in volume one to more profound and thoughtful storylines in volume two. His stories encompass themes that children and young adults will be able to relate to. These stories demonstrate the author's aptitude for crafting imaginative scenes and whimsical characters while creating an expansive world overflowing with magic, fairies, mermaids, and numerous mythical elements. Each stunning story will encourage readers to develop and trust their inner strength and embrace their unique qualities. The humor is done well in each story, especially through Iris and Cael's witty interactions. This book is perfect for readers looking for adventure-packed tales with heartfelt themes that will leave an impression."

— Alija Turkovic for Readers' Favorite

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— Pikasho Deka for Readers' Favorite

Author & Events

About the Author: Kyle Steenblik is an **award-winning** queer writer and parent. *Tales of Weirderland* began as bedtime stories for his children and has been praised for blending humor, wonder, and heartfelt conversations.

Programming & Support: classroom/library talks, Q&A, activity sheets, and signed stock available. Virtual visits offered.

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