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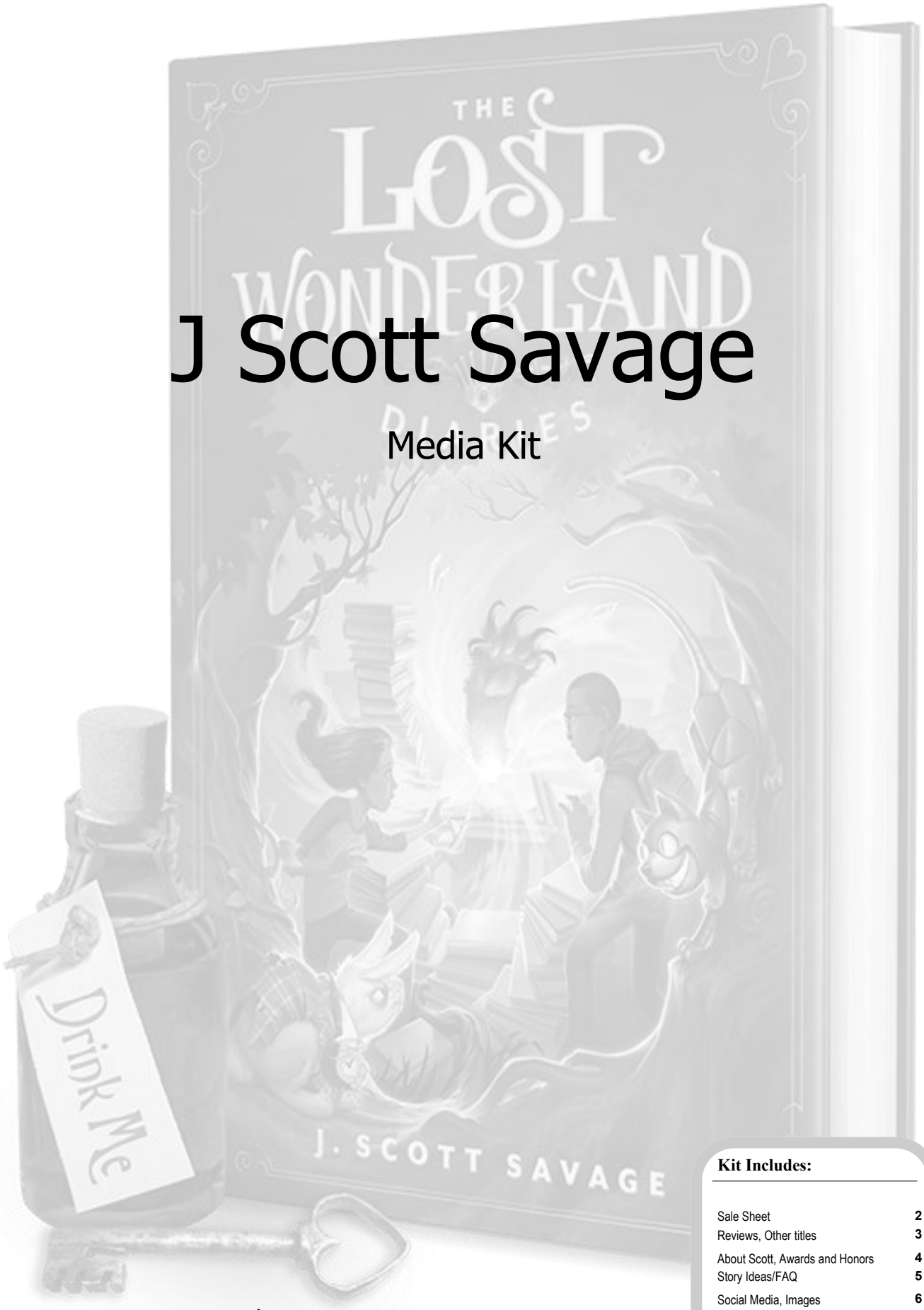

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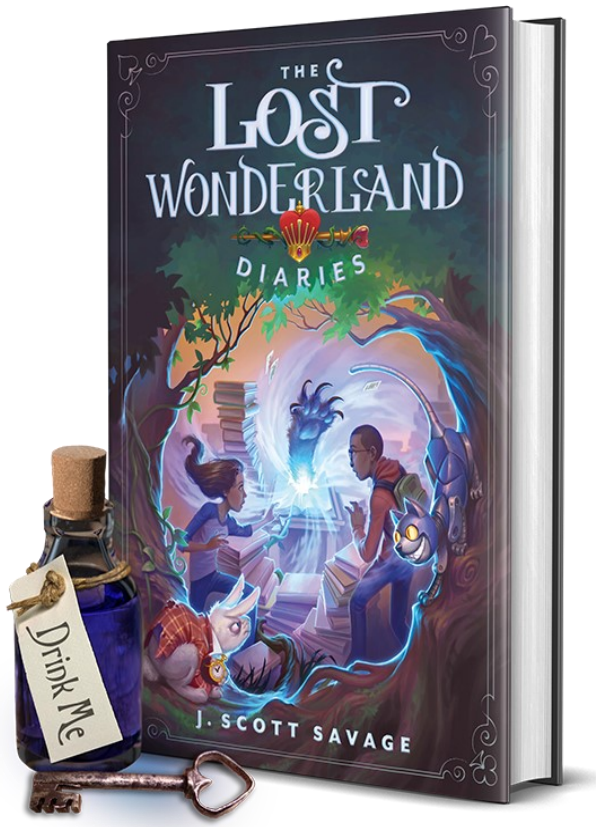
The Lost Wonderland Diaries



Something monstrous has been found in the magic world of Wonderland and it wants to get out.

Lewis Carroll created a curious and fantastical world in his classic book *Alice in Wonderland*, but he secretly recorded the true story of his actual travels to Wonderland in four journals which have been lost to the world…until now.

Celia and Tyrus discover the legendary Lost Diaries of Wonderland and fall into a portal that pulls them into the same fantasy world as the White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter. However, Wonderland has vastly changed. A darkness has settled over the land, and some creatures and characters that Tyrus remembers from the book have been transformed into angry monsters.

Celia and Tyrus make their way through this unpredictable and dangerous land, helped by familiar friends including the Cheshire Cat and a new character, Sylvan, a young rabbit. Together, they desperately work to solve puzzles and riddles, looking for a way out of Wonderland. But the danger increases when the Queen of Hearts begins hunting them. Believing the two young visitors hold the key to opening multiple portals to multiple worlds, she will stop at nothing to capture them.

It's up to Celia and Tyrus to save Wonderland and the real world. It's a race against time before they are trapped in Wonderland forever.

Dyslexia	Math & Logic	**Neurodivergence**
Wonderland	***You Matter***	Imagination
Creativity	Puzzles	***Hope***
Friendship	Identity	*Word Play*

The Lost Wonderland Diaries

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eBook (Kindle, Nook, Apple)

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Watch the Book Trailer!

Age Group: Middle Grade/Tween

For fans of: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Mysteries of Cove, Keepers of the Lost Cities, The Land of Stories, A Tale Dark and Grimm, Rump: The True Story of Rumplestiltskin

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Editorial Reviews of The Lost Wonderland Diaries

"Savage packs this loving homage to Carroll's work with riddles, puns, ciphers, and more, challenging his intrepid heroes at every turn, even as they learn to combine their strengths to overcome their weaknesses. Playing with typography to further embrace its source material's gleeful absurdity, this adventure captures the Wonderland spirit while updating it for a new era." - **Publisher's Weekly Starred Review**

"Newfound friends Celia and Tyrus may have opposite interests, but they'll need both their skills to help them save Wonderland. When Celia and Tyrus discover Lewis Carroll's fabled lost diaries, they get pulled into Wonderland, though it's markedly different than the Wonderland that bookish Tyrus expected... Meeting both familiar characters and new ones, Celia flexes her logic skills to help decipher riddles and puzzles. Naturally, things get extra dicey when the Queen of Hearts shows her true colors. This novel succeeds at highlighting the ways in which different talents and interests are beneficial, and how well differences can complement each other." -**School Library Journal**

"Savage pays homage to Carroll's world with imagination as well as a notable love for math and literature while adding his own ingenious twists to the original. Both Celia and Tyrus struggle with bullying back home, and Celia's dyslexia is a constant source of frustration when other kids underestimate her intelligence, and the book ultimately offers a message of empowerment and self-love. A fun and clever return to Wonderland." **-Kirkus**

What Others Are Saying

"This book shows an undoubted level of knowledge and understanding by the author about Lewis Carroll and the Wonderland story. J Scott Savage has an incredible talent with the same kind of word play, number play, rhymes and riddles as Lewis Carroll and really makes you feel it is written by none other than him, too!" - **Natalie** (Goodreads) ☆☆☆☆☆

"Celia is such a relatable main character, and she has dyslexia. I absolutely loved the portrayal of her struggle with words and the little tricks she uses to help. I worked tutoring elementary school aged kids in reading and math for three years and came across a few who were dyslexic. I wish I'd been able to read this book with them." -**Cathy** (A Case Full of Books) ☆☆☆☆☆

"I loved the puzzles in this book. The word puzzles were written in the style of Lewis Carroll's writing, yet they were original. I wasn't a big fan of Alice in Wonderland, but I loved this story. The puzzles had the same quirky style of Carroll." -**Jill** (Jill's Book Blog) ☆☆☆☆☆

"I loved that this story also brought awareness and truths to dyslexia and what that is like for a young kid like Celia. In the Author's Note you find how Savage learned about dyslexia by discussing it with friends and family friends who have dyslexia. This helped him research and understand how to create a character who has the day-to-day struggles with reading.

Overall, I am just blown away by this story and the level of creativity and pull that is has. You will not want to stop turning the pages." -Sierra (Books. Iced Lattes. Blessed.) ☆☆☆☆☆

Scott's Backlist Titles (in paperback)

Mysteries of Cove (Shadow Mountain)	
Fires of Invention	9781629721569
Gears of Revolution	9781629722955
Embers of Destruction	9781629722955
Case File 13 (Harper Collins)	
Zombie Kid	9780062133274
Making the Team	9780062133359
Evil Twins	9780062133380
Curse of the Mummy's Uncle	9780062324078
FarWorld (Shadow Mountain)	
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Land Keep	9781609073312
Air Keep	9781609077891
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About Scott

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J. Scott Savage is the author of 19 published novels. He has been a teacher and presenter at writing conferences for adults and youth, and has developed Common Core-aligned projects for elementary school writing curricula. He has presented at more than 3000 schools across the country, inspiring students to read, write, embrace their own creativity, and change the world. He is represented by Michael Bourret of Dystel, Goderich, and Bourret.

Scott is the author of **The Lost Wonderland Diaries**, published by Shadow Mountain in September 2020. The Lost Wonderland Diaries is a 2020 Foreword Indie Book of the Year Bronze Medalist in Juvenile Fiction. Scott is also the author of the **Case File 13** middle-grade series published by Harper-Collins, and the **Mysteries of Cove** and **FarWorld** middle-grade fantasy series, both published by Shadow Mountain. Case File 13: Zombie Kid received a starred Kirkus review, was a Junior Library Guild Select Book, and was nominated for the Louisiana Young Readers Choice Award. It has also been named by The School Library Journal and Horror Writers of America as one of three middle grade Summer Scares titles for 2020. The first book in the Mysteries of Cove series, Fires of Invention, is a nominee for the 2017-18 Young Hoosiers Award, and the second book in the series, Gears of Revolution, has been nominated for a Cybils Award. The third book, Embers of Destruction, received an Honorable Mention in the 2018 Foreword Magazine Book Awards.

Scott lives in Utah with his wife of 34 years, Jennifer. He has four amazing children, and nine perfect grandchildren. He enjoys reading, watching movies, camping, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Awards and Honors

- Foreword Magazine 2020 Bronze Medalist for Junior Fiction (The Lost Wonderland Diaries)
- Junior Library Guild Select Book
- Starred reviews from Kirkus and Publisher's Weekly
- School Library Journal/Horror Writers of America 2020 Summer Scares Middle Grade Selection
- Young Hoosiers Award 2017 Finalist
- Louisiana Young Readers Award 2014 Finalist
- Cybils Award Nominee
- Barnes & Noble Select Book
- Amazon Book of the Month
- 2020 Outstanding Mentor Award, Writing and Illustrating For Young Readers

Story Ideas

- Why it's important to write characters with neurodivergencies
- How research and interviewing helps you get characters right
- Why write a book set in Wonderland? How do the characters and themes relate to children today?
- Channeling Lewis Carroll— Discovering the math and meaning behind the whimsy and wordplay
- You have been writing middle grade books for 13 years. How has the publishing landscape changed in that time?
- How author visits can help students discover a love of reading
- Four great ways to get students excited about writing
- Behind the scenes of an author tour

FAQ

When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?

I've always loved making of stories. When I was a kid, I always had adventures going on in my head. But I never realized I could be an author. I thought authors were rich and famous. (Trust me, some are, but most write because they love it.) It wasn't until I was in my late thirties that I tried writing my first book. I wish I had known when I was younger that anyone can be an author.

How long does it take you to write a book?

It depends on the book. Typically, I take a week or two to make an outline. Then I write a first draft, which takes two to three months on average. Then I edit, edit, edit. (You know when your teacher tells you to polish your sloppy copy of your work? That's what editing is.) This usually takes another two to three months. Once everything is polished the book usually comes out about a year later. So about eighteen months from when I start to when I have a book in my hands.

What is your work schedule like when you're writing?

Every author has their own schedule. For me, mornings and evening are my best time to write. I like to start by reading what I wrote the day before. This gets me into the story and lets me make any changes I think it needs. Then I write really hard for two or three hours. I try to write about 2,000 words a day. But I don't always get that. I love to watch movies and read books when I am writing because they inspire my imagination.

Where do you get your information or ideas for your books?

For me, it usually starts with one thing that sparks my imagination. With *Mysteries of Cove,* it was seeing a giant mechanical dragon head when my wife and I went to see the musical *Wicked.* With *The Lost Wonderland Diaries*, it was reading about Lewis Carroll's missing diaries. Then I start to ask "What if?" questions. Usually these answers will bring in a couple of author ideas that combine with the first idea to form a whole story.

What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your books?

Researching new books is one of the best things about writing. For *Mysteries of Cove*, I learned all about steam power and hydroponics. For *The Lost Wonderland Diaries*, I learned about Lewis Carroll aka Charles Dodgson who was not only a great writer, but also a mathematician, puzzle maker, inventor, artist and more. I also got to interview many dyslexic people and learn about how everyone's brain is different. For *Case File 13*, I learned about voodoo, body snatching, doppelgangers, and Mayan pyramids.

What is your favorite book that you didn't write?

This is such a hard question. I am always discovering new books that I love. But if I had to pick my very favorite of all time, it would probably be *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.*

Do you have any suggestions to help me become a better writer? If so, what are they?

Three things. Read, read, read. The more you read the better you will get at writing. Read a book for fun, but then go back and study the parts you loved the best to figure out what made them so good. Great writers are great readers.

If you could pick any job, other than writer, what would it be?

I would love to dream up cool theme park rides. Roller coasters, and animatronics. I would also love to be the captain of the Jungle Cruise at one of the Disney Parks. I have a bunch of jokes I am dying to tell.

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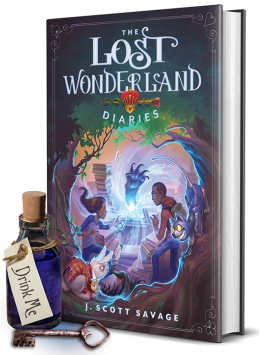

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