



The Minor Miracle
The Amazing Adventures of Noah Minor, Book #1
By Meredith Davis

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PRH's WaterBrook Imprint Launches Thrilling New Superhero and Spy Mashup



Noah Minor's motto: **With great power comes great responsibility.** The imaginations of young readers will be ignited by [The Minor Miracle](#) (5/7/24), a new middle grade release from WaterBrook, the Penguin Random House imprint behind bestselling *Wingfeather Saga*. This action-packed middle grade story follows a seventh-grade superhero wannabe as he utilizes his newly discovered superpower to help a covert agency. Award-winning author **Meredith Davis** expertly intertwines the supernatural with a strong core message, ultimately encouraging kids to wonder what our world would be like if we all celebrated our individual strengths.

Through engaging writing and more than fifty accompanying illustrations, *The Minor Miracle* centers around Noah Minor, a boy who miraculously survived a 16-story fall when he was a baby. Now, at the age of twelve, a vision test leads him to the shocking revelation that he has the power to manipulate gravity.

Noah's surprise discovery abruptly takes his "ordinary" existence to one far more interesting. Gravitas, a top-secret government organization, asks him to use his power to track down their "most wanted" man, who just so happens to be the man who dropped Noah as a baby AND is his long-lost uncle! With countless twists and turns, young readers will be taken on a thrilling ride with Noah and his two best friends—trumpet prodigy, Rodney, and Haley, who is practically perfect—as they work together and learn that the biggest power a person has is being a good friend.

Filled with wonder and hope, the deep friendships displayed throughout *The Minor Miracle* act as a reminder that anyone can be extraordinary, even if their acts of bravery are "only" in middle school hallways.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

[Meredith Davis](#) is a wife, mother, and grandmother living in Austin, Texas. She is the founder of the Austin chapter of the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators and holds an MFA in writing for children and young adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her first book, *Her Own Two Feet*, which she co-authored with Rebecka Uwitonze, earned a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*, was a Junior Library Guild selection, a nominee for the NAACP Image Award, and *World* magazine's Children's Book of the Year for nonfiction. [The Minor Miracle](#) is her new book. Learn more at meredithdavis.com.

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Billy Yong is an illustrator and character designer. Since starting out he has drawn storyboards, done visual development, and even voice acted for animation, games, and children's books. Outside of his professional doodlings, he can be found in a cafe, drawing or painting in his sketchbook, developing his personal projects, or teaching Japanese swordsmanship in the dojo. Billy currently lives in sunny Singapore.

TALKING POINTS

- **Building worlds, having powers, making rules, and telling truth through fiction.** Meredith can detail the inspiration behind *The Minor Miracle*, why she chose to include the supernatural in Noah's story, and how, even though this is a work of fiction, young readers will see their truth reflected to them.
- **Science behind imagination.** Meredith purposefully selected gravity manipulation as Noah's superpower because she loves the idea of superpowers being based on our real-world science and strongly believes it can be the springboard for imagination for all ages.
- **Book #2.** Meredith is currently working on *The Minor Rescue*, which will not only extend the world but also pick up the intentional (and unintentional) "crumbs" she left in the first book. She can tease what's to come!

EARLY PRAISE FOR THE MINOR MIRACLE

"*The Minor Miracle* has everything! Superheroes, bad guys, epic trumpet solos, slam dunks, and hilarious hijinks galore. It will make your heart ZING!"

—**Max Brallier**, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Kids on Earth*

"*The Minor Miracle* is major fun! Noah and his super crew may stretch the laws of physics with their fantastic feats, but it's the friendships that give this story its true power. You will find yourself rooting for Noah—and laughing out loud—all the way!"

—**Christina Soontornvat**, bestselling author of *The Tryout*

"A fresh, fun, and fantastic take on what it means to be a superhero!"

—**Cynthia Leitich Smith**, author of *Ancestor Approved* and *Sisters of the Neversea*

"We might think we know all about superheroes, but Meredith Davis, in her debut novel, gives us a spectacular new one—Noah Minor. In a plot filled with twists and turns, readers will discover the same thing Noah does—that superheroism isn't always about saving the world using extraordinary powers. Sometimes it's about saving your best friends, and that requires the most amazing power of all: love. That alone is a miracle."

—**Kathi Appelt**, Newbery Honoree and National Book Award finalist

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR MEREDITH DAVIS

1. What's *The Minor Miracle* about and who do you think will enjoy reading it?
2. What inspired you to begin writing Noah's extraordinary story?
3. Can you describe the three main characters, Noah, Rodney, and Haley? What about their friendship dynamic?
4. As young readers embark upon this action-packed journey alongside Noah and his friends, what feelings do you hope they experience?
5. With questions of "what if" being such a big theme of Noah's journey, what questions do you hope readers ask themselves while reading?
6. What have you learned about the science behind imagination? Why is it important for middle schoolers to read stories with supernatural elements, like this one?

7. What's your superpower? If you could have another one, what would it be?
8. What's the main message that you hope readers take away from *The Minor Miracle*?
9. What can readers expect from the next installment in this series, *The Minor Rescue*?
10. As they await the sequel, do you have recommendations for similar books they might enjoy?

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