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About the Author

Barb is an author, a marketing professional, and a former freelance writer for both online and print content. While her education is in theater and marketing, her first love has always been books. She writes the kind of stories that she likes to read; stories filled with magic, mystery, and deep friendships.

When she's not writing or reading, Barb loves spending time with her family, exploring antique shops with her husband, collecting vintage Agatha Christie paperbacks, and spoiling her cat who is the sweetest girl. While the author currently lives in Missouri, she's originally from Illinois and did live in Normal, where her middle grade book *Odilia and the Stones of Power* is set. She's happy to report her time in Normal was indeed quite normal and demon-free.

Barb is also the co-author of the paranormal adult series, *The Chronicles of a Cursed Midlife*, and is a member of the Author's Guild and the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

About the Book

When a shoplifter steals a mysterious trinket box from twelve-year-old Odilia Murphy's family antique store, she's convinced it'll be the biggest problem she'll face in seventh grade. Then she learns the Murphy secret—magic is real and not everyone she knows is human. And her family? It's their job to track and send interdimensional demons to a magical prison sealed by twelve enchanted stones.

After Odilia is stalked by two demons who believe she has one of the enchanted stones, she discovers that secrets and lies can quickly spiral out of control. With help from her best friends, she devises a plan to find the stone and steal it back. But when her friends are kidnapped and her family goes missing, she'll need more than magic to save them and retrieve the stone before it falls into demon hands and changes her world forever.

Reviewers are Saying:

"Odilia and the Stones of Power is an imaginative and spellbinding contemporary fantasy tale that middle grade readers, and their adults, will fall in love with. It's fun, fast-paced, action packed, and frankly, outstanding!"

"The world-building, in a contemporary setting no less, is unique and imaginative, and the family journal snippets at the beginning of each chapter ties the real world and the magical world together perfectly."

"The lore of the stones is a unique feature, and the worldbuilding surrounding it is well thought-out and intriguing. The threat of evil is real and gripping without being too dark or scary, and you'll keep turning pages to find out what happens to Odilia and her friends."

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