

## Amulet Of Samarkand The Bartimaeus Sequence

Everyone’s favorite time-travelers are changing their styles! The Time Warp Trio series now features a brand-new, eye-catching design, sure to appeal to longtime fans, and those new to Jon Scieszka’s wacky brand of humor.

Examine the infinite variety of charms and fetishes found in every civilization, from the distant past to the present. Learn the entire history of these tools, their geography, how they are part of each man and woman’s search for connection with spiritual forces, and how to make and use them. Loaded with hundreds of illustrations, this is the ultimate reference guide.

A modern-day London run by magicians. A stolen amulet. A tale of intrigue, murder, and revenge. Nathaniel, an eleven-year-old magician-in-training, thinks he’s ready to take on more challenging spells. With revenge against the proud and ambitious Simon Lovelace on his mind, he masters one of the toughest spells of all and summons Bartimaeus, a 5000-year-old djinni, to assist him. But summoning a djinni and controlling him are two different things entirely. When Nathaniel sends Bartimaeus to steal Lovelace’s greatest treasure, the Amulet of Samarkand, he finds himself caught in a whirlwind of espionage, murder, and rebellion. Jonathan Stroud, along with acclaimed comic books-writer Andrew Donkin and artists Lee Sullivan and Nicolas Chapuis, turns the beloved and internationally best-selling first book in the Bartimaeus trilogy into a spellbinding graphic novel sure to excite and delight fans across all magical planes.

Cop and conjurer of demons, she’s a woman in danger of losing control—to a power that could kill. . . . Why me? Why now? That’s what Beaulac, Louisiana, detective Kara Gillian was asking herself when an angelic creature named Rhyzkahl unexpectedly appeared during a routine summoning. Kara was hoping to use her occult skills to catch a serial killer, but never had she conjured anything like this unearthly beautiful and unspeakably powerful being whose very touch set off exquisite new dimensions of pleasure. But can she enlist his aid in helping her stop a killer who’s already claimed the lives—and souls—of thirteen people? And should she? The Symbol Man is a nightmare that the city thought had ended three years ago. Now he’s back for an encore and leaving every indication on the flesh of his victims that he, too, is well versed in demonic lore. Kara may be the only cop on Beaulac’s small force able to stop the killer, but it is her first homicide case. Yet with Rhyzkahl haunting her dreams, and a handsome yet disapproving FBI agent dogging her waking footsteps, she may be in way over her head. . . .

Clash of Empires

The Amulet of Samarkand (A Bartimaeus Graphic Novel)

Ptolemy's Gate

The Bartimaeus Sequence Gift Set

Bound by a Spell

*Nathaniel is a magician's apprentice, taking his first lessons in the arts of magic. But when a devious hot-shot wizard named Simon Lovelace ruthlessly humiliates Nathaniel in front of his elders, Nathaniel decides to kick up his education a few notches and show Lovelace who's boss. With revenge on his mind, he summons the powerful djinni, Bartimaeus. But summoning Bartimaeus and controlling him are two different things entirely, and when Nathaniel sends the djinni out to steal Lovelace's greatest treasure, the Amulet of Samarkand, he finds himself caught up in a whirlwind of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion.*

*Part coming of age, part call to action, this fast-paced ownvoices novel about a Deaf teenager is a unique and inspiring exploration of what it means to belong. Smart, artistic, and independent, sixteen year old Piper is tired of trying to conform. Her mom wants her to be "normal," to pass as hearing, to get a good job. But in a time of food scarcity, environmental collapse, and political corruption, Piper has other things on her mind-like survival. Piper has always been told that she needs to compensate for her Deafness in a world made for those who can hear. But when she meets Marley, a new world opens up-one where Deafness is something to celebrate, and where resilience means taking action, building a com-munity, and believing in something better. Published to rave reviews as Future Girl in Australia (Allen & Unwin, Sept. 2020), this empowering, unforgettable story is told through a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage, and drawings. Set in an ominously prescient near future, The Words in My Hands is very much a novel for our turbulent times.*

*The first volume in the brilliant, bestselling Bartimaeus sequence, now adapted into a stunning graphic novel format - this is Bartimaeus as you've never seen him before! Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, has revenge on his mind. Desperate to defy his master and take on more challenging spells, he secretly summons the 5000-year-old djinni, Bartimaeus. But Bartimaeus's task is not an easy one - he must steal the powerful Amulet of Samarkand from Simon Lovelace, a master magician of unrivaled ruthlessness and ambition. Before long, Bartimaeus and Nathaniel are caught up in a terrifying flood of intrigue, rebellion and murder. Set in modern-day London controlled by magicians, this brilliant adaptation of Jonathan Stroud's bestselling novel will enthral readers of all ages.*

*Fans rejoice -- everyone's favorite wise-cracking djinni is back! Thousands of years before his fateful service to the magician Nathaniel in London, wily Bartimaeus served as djinni to hundreds of masters, from Babylon and Ancient Egypt to the modern Middle East. In this brilliant new installment in the best-selling series, history is revealed as readers travel alongside Bartimaeus to Jerusalem and the court of King Solomon for his most exciting adventure yet.*

Outlaw

The Bartimaeus Trilogy 1

Heroes of the Valley

The Stonekeeper: A Graphic Novel (Amulet #1)

The Not-So-Jolly Roger #2

*When Anne McCaffrey passed in November 2011, it was not only those closest to her who mourned her death; legions of readers also felt the loss deeply. The pioneering science fiction author behind the Dragonriders of Pern® series crafted intricate stories, enthralling worlds, and strong heroines that profoundly impacted the science fiction community and genre. In Dragonwriter, Anne's son and Pern writer Todd McCaffrey collects memories and stories about the beloved author, along with insights into her writing and legacy, from those who knew her best. Nebula Award–winner Elizabeth Moon relates the lessons she learned from Pern's Lessa (and from Lessa's creator); Hugo Award–winner David Brin recalls Anne's steadfast belief that the world to come will be better than the one before; legendary SFF artist Michael Whelan shares (and tells stories about) never-before-published Pern sketches from his archives; and more. Join Anne's co-writers, fellow science fiction authors, family, and friends in remembering her life, and exploring how her mind and pen shaped not only the Weysr of Pern, but also the literary landscape as we know it. Contributors include: • Angelina Adams • David Brin • David Gerrold • John Goodwin • Janis Ian • Alec Johnson • Georgetanne Kennedy • Mercedes Lackey • Sharon Lee and Steve Miller • Lois McMaster Bujold • Elizabeth Moon • Charlotte Moore • Robert Neilson • Jody Lynn Nye and Bill Fawcett • Robin Roberts • Elizabeth Ann Scarborough • Wen Spencer • Michael Whelan • Richard J. Woods • Chelsea Quinn Yarbro*

*In graphic novel format, presents the adventures of the outlaw hero Robin Hood as he and his band of Merry Men defended the poor against the cruel tyranny of the Sheriff of Nottingham in Crusades-era England.*

Bartimaeus Trilogy series #1.

*Presenting a thrilling new voice in children's literature-a witty, gripping adventure story featuring a boy and his not-so-tame djinni. Nathaniel is a young magician's apprentice, taking his first lessons in the arts of magic. But when a devious hotshot wizard named Simon Lovelace ruthlessly humiliates Nathaniel in front of everyone he knows, Nathaniel decides to kick up his education a few notches and show Lovelace who's boss. With revenge on his mind, he masters one of the toughest spells of all: summoning the all-powerful djinni, Bartimaeus. But summoning Bartimaeus and controlling him are two different things entirely, and when Nathaniel sends the djinni out to steal the powerful Amulet of Samarkand, Nathaniel finds himself caught up in a whirlwind of magical espionage, murder, blackmail, and revolt. Set in a modern-day London spiced with magicians and mayhem, this extraordinary, funny, pitch-perfect thriller will dazzle the myriad fans of Artemis Fowl and the His Dark Materials trilogy. And with the rights sold in more than a dozen countries, and a major motion picture in the works, the Bartimaeus trilogy is on the fast track to becoming a classic.*

The Leap

Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase

The Amulet of Samarkand Graphic Novel

The Whispering Skull

The Hollow Boy

*Soon to be a major Netflix series! Want to hear a ghost story? That's good. I know a few . . . After their recent adventures, the Lockwood & Co team deserve a well-earned break . . . so naturally they decide to risk their lives breaking into a heavily-guarded crypt. A building full of unsettled souls, it's also the final resting place of Marissa Fittes, the legendary and (supposedly) long-dead ghost hunter - though the team have their suspicions about just how dead she might be. What they discover changes everything. Pitched into a desperate race to get to the truth behind the country's ghost epidemic, the team ignite a final, epic battle against the Fittes agency. A battle that will force them to journey to the Other Side, and face the most terrifying enemy they have ever known. Can everyone make it out alive? Join Lucy, Lockwood, George and Holly for one last time as they battle ghosts and humans for truth and justice in this breathtaking finale to the bestselling series. 'Stroud is a genius' - Rick Riordan*

*When Emily, Simon and Marcus discover the deserted castle, it seems like an escape from the midwinter snows and their individual loneliness. But their occupation of the ruin quickly takes on a momentum of its own, and soon threatens their friendship, their freedom and their lives.*

*Everyone says that Max is drowned, but Charlie thinks differently: she was in the mill-pool with him, and knows exactly what she saw. When she begins to see him in her dreams, her hopes are raised. It seems the reunion she craves is possible. But where exactly is Max leading her? And will she be able to return?*

*Now available in paperback, kids will love this exciting excavation of ancient Egyptian myths as they follow along with the clever Marcy on a quest to save her dad from the belly of the sphinx! Many years have passed since the tale of Arthur and the Golden Rope, and Arthur is now a world-famous adventurer. If only his daughter Marcy shared his enthusiasm for exploration. Determined to bring out Marcy's adventurous side, Arthur sets off to Egypt to bring back the legendary Book of Thoth. When Arthur doesn't return, Marcy must follow in his footsteps. Can she overcome her fears and rescue her father from the clutches of the great Sphinx?*

The Ring of Solomon

The Amulet of Samarkand

Amulet Of Samarkand

**Bartimaeus (Book Series), List of Bartimaeus Characters, Magic in Bartimaeus, Ptolemy's Gate, the Amulet of Samarkand, the Golem's Eye, Th**

**The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne**

*Action! Humor! Fantasy!* "Kicking off a new series with a bang (several bangs, in fact), Stroud sends two young fugitives with murky pasts fleeing murderous pursuers across a fractured future Britain." —Kirkus Reviews, starred Scarlett McCain is a shoot-first ask-questions-later kind of outlaw. She scrapes up on bank heists, her wits—and never looking back. She’s on the run from her latest crime when she comes across Albert Browne. He is the sole survivor of a horrific accident, and against her better judgement, Scarlett agrees to guide him to safety. This is a mistake. Soon there are men with dogs and guns and explosives hot on her heels. Scarlett’s used to being chased by the law, but this is extreme. It was only a little bank she’d robbed. . . . As they flee together across the wilds, fighting off monstrous beasts, and dodging their pursuers, Scarlett comes to realize that Albert Browne is hiding a terrible secret. And that he may be the most dangerous threat of all. In this fast-paced, quick-witted whirlwind of a story, Jonathan Stroud introduces two unlikely allies—the outlaws Scarlett and Browne—who are about to become the most notorious renegades in all that’s left of Britain.

*In the third book of the series, Bartimaeus, Nathaniel, and Kitty must test the limits of this world, question the deepest parts of themselves -- and trust one another if they hope to survive. Includes a preview chapter from The Ring of Solomon, a Bartimaeus novel.*

*The second adventure in the Bartimaeus trilogy finds Nathaniel working his way up the ranks of the government, when crisis hits. A seemingly invulnerable clay golem is making random attacks on London. Nathaniel and Bartimaeus must travel to Prague to discover the source of the golem's power. Includes a preview chapter from Ptolemy's Gate, the third book in the series.*

*Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 25. Chapters: Bartimaeus (book series), List of Bartimaeus characters, Magic in Bartimaeus, Ptolemy's Gate, The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye, The Ring of Solomon. Excerpt: The following is a list of characters in the Bartimaeus series by Jonathan Stroud. One of the trio of major characters in the series. In the first book, The Amulet of Samarkand, he is a 12 year old boy who is a magician in training, great admirer of William Gladstone, and foils a coup organized by Simon Lovelace and saves the life of the Prime Minister, Rupert Devereaux. In the second book, The Golem's Eye, after assuming a post in the government, he works towards stopping insurgent attacks in London and also attempting to destroy a golem and unmask the identity of its master. In the third book, he is caught up in a revolution by the djinn on earth (mainly planned by Faugarl and Nouda), but ultimately manages to crush it. In this book, he also becomes aware of the corruption of the magician government and he seems to desire separation from it and a return to his older and happier life. This is made significant when he faces his greatest fear (as the magician John Mandrake) and divulges his true name to Kitty Jones. Over the course of the trilogy, Nathaniel, the innocent young boy hungry for knowledge, is transformed into the arrogant John Mandrake. By the end of book three he becomes more responsible and honourable, more like his younger self. In his final moment, just before he sacrifices himself to kill the demon Nouda, he dismisses Bartimaeus, claiming that he would only both the job and that dismissal would be the only way to get it right, although it is hinted by both Bartimaeus and Nathaniel that this is a last act of kindness and goodwill toward his long-suffering djinn. It is mentioned in Ptolemy's Gate that he is the strongest magician on....*

*Talismans, Psalms, Amulets, and the Practice of High Ritual*

*The Bartimaeus Trilogy, Book Two: Golem's Eye*

*Amulet Samarkand*

*Lockwood & Co: The Empty Grave*

*The Legend of Robin Hood*

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

When the 5,000-year-old djinni Bartimaeus is summoned by Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, he expects to have to do nothing more taxing than a little levitation or a few simple illusions. But Nathaniel is a precocious talent and has something rather more dangerous in mind: revenge. Against his will, Bartimaeus is packed off to steal the powerful Amulet of Samarkand from Simon Lovelace, a master magician of unrivaled ruthlessness and ambition. Before long, both djinni and apprentice are caught up in a terrifying flood of magical intrigue, murder and rebellion. Set in a modern-day London controlled by magicians, this hilarious, electrifying thriller will enthral readers of all ages.

"Lockwood & Co. are hired to investigate Edmund Bickerstaff, a Victorian doctor who reportedly tried to communicate with the dead, while Lucy is distracted by living whispers coming from the skull in a ghost jar"--

My name is Madison Avey, and I'm here to tell you that there's more out there than you can see, hear, or touch. Because I'm there. Seeing it. Touching it. Luring it. Madison's prom was killer!literally. For some reason she's been targeted by a dark reaper!yeah, that kind of reaper!intend on getting rid of her, body and soul. But before the reaper could finish the job, Madison was able to snag his strange, glowing amulet and get away. Now she's stuck on Earth!dead but not gone. Somehow the amulet gives her the illusion of a body, allowing her to toe the line between life and death. She still doesn't know why the dark reaper is after her, but she's not about to just sit around and let fate take its course. With a little ingenuity, some light-bending, and the help of a light reaper (one of the good guys! Maybe . . .), her cute crush, and oh yeah, her guardian angel, Madison's ready to take control of her own destiny once and for all, before it takes control of her. Well, if she believed in that stuff.

The Bartimaeus Trilogy, Book One: Amulet of Samarkand

Magical Women

A Novel

Qabbalistic Magic

The Golem's Eye: A Bartimaeus Novel

*Kazu Kibushi's #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling series is now available in eBook! After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by strange creatures, robots, and talking animals.Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.*

*Fall into New York Times bestselling author Jonathan Stroud's Bartimaeus Sequence in this complete e-book edition that includes: The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye, Ptolemy's Gate, and The Ring of Solomon. Nathaniel is a young magician's apprentice, taking his first lessons in the arts of magic. But after a devious hotshot wizard named Simon Lovelace ruthlessly humiliates him in front of everyone he knows, Nathaniel seeks his revenge through magic. He pores over texts and works to perfect his skills to summon the 5,000 year old djinni Bartimaeus-but Nathaniel may have bitten off more than he can chew, and soon finds himself in a situation more dangerous and deadly than he could have ever imagined. These four spellbinding tales -- The Amulet of Samarkand, The Golem's Eye, Ptolemy's Gate, and The Ring of Solomon -- invite readers into a brilliantly imagined world that they'll never want to leave.*

*As a massive outbreak of supernatural violence raffles Scotland Yard and causes protests throughout London, Lockwood & Co. continue to demonstrate their effectiveness in exterminating spirits. Anthony Lockwood is dashing, George insightful, and Lucy*

*Grade 5-9:Nathaniel has been apprenticed to Mr. Underwood for several years. At the age of 12, he has finally been Named and is on his way to becoming a real magician. Suddenly, London is in an uproar. The Amulet of Samarkand has been stolen from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. Only Nathaniel knows what really happened because it was he who commanded the 5000-year-old djinni Bartimaeus to steal it for him. Now, with a rebellious demon under his control and all of London searching for the thief, he must figure out a way to keep the amulet hidden. Stroud has woven an intricate fantasy set in an alternative London where the most influential members of society, and even the Prime Minister himself, are magicians. The richly rewarding story unfolds in chapters that alternate between Bartimaeus's first-person narration, which includes arcane and very funny footnotes, and Nathaniel's account, told in third person. There is plenty of action, mystery, and humor.*

Buried Fire

Mark of the Demon

Dragonwriter

Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx (Paperback)

Prince Across the Water

**HAS ROMEO FINALLY MET ITS MATCH?** 'A triumph!' Harry Sidebottom 'Exceptional' Anthony Riches Fans of battle-heavy historical fiction will, justly, adore Clash of Empires' The Times \*\*\*\*\* THE MIGHT OF ROME The great general Hannibal Barca is on the verge of defeat. Victory will crown Rome the most powerful empire in the world. While the ambitious senator Flaminius plots his path to power... THE GLORY OF GREECE Only unconquered Greece stands in the way of glory. King Philip V of Macedon's mighty phalanx is an enemy Rome has long feared, and one that has never known defeat. THE HEROES OF HISTORY Demetrius has dreamed of fighting with the phalanx his whole life, but the young villager will soon learn that, in a clash of empires, you're only ever one swing of the sword away from death - or entering legend. CLASH OF EMPIRES is the gripping first novel in a new series from the master of historical fiction - for fans of Simon Scarrow, Harry Sidebottom, Conn Iggulden and Bernard Cornwell. \*\*\* PRE-ORDER BEN KANE'S NEW NOVEL, THE FALLING SWORD, TODAY \*\*\* What readers are saying about Ben Kane's masterful new historical novel: 'I have not read much about the Roman Invasion of Greece 200-197BC, so with a breath of fresh air up pops Ben Kane with a very masterful tale' Amazon review 'Grabs you from the start and never lets go' - Harry Sidebottom, author of the THE LAST HOUR Ben does a great job telling the story from both Greek and Roman perspective' Amazon review 'I haven't enjoyed a book this much for ages' - Giles Kristian, author of LANCELOT

A Highland lad comes of age at the brutal battle of Culloden in 18th-century Scotland in the year 1745, the cry goes out across the Scottish Highlands for every able-bodied Scotsman to take up arms in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Stalwart and brave but prone to sudden seizures, young Duncan longs to join his da and the other men of clan MacDonald in the noble fight against the English. His father decrees the boy must remain behind, but the call to war is impossible to ignore, and when Duncan learns of his uncle 's death in battle, he joins his cousin Ewan and sets out to fight for their country and their prince. But the reality of war is not the glorious undertaking Duncan has long heard spoken of and sung in stirring ballads and stories—and on the battlefield of Culloden he will be tested in ways he never could have imagined and leave boyhood behind forever amid the blood, fire, and death. Critically acclaimed, award-winning authors Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris merge their considerable storytelling talents in a riveting, moving tale of a young boy 's rocky and perilous road to manhood. Richly atmospheric and firmly based in fact, Prince Across the Water is enthralling historical fiction—a powerful and unforgettable journey back in time and an unflinching look at the true face of war.

The second adventure in the Bartimaeus trilogy finds our young apprentice magician Nathaniel working his way up the ranks of the government, when crisis hits. A seemingly invulnerable clay golem is making random attacks on London. Nathaniel and the all-powerful, totally irreverent djinni, Bartimaeus, must travel to Prague to discover the source of the golem's power. In the ensuing chaos, readers will chase a dancing skeleton across London's skyline, encounter the horror of the dreaded Night Police, witness a daring kidnapping, and enter the Machiavellian world of the magician's government. Eventually, Nathaniel and Bartimaeus have to go head to head with the fearsome golem before the surprise identity of his master is finally revealed.

Two brothers, Michael and Stephen MacIntyre, together with their sister Sarah and the local vicar Tom Aubrey, uncover a deadly secret buried near their village. But time is short: can they prevent the awakening of an ancient evil before its powers corrupt them for ever?

The Last Siege

The Complete Book of Amulets & Talismans

Bartimaeus

The Words in My Hands

A thrilling novel about the Roman invasion of Greece

A sinister Problem has occurred in London: all nature of ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are appearing throughout the city, and they aren’t exactly friendly. Only young people have the psychic abilities required to see—and eradicate—these supernatural foes. Many different Psychic Detection Agencies have cropped up to handle the dangerous work, and they are in fierce competition for business. In The Screaming Staircase, the plucky and talented Lucy Carlyle teams up with Anthony Lockwood, the charismatic leader of Lockwood & Co, a small agency that runs independently of any adult supervision. After an assignment leads to both a grisly discovery and a disastrous end, Lucy, Anthony, and their sarcastic colleague, George, are forced to take part in the perilous investigation of Combe Carey Hall, one of the most haunted houses in England. Will Lockwood & Co. survive the Hall’s legendary Screaming Staircase and Red Room to see another day? Readers who enjoyed the action, suspense, and humor in Jonathan Stroud’s internationally best-selling Bartimaeus books will be delighted to find the same ingredients, combined with deliciously creepy scares, in his thrilling and chilling Lockwood & Co. series.

Amulet Of SamarkandTurtleback Books

A comprehensive guide to practicing the magic of the Qabbalah • Spells for everyday problems related to health, love, prosperity, and protection • Rituals for advanced high-level magic, such as invocation of angelic powers or spiritual vision • Explains how to make and design talismans, amulets, and magic bowls, including harnessing the power of Hebrew letters in their designs • Details the magical uses of 150 psalms The Qabbalah--the Jewish esoteric tradition--is richly woven with magical practices, from amulets and magic bowls to invocations and magical use of psalms. In this comprehensive and practical guide to the Qabbalistic magic, Salomo Baal-Shem explains how to authentically perform rituals from the Qabbalistic tradition. The spells and rituals included range from basic "everyday" magic for health, prosperity, love, protection, and prophetic dreams to advanced high-level magic such as invoking the highest angelic powers or creating an astral life-form, or Golem. Revealing the occult teachings of the 4th-century Book of the Mysteries, the magical uses of 150 psalms, and how to harness the power of Hebrew letters in talisman designs, the author also shows you how to contact the Maggid, or Divine inner teacher, or attain the spiritual vision of the Merkabah. A thoroughly accessible guide to the magic of the Qabbalah, this book also covers the underlying spiritual principles and history of these powerful magical practices.

A weaver is initiated into the ancient art of bringing a universe into existence. A demon hunter encounters an unlikely opponent. Four goddesses engage in a cosmic brawl. A graphic designer duels with a dark secret involving a mysterious tattoo. A defiant chudal makes a shocking announcement at a kitty party. A puppet seeking adventure discovers who she really is. A young woman's resolute choice leads her to haunt Death across millennia. . . . A

compelling collection of stories that speak of love, rage, rebellion, choices and chances. Magical Women brings together some of the strongest female voices in contemporary Indian writing. Combining astounding imagination with superlative craft, these tales will intrigue and delight in equal measure.

A Tribute to Anne McCaffrey and Pern

Once Dead, Twice Shy

*YA. Adventure fiction. Fantasy fiction. Listen then, and I'll tell you again of the Battle of the Rock. But none of your usual wiggling, or I'll stop before I've begun . . .Halli loves the old stories from when the valley was a wild and dangerous place - when the twelve legendary heroes stood together to defeat the ancient enemy, the bloodthirsty Trows. Halli longs for adventure but these days the most dangerous thing in the valley is boredom. He tries to liven things up by playing practical jokes. But when one of his jokes goes too far, he reawakens an old blood feud and finds himself on a hero's quest after all. Along the way he meets a ruthless thief, a murderous rival, and a girl who may just be as fearless as he is . Jonathan Stroud has created an epic saga with a funny, unique spin, and an unforgettable anti-hero.*