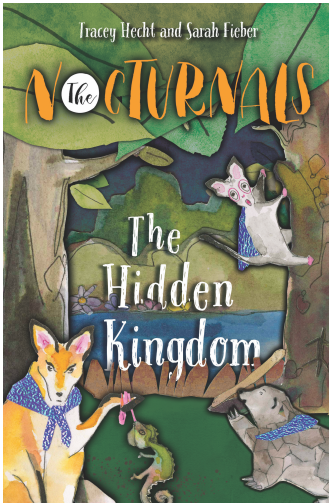


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Critically Acclaimed Children’s Author, Tracey Hecht, Debuts Writing Partnership with Sarah Fieber for the New Book in *The Nocturnals* Series.

New York, NY, September 2017 — Fabled Films Press, a children’s media and entertainment company, is excited to debut the partnership of authors Tracey Hecht and Sarah Fieber for the fourth book of the critically acclaimed middle grade series *The Nocturnals*.

The series follows three unlikely animal friends: Dawn, a serious fox; Tobin, a sweet pangolin; and Bismark, the loudmouthed, pint-sized sugar glider. The animals band together to solve mysteries in their nighttime world. Perfect for fans of Kate DeCamillo’s *The Tale of Despereaux*, Sara Pennypacker’s *Pax*, and Kathryn Lasky’s *Guardians of Ga’Hoole* series, these books will delight readers with their humor, adventure, and exploration of unusual animals.

In *The Nocturnals: The Hidden Kingdom* (HC, \$15.99, February, 2018), animals in a valley start to trip on the crumbling ground beneath them, water disappears, and disembodied voices are heard. Everyone assumes the forest is under an evil spell. However, it’s a group of veiled creatures—a chameleon, stick bugs, leaf bugs, and other assorted camouflaged insects—that are upset because they want the valley’s recognition for their hard work in preventing a drought. The Nocturnal Brigade—Dawn, Tobin, and Bismark—solves this mystery and unites the forest. The storytelling is further amplified by a new design that has over fifty full color images integrated throughout the book.

“Developing the characters and plot for this fourth book was an incredible experience,” says first time children’s author Sarah Fieber. “Becoming a children’s writer is something I’ve wanted to do since I was a child myself. It’s amazing to have my first published book be part of such an already established and dynamic brand.”

With the publication of *The Hidden Kingdom*, Fieber will join Hecht in her ongoing efforts with *The Nocturnals’* Read Aloud Writing Program, a program created in partnership with The New York Public Library. The program has since expanded nationally to over forty libraries, schools, bookstores, and a partnership with the Ryan Seacrest Foundation at their broadcast media centers within pediatric hospitals. The first hospitals to host events were Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and Levine Children’s Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. Fabled Films Press has also created a comprehensive zoological program that launched at two events: the 2017 Brooklyn Book Festival’s Bookend event at Prospect Park Zoo in Brooklyn, New York, and an event in partnership with both the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere and the Ryan Seacrest Foundation at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. The program includes Nocturnals animal bingo, a read aloud from the books, face painting, crafts, group discussions, and more.

“It’s incredible to see how much the brand has evolved since the first book was published,” says Hecht. “Sarah has been a part of the series since the beginning, and having her fresh perspective on the characters has been wonderful. I’m so excited to continue working with her to develop the brand and strengthen our partnerships.”

The Nocturnals series is supported by animated shorts and new family content on the website, NocturnalsWorld.com, including wacky animal facts, bingo, face painting, crafts, word games, story and character maps, and more. For our educator partners, we have Common Core Language Arts and Next Generation Science Guides for each book. Consortium Book Sales & Distribution, a member of the Ingram Distribution Companies, will continue to handle sales and distribution.

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ABOUT TRACEY HECHT:

Tracey Hecht, founder of Fabled Films, is a writer and entrepreneur who has written, directed, and produced for film. Fabled Films brings together her passions and interests: writing, creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. When she isn't writing and managing a business, she can be found hiking, reading, or spending time with her family. Tracey currently splits her time between New York City and Oquossoc, Maine, with her husband, four children, and puppy, Penny.

ABOUT SARA FEIBER

Sarah Fieber pursued her lifelong passion for writing at Yale, and she has her Masters of Professional Writing from USC and an MFA from NYU. She has published several short stories and is currently working on a new middle grade series. She lives in New York City with her dog, Beau. *The Hidden Kingdom* is her first children's book.

ABOUT FABLED FILMS:

Fabled Films is a publishing and entertainment company creating original content for middle grade and young adult audiences. Fabled Films Press combines strong literary properties with high-quality production values to connect books with generations of parents and their children. Each property is supported with additional content in the form of animated web series and social media as well as websites featuring activities for children, parents, bookstores, educators, and librarians.

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Book 4: *The Nocturnals: The Hidden Kingdom*

Author: Tracey Hecht; Illustrator: Kate Liebman
ISBN: 978-1-944020-11-8; Price: \$15.99 US; Ages: 7–12
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Trim Size: 5 ¼ x 8; Page Count: 208, with 50 color illustrations
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***The Nocturnals* Middle Grade Series Now Available**

Author: Tracey Hecht; Illustrator: Kate Liebman
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Book 1: *The Mysterious Abductions* (Indie Next Summer 2016 Kids' Pick and in the AR Quiz Library)

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***The Nocturnals* Early Reader Now Available**

The Moonlight Meeting

Author: Tracey Hecht; Illustrator: Waymond Singleton
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Format: Paper over board
Trim Size: 6 x 9; Page Count: 64, with 54 color illustrations

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