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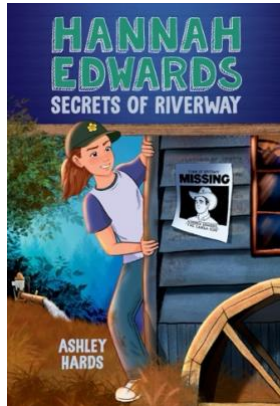
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***AN AUTHENTIC NEURODIVERSE REIMAGINING OF HAMLET!***

**A Fresh Take on a Classic that's an Unconventional Mystery and  
Coming-of-Age Story for Middle Graders**



***Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway*  
by Debut Author Ashley Hards**

Fabled Films Press is pleased to publish *Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway*, an authentic, neurodiverse reimagining of *Hamlet*. (Pub Date: 9/10/2024 | ISBN: 978-1-944020-91-0 | HC \$16.99 | MG | Ages 9–12 | 268 pages)

**At Fabled Films Press, we believe it is important that young readers from all backgrounds see both themselves and their peers represented in the books they read.** *Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway* will resonate with readers of all ages. Ashley Hards's inspiring novel showcases neurodiversity as a positive asset. We believe kids with or without neurodiverse conditions will relate to Hannah's need for agency and her unstoppable drive. The novel's blend of mystery, adventure, and coming-of-age themes makes it a compelling read for anyone looking for an engaging story with heart.

**Plot Synopsis:** Hannah has a lot on her mind. Her father—the Canola King—is missing and no one seems to care. With the support of her best friend, Sam Castillo, Hannah embarks on a journey to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance. Along the way, she uncovers secrets, confronts challenges, talks to a ghost, and learns the true meaning of determination and friendship.

**Ashley masterfully represents ADHD through Hannah's adventures while avoiding making it the center of the tale.** It is reminiscent of Henry Winkler's *Hank Zipzer* series, in which Hank's dyslexia was secondary to his school escapades. This book is also perfect for readers of the award-winning *Honestly Elliott* by Gillian McDunn and *Focused* by Alyson Gerber, or the *Sammy Keyes* mysteries by Wendelin Van Draanen.

**Fabled Films Press will provide numerous classroom resources** written and developed under the supervision of educators and professionals. These will include a **Neurodiverse Discussion Guide** by Dr. Dawn Jacobs Martin, PhD (sample sections include exploring neurodiversity and societal perspectives as well as using Hannah Edwards as a tool to understand neurodiversity); a **Common Core Language Arts Guide** by Pat Scales (sample sections include pre-reading activities, curriculum connections, and classroom discussion questions); and a print-at-home **Tween Activity Kit** with word games, crafts, and writing activities.



### **About the Author**

Ashley Hards was declared to be “gifted” at age 8 and was diagnosed with ADHD at age 22. When forced to sit still in class, she found books and writing to be the most engaging subjects, especially Shakespeare. She received both her BA and MA in English Literature from McGill University, where she now teaches writing and continues her research on Shakespeare and ritual.

Always the adrenaline lover, Ashley enjoys skiing, mountain biking, and opera. (Hey, it’s exciting.) She spent many weekends driving across Alberta and hanging out at a ski hill near Pincher Creek, and the vision for *Riverway* developed over many dark, stormy nights. Like Hannah, she enjoys journaling. Unlike Hannah, she has not solved any mysteries (yet). This is her first book.

### **About Fabled Films Press LLC**

Fabled Films Press creates original content for young readers and middle-grade audiences that combines strong literary properties with high-quality production values to connect books with generations of parents and their children. Each property is supported by websites, educator guides, and activities for bookstores, educators, and librarians, as well as videos and social media content.

Fabled Films Press has published two critically acclaimed children’s book series: *Pippa Park* by Erin Yun and *The Nocturnals* by Tracey Hecht. (PippaPark.com and NocturnalsWorld.com)

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### **Book Specs:**

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### **Note About Font:**

The interior font and typography were designed with accessibility in mind to increase the legibility and readability of the story for readers of all abilities.