

Farborgen School for Gifted Children: Book One

Title

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Format

Book (250 pp, 2025), book one in a series

References

His Dark Materials (TV series, 2019)

Wednesday (TV series, 2022)

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate

Events (TV series, 2017-2019)

Grimm (TV series, 2011-2017)

Misfits (TV series, 2009-2013)

Author

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Genre

Fantasy, Adventure, Drama

Author's sales
over 2 mln copies
(all works combined)

Aesthetics

A magical adventure with a mix of whimsy, mystery, and self-discovery

Sales points

- A fresh take on the magical school trope - set in a high-tech world where magic and modernity coexist, and the greatest threats wear business suits.
- A protagonist like no other - Chloe is the only half-dragon in existence, making her both uniquely powerful and dangerously hunted.
- A sharp, witty tone with high stakes - think Wednesday meets His Dark Materials, blending adventure, irony, and emotional depth.
- A cinematic, high-budget feel - with espionage, secret organizations, and a dragon-powered rescue mission fit for the big screen.

Logline

Find your dragon.

When eleven-year-old Chloe Maddox hiccups smoke one day, she's astonished to discover she's half-dragon and is thrust into a world of magic, danger, and self-discovery.

Synopsis

CHLOE MADDOX, eleven years old, has learned to keep her head down in the Loving Care Group Home, a bleak New York institution – which, despite its name, lacks love and care. Orphaned and stuck in this dreary place, she's gotten good at blending in. But when her hiccups suddenly start releasing smoke, she realizes she might be a little more special than she thought.

A peek at her file reveals a mysterious blacked-out family history, with one odd line suggesting she might not be entirely human. Chloe dismisses it as pure nonsense – until the next day, when **VERA INGRAM**, a recruiter for Farborgen School for Gifted Children, shows up to drop a bombshell: Chloe's father was a dragon. Dragons are nearly extinct, and Chloe is the only half-dragon in the world. Worse, an organization is hunting her to exploit her dragon abilities.

Vera offers Chloe an escape: come to Farborgen, where she'll be safe and learn to control her powers. Chloe, eager to leave the cold, uncaring group home behind, agrees.

At Farborgen, Chloe discovers a world she never could've imagined. Hidden inside a run-down sock factory is a magical forest, with treehouse classrooms and students who look human, but definitely aren't. Chloe meets her roommates: an ogre girl, an under-the-bed monster; **RYAN**, a mischievous imp spinning tales, and **JAYLA**, a fae obsessed with technology. It's strange, but Chloe can't help feeling at home.

However, things aren't perfect. Chloe learns that she needs to master her dragon abilities before she loses control and accidentally burns down the school. Worse, if her dragon side is exposed, the people hunting her will come after her – and everyone she cares about.

Chloe uncovers a deeper mystery when she finds a dragon caged in a secret lab at the rival Nithercott Business School. Turns out, Nithercott is run by the same organization that's after Chloe, and they've been capturing magical creatures for years. And the dragon in the cage? Chloe's half-brother.

With the help of her friends – Jayla, who's an expert hacker, and Ryan, who claims to be a dragon but isn't – Chloe hatches a plan to rescue him. But things go awry quickly, and Chloe soon finds herself in deadly danger. Ultimately, Chloe must face her fears, embrace her dragon powers, save her half-brother and find her true self.



About the author

MIKE OMER is a bestselling author renowned for his crime, thriller, horror, and fantasy novels. Born in Jerusalem, he currently resides in Ireland. His notable works include the Zoe Bentley Mystery Series, the Abby Mullen series, and the Glenmore Park Mystery Series. Omer's books have been translated into over 17 languages and have sold more than two million copies worldwide. He has achieved New York Times and Washington Post bestseller status and was the second most-read Kindle book of 2018. His accolades include the LiveLib Readers' Choice Award for Detective Fiction in 2020 and 2023. In February 2024, a TV series adaptation of his novel "A Killer's Mind" was released on the streaming service Kinopoisk.