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Tales of Whimsy Series

'With beautiful illustrations, Winter spins a whimsical adventure full of heart, friendships, and a lesson in acceptance and selflessness.'

- New York Times bestselling author of the Library Jumpers series, Brenda Drake.

'... Wishweaver is full of surprises, tender moments, and is peppered with humor. I loved Whimsy's and Flit's interactions both with each other and with the animals they meet. In addition to being an adorably fun story, there are lessons in overcoming fear, being selfless, and caring for one another, should the grown-ups want to guide their littles down those roads. I suspect, however, that children and grown-ups alike will enjoy reading Whimsy's story together simply for the delight that it is.'

- Author of The Fourth Descendent series, Allison Maruska.

Not since Charlotte's Web has a children's series brought such a fantastical spider to adorable life! This is a wonderfully illustrated story featuring good lessons wrapped into an adventure story that kids love. The characters are animals and insects kids know, infused with human qualities that kids can identify with. These are "feel-good" stories that grab the imagination and the heart and leave you feeling warm. Animation of the illustrated characters will bring the stories further to life to a massive potential audience.

J.H. Winter's Tales of Whimsy series marries story and illustration, in a unique blend of storytelling sure to engage early readers in Whimsy's journey. Winter takes them along for the ride as Whimsy seeks out answers about the Wishweaver lore and why wishes continue to go unanswered. Throughout the series, themes of community, being careful what you wish for, and perseverance are brought to light as Whimsy discovers them herself.





Whimsy took a deep breath and opened her eyes.





Becoming the newest Wishweaver of Weyburn was only the beginning and Whimsy quickly realizes that the magic inside her isn't enough to grant wishes. There are elementals that play their own part in the process of wishweaving, pieces of a puzzle pieced together long before Whimsy's time, and she'll have to figure them out fast before any more wish seasons come to pass.

The Characters

Whimsy: A curious orb weaver spider who questions everything, loves adventure and helping others, is afraid of heights, and has a lot of questions like the biggest of the bunch, what happened to the Wishweaver?

Flit: A milkweed wisp, and Whimsy's best friend, Flit's quick wit keeps every adventure interesting. He needs Whimsy to help carry him, so he won't float away in the wind, a fact he is not too thrilled about.

Lady Porcupine: One of Weyburn's elders, Lady lives in a hollowed-out willow tree, a wish made by her dearest love, Mayflower Buffalo. Lady is the best cook in the forest and her crawler biscuits are known far and wide.

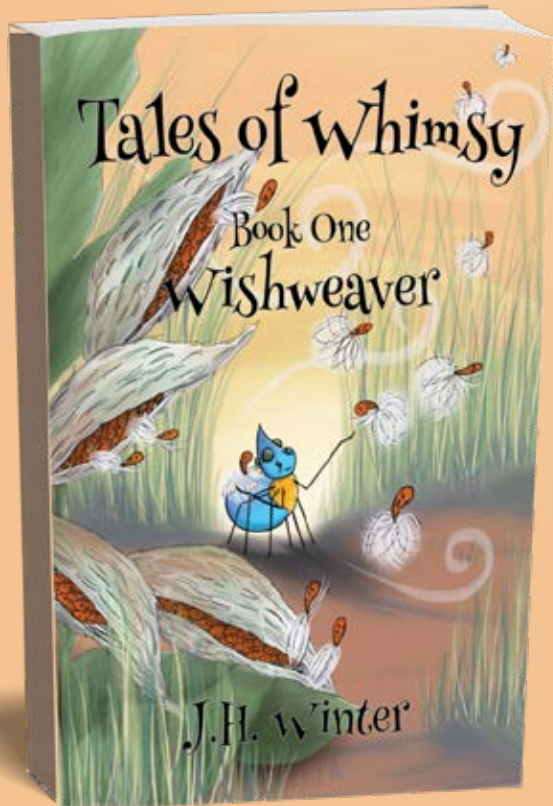
Cricket: A crocodile covered in hair; Cricket's misguided wish turned dangerous when her newfound hair never stopped growing. Living in the bayou does have its perks though, Cricket hears things. Whisperings about the elementals who also reside hidden in Weyburn.

Mayflower Water Buffalo: Mayflower Buffalo was happy with her Lady love (Lady Porcupine), until her own misguided wish landed her at the bottom of a waterfall where she's been stuck ever since. Another of the town's elders, Mayflower has some knowledge of Wishweaver lore passed along through the years and is always available to tell a story or help a friend in need.

Rolland: The smallest of the roly polys, Rolland, caught a lot of ridicule from the other polys on High Away Hill. When the chance to join Whimsy and Flit's adventure arises, he is ready to set off. A logical, problem solver, now on the team, there's no answer the three can't find.



Peter Firefly: One of the many fireflies who love music and make their own by bouncing their butts on the bellflowers of Bellflower Grove. Peter is a messenger firefly and is always ready to make another delivery, whether it's a letter or a crawler biscuit.



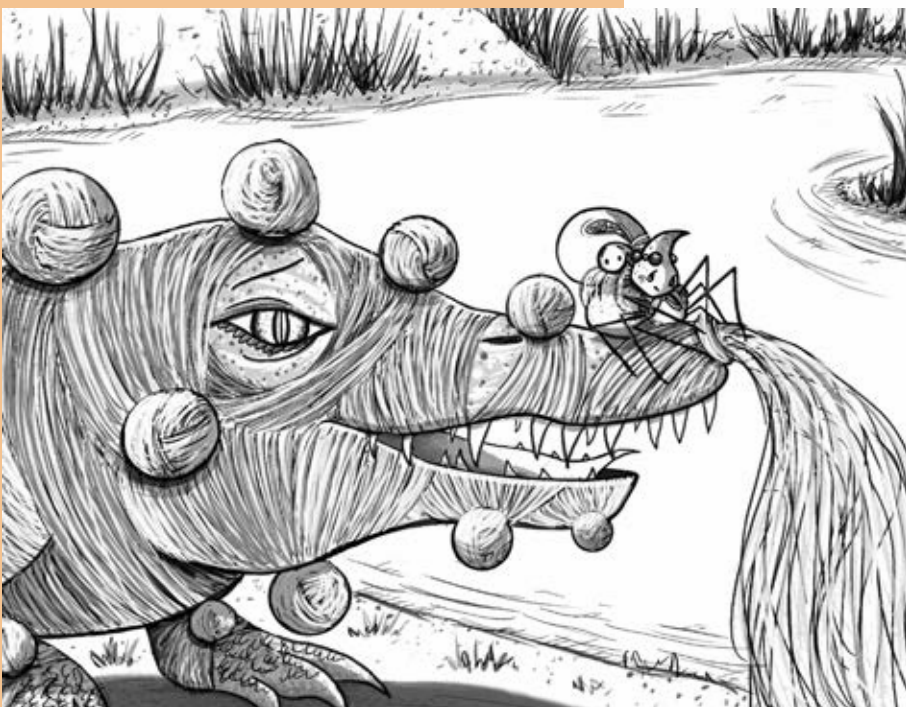
Tales of Whimsy Series Book 1: Wishweaver

Additional Main Characters

Peanut & Pie Owl: A couple of elder owls that meet Whimsy, Rolland, and Flit when they plan to eat them for dinner. Peanut has poor depth perception, loves Lady's crawler biscuits, and will do just about anything to get her wing on one. Pie is protective over Peanut, the hunter of the two, and lacks the wit to know when he's brought enough back to put in their stew.

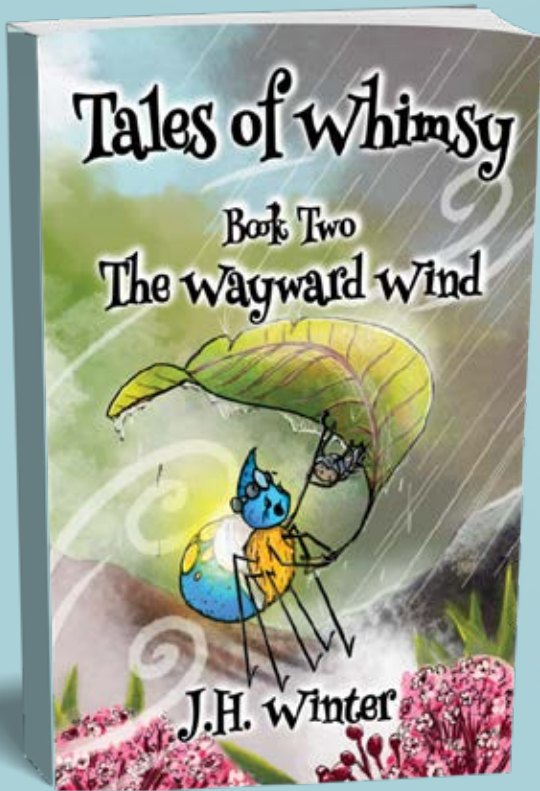
Bax & Sid: Bax is a tarantula and the leader of a band of bully spiders who don't look kindly on strangers. Especially stranger spiders like Whimsy who don't climb in the trees like they do. Sid is a daddy long-leg that always follows Bax's lead.

Wishweaver (9/20)



In the forests of Weyburn, there had always been a Wishweaver—a spider with the magic to grant wishes. However, for many years now, wishes have gone unanswered. But why? That is the question an orb spider named Whimsy is determined to answer. With the help of her milkweed wisp friend, Flit, Whimsy will go on a journey to the old Wishweaver Oak in search of clues to solve the mystery, but the answers she seeks are buried deep in Weyburn's past.

As Whimsy pulled back the hair around the creature's face to see what she was dealing with, she noticed teeth.



Tales of Whimsy Series Book 2: The Wayward Wind

Additional Main Characters

Kaze (Kah-zay aka The West Wind): Kaze is the elemental who controls the West Wind. He's impulsive, hot-headed, mischievous, competitive, and is also a key elemental in the process of wishweaving, for his wind is what takes the Wishweaver's magic where it needs to go to be granted. He takes the form of a monarch butterfly.

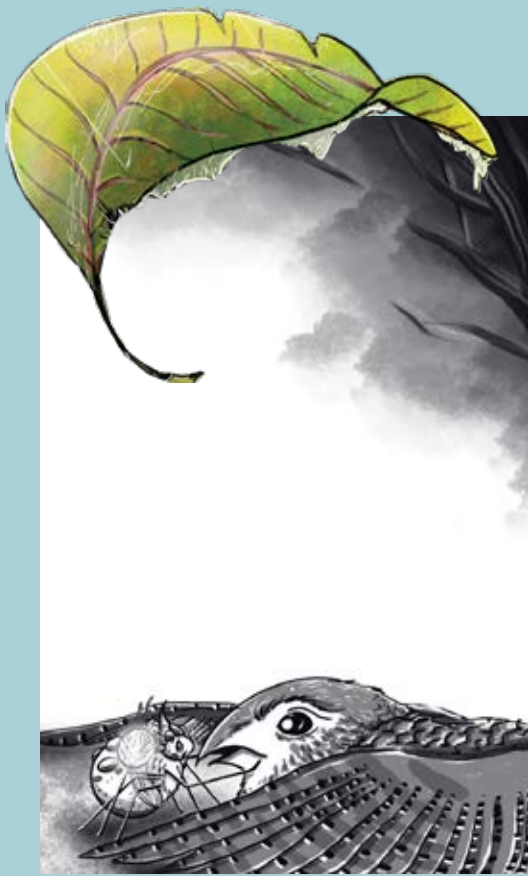
Mizu (Mee-Zoo): Mizu is the elemental who controls water. She too is competitive, holds grudges and wants revenge, and has been in a tug of war with Kaze for as far back as either can remember. She can take many forms, a sea turtle being one, and a sea serpent being her favorite.

Shee: Shee is a sprout sprite with the desire to own what he was never meant to have. Along with his bush pet named, Brutus, he collects things including those that wash up in Lake Shee.

Along with many more fun characters who come through Whimsy's tales even for the briefest of crossings and will continue to as the series progresses.



With the fleeting sun behind her, the effect was terrifying.



She reached down and managed to lift up his head in two of her legs and was about to open one of its eyes, when both shot open staring straight into her own.



Author, J. H. Winter

The Wicked Wanter (9/21)

Whimsy is learning what it truly means to be Weyburn's new Wishweaver, now that Kaze's back and the partnership between the wind and the Wishweaver has been solidified once more. Whimsy's home is filled with spider silk cocoons of wish magic held inside by the milkweed wisps who keep the magic safe until a wish is made.

Word has spread throughout the forests, bayous, and hillsides of Weyburn. There is a new Wishweaver in the Great Oak tree. The residents make the journey in droves to see Whimsy for themselves and ask for the wish magic they so desperately need to have their unanswered wishes granted. But, when word spreads about cocoons of wish magic gone missing, Whimsy will have to make a journey through the chilly tides of winter to find the culprit and take back this season of wishes.

What Whimsy couldn't have expected was for the signs to lead her to a place all too familiar.

About The Author

J.H. Winter loves to create. She writes for children and teens. She draws. She crochets amigurumi. She even hops behind the camera and teaches how to crochet on YouTube!

When she isn't holding a pen or crochet hook, she hosts crochet-alongs and shares what she's working on creatively, over on her blog (<http://blog.jhwinter.com>) and YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/inkstitches>), Ink & Stitches.

J.H. Winter's published works include the illustration of the *Theodore and the Enchanted Bookstore* series, published by Incognito Publishing Press. Starting with book four, *Fairy Flights and Neverland Nights* (Aug. 2020), she has filled the shoes of both author and illustrator of the series. Now, she not only gets to continue drawing that curious corgi, Theodore, she also gets to decide which stories he'll jump into next!



She wrote the illustrated chapter book, *Tales of Whimsy: Wishweaver* (set for a Sept. 2020 release), originally as a picture book, but it had much too much magic to contain in a mere 32 pages. So, Whimsy got her way—as she often does—and got to journey into a much bigger adventure. A series of adventures to be exact. Her wisp friend and co-adventurer, Flit, approved of this decision.

As life would have it, J.H. Winter shares her writerly and creative life with her two precocious kids, her equally-imaginative husband, and their frisky feline, Merlin. Verdict is still out as to whether he is in fact a wizard.

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