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The Stolen Chapters (Story Thieves)



Synopsis

Owen, Kiel, and Bethany confront secrets, stolen memories, and some very familiar faces in the follow-up to the second book in the New York Times bestselling series, *The Story Thieves*—which was called a “fast-paced, action-packed tale” by *School Library Journal*—from the author of the *Half Upon a Time* trilogy. Owen Conners’ whole life changed the day he found out his classmate Bethany was half-fictional, and could take him into any book in the library. Which story would they jump into next? Another fantasy, like the *Kiel Gnomes*, *Magic Thief* books? Maybe something with superheroes? Owen’s up for anything except mysteries—those just have too many hidden clues, twists that make no sense, and an ending you never see coming. Then Owen wakes up in a real-life mystery with a memory that’s been erased and too many questions. How did *Kiel Gnomes* lose all of his magic? Where is Bethany? And who’s the annoying guy wearing the question mark mask and Sherlock Holmes hat, taunting Owen and Kiel that Bethany is in grave danger? Bethany is trapped in a hidden room that’s slowly filling with water, and she can’t escape until her friends find her. But is she imprisoned by more than just chains and a locked door? What’s she hiding from Owen and Kiel? Maybe some mysteries just shouldn’t be solved |

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

As a lifelong reader, I knew there was no way I wouldn't love *The Story Thieves*, and I was right. The premise was just that much fun. Yet somehow, I didn't manage to read the sequel, *The Stolen Chapters*, until now. Never fear, this sequel is just as much fun as the first one. Now, if you haven't read these books yet, you really don't want to jump in here. Author James Riley has created a wonderful world, and you'll miss out on discovering the surprises and set up he's done in the first book. In fact, this book assumes you already know the premise of the series and spoils a few events from book one. You see, the premise involves Owen and Bethany. Bethany is half fictitious, and she can jump in and out of stories. Owen is a reader and is thrilled to be able to visit some of his favorite stories. In the first book, they wind up becoming friends with Kiel, the star of his own series of magical adventures. As this book opens, Owen and Kiel wake up in the library. They have no memory of the last few weeks and Kiel doesn't have his magic wand or his magic book. A man with a mask shows up, announces that he has Bethany trapped, and it is up to the two of them to free her. They have just over two hours to do it or they will never see her again. Oh, and then he sets the library on fire and announces he's called the police with a tip that they are the prime suspects. Owen and Kiel immediately disagree with what to do – do they trust the police or not? Where is Bethany? And what happened during the time wiped from their memories? The book actually starts with chapter 10, but don't worry, as the characters regain their memories, those first 9 chapters fill in for us. As far as spoilers go, I've just told you what happens in chapter 10.

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