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# HANNAH EDWARDS



**AUTHENTIC ADHD REIMAGINING OF HAMLET**

## A SMALL TOWN MYSTERY & COMING-OF-AGE STORY THAT'S A FRESH TAKE ON A CLASSIC!

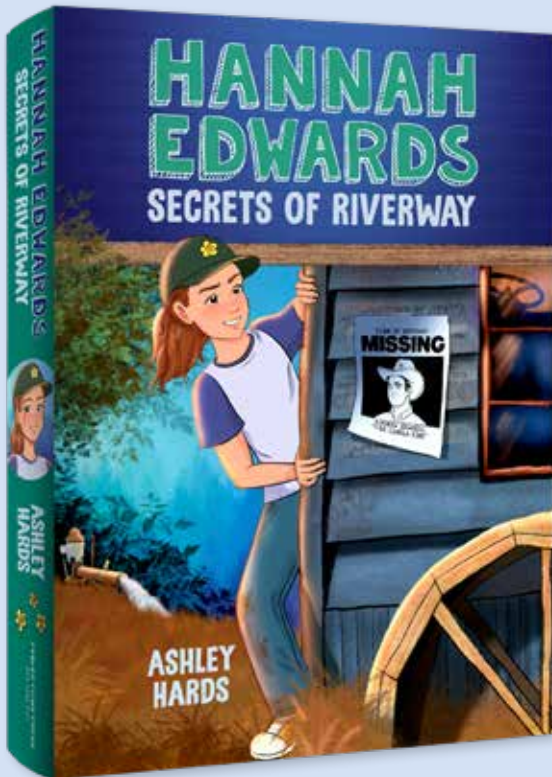
Hannah Edwards has a lot on her mind. Her father—the Canola King—is missing and no one seems to care.

With the support of her best friend, Sam Castillo, and their sidekick Tim the Hall Monitor, Hannah embarks on a journey to solve the mystery of her father's disappearance. Along the way, she uncovers small town secrets, confronts challenges in school due to her ADHD, talks to a ghost, and learns the true meaning of determination and friendship.

## ADHD REPRESENTATION IN MIDDLE GRADE

Ashley Hards' blend of traditional prose and inventive journal entries—listicles, audio transcripts, and an Epic poem—are a natural extension of how she manages her writing as someone with ADHD. Readers of all ages, with or without neurodiverse conditions, will relate to Hannah's need for agency and her unstoppable drive in this inspiring novel that showcases ADHD as a positive asset.

The interior font and typography were chosen to increase the legibility and readability of the story for readers of all abilities.



### Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway

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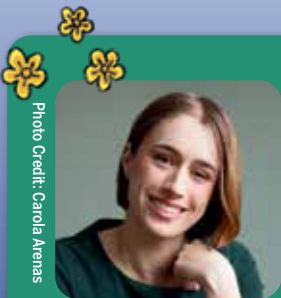
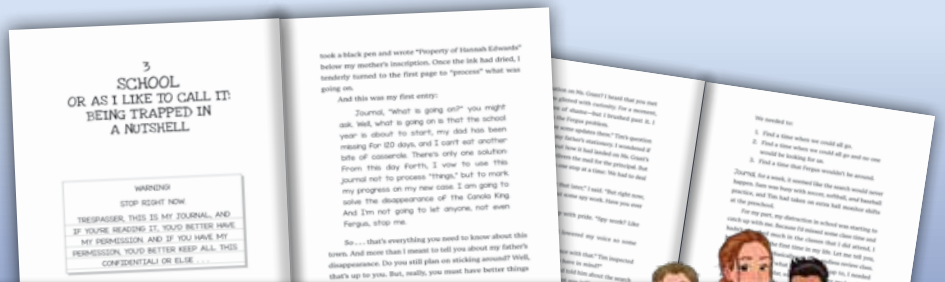


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**Declared “gifted” at 8, and diagnosed with ADHD at 22, debut author Ashley Hards** found books and writing to be the most engaging subjects, especially Shakespeare. She received both her BA and MA in English Literature from McGill University, where she now teaches writing and continues her research on Shakespeare and ritual.



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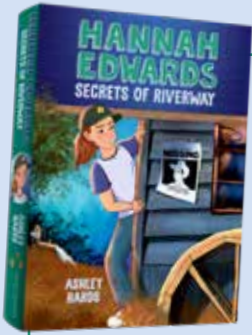
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Booklist, Foreword Reviews,  
Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal

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## TRADE REVIEWS

**"A strong retelling that ... captures the middle-grade spirit ... for fans of mysteries, ghost stories that feel rooted in the real world, and strong characters who make strides in their worlds." —*Booklist***

**"Speculative small-town caper ... debut author Hards introduces a heroine who handily propels this familiar yet exciting supernatural mystery." —*Publishers Weekly***

**"Filled with twists and humor, this fresh take on a small-town mystery is perfect for readers who love clever heroines and paranormal intrigue." —*School Library Journal***

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**"More than a great tween mystery ... it is a powerful narrative." —*The Children's Book Review***

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**"Hannah's voice speaks directly to readers which helps to draw them in ... This book should appeal to lovers of ghosts and small-town mysteries and I recommend you give it a shot!" —*YA Book Central***

A 2024 *American Bookseller Association* Children's Institute Pick for **Building Diverse Children's Sections – Neurodiversity**

## FREE RESOURCES: VISIT [HANNAH-EDWARDS.COM](https://www.hannah-edwards.com)

### NEURODIVERSITY DISCUSSION GUIDE

By Dawn Jacobs Martin, PhD

This accessible and age-appropriate guide uses examples from the book to jumpstart conversations on neurodiversity and societal perspectives.

### COMMON CORE LANGUAGE ARTS GUIDE

By children's literature specialist and retired librarian Pat Scales

Contains lessons and activities that are aligned to the Common Core standards including classroom discussion questions, curriculum connections, vocabulary, and comparison to *Hamlet* by Shakespeare.

### TWEEN ACTIVITY KIT

By the editors of Fabled Films Press

Engage kids at home and at school with printable Book Club Questions, Creative Writing Activities, Word Games, Crafts, & more!

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR PROGRAM** By author Ashley Hards with children's literature specialist Gillian Engberg

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[Watch a Preview at bit.ly/Hards\\_Workshop](https://bit.ly/Hards_Workshop)



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