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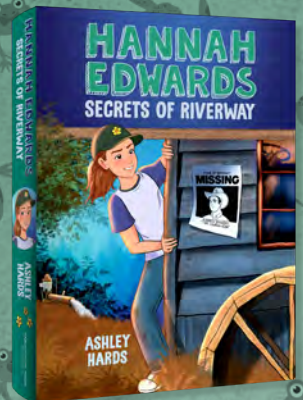


● Every task seemed **equally** important.
● And whenever I decided on one to finish,
● the others called out:

“HEY! WHAT ABOUT ME?”

My brain was **spinning** in circles.

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THIS OR THAT?

Student or Sleuth?

Perfectionist or
Procrastinator?

Ghosts: Real or
Not Real?

Hyperfocused or
Distracted?

Paying Attention
or Pretending
to Pay Attention?

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GET KIDS TO READ ADHD CHARACTERS

WHY THIS BOOK MATTERS



Declared “gifted” at 8 and diagnosed with ADHD at 22 while studying Shakespeare at McGill University, debut author Ashley Hards wrote the book she wish existed.

What does author Ashley Hards hope readers will take away from *Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway*?

— Excerpt from *Foreword Reviews* interview

I hope that readers will empathize with Hannah’s struggles as a girl with ADHD. For readers with ADHD, having a realistic depiction of someone with this disorder can make them feel less alone.



It’s like: see, Hannah has ADHD, but she still does everything other kids do—just in a different way! For readers without ADHD, I hope Hannah can help them understand certain ADHD behaviors. When you just see the result of ADHD—for example, someone being overly chatty in class or never sitting still—it can be easy to pigeonhole people with ADHD as annoying or disruptive.

Hannah’s journal shows us that these behaviors aren’t malicious—they’re just ways of coping with an abundance of energy and the excitement of trying to solve a mystery.

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TRADE REVIEWS

Children’s Book Council

2025 Teacher Favorites Award:
6th – 8th Grade

American Booksellers

Association 2024 Best Book
for Young Readers Catalog Pick



“A delightful middle grade novel whose ghost story pairs with a refreshing window into the lives of the neurodiverse.” — **Foreword Reviews**

“For fans of strong characters who make internal revelations as well as strides in their worlds. For readers of Jenn Reese, Rebecca Stead, and Tracey Baptiste.” — **Booklist**

“For readers who enjoy mature, introspective dialogue or those who appreciate young protagonists with wisdom beyond their years.” — **School Library Journal**

“Through depictions of Hannah’s skepticism and can-do attitude, debut author Hards introduces a heroine who handily propels this familiar yet exciting supernatural mystery.” — **Publishers Weekly**

“Ashley Hards does a remarkable job of addressing how ADHD presents in girls and the coping mechanisms they use to mask the symptoms. . . more than a great tween mystery; it is a powerful narrative.”

— **The Children’s Book Review**



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