



New Children's Novel Wins Stars

SMALL PERSONS WITH WINGS by Ellen Booraem
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BROOKLIN, Maine—A month before its January 20 publication, *SMALL PERSONS WITH WINGS*, Ellen Booraem's second fantasy novel for children 10 and older, won starred reviews from three of the publishing industry's foremost review publications: *Publisher's Weekly*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *School Library Journal*.

Publisher's Weekly described the book as "wistful, humorous and clever," while *Kirkus* praised it for "frequently hysterical dialogue, a hugely sympathetic protagonist and a baroque concatenation of magics and counter-magics." *School Library Journal* recommended *SMALL PERSONS* "for all who favor funny and intelligent fantasies with quirky characters and an unpredictable, fast-moving plot."

The book's heroine, 13-year-old Mellie Turpin, is a plump loner still tormented by her classmates for insisting in kindergarten that she had a Small Persons with Wings living with her. She blames her imagination for her plight, and is doing a fine job of keeping it tamped down. But then her family inherits a shabby inn whose pub turns out to be overrun by Parvi Pennati, the very same Small Persons with Wings. The Parvi's quest for an ancient moonstone endangers Mellie and her family, and she must revive her imagination—and collaborate with the annoying boy next door—to save the day.

Booraem's first book, *THE UNNAMEABLES*, was an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults and a *Kirkus* Best Book of 2008. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish a paperback edition in March 2011.

Booraem will join Carrie Jones of Ellsworth, author of the internationally best-selling *NEED* series of young-adult fantasies, for a public reading at the Blue Hill Public Library on Thursday, January 13, at 7 p.m. She and Jones will read again at Jesup Memorial Library in Bar Harbor on Saturday, January 29, at 2 p.m. They will be joined in Bar Harbor by Maurissa Guibord of Scarborough, debut author of the young-adult fantasy *WARPED*.

More information about Booraem and *SMALL PERSONS WITH WINGS* is available at www.EllenBooraem.com. She is also a member of The Enchanted Inkpot, a blog by and for children's fantasy writers (<http://community.livejournal.com/enchantedinkpot/>)

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