



The Magical Misfits

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The Magical Misfits is a story of a boy named Carter who runs away from his con-artist guardian to find a new home, and ends up living with a bunch of young illusionists. They become friends, bond over shared experiences, and begin operating out of a magic shop run by Dante Vernon, their caretaker, to fight against corrupt and greedy carnies. They use their magical talents, which are all unique, to thwart the villainous B.B. Bosso and other villains. They learn about friendship, family, and courage along the way. They find their self-worth, discovering that they bring value to the world, and that they shouldn't be disregarded by others.

I really enjoyed this series as a pre-teen, it contains 4 books and is entertaining for the reader. This is a great magician-coming-of-age story and keeps the audience interested in the plot the entire time. I liked the diversity and the way that the stories all enforced the idea of self-respect, not feeling useless, and especially accepting your differences. All of the main characters are

different, but they all eventually learn to belong, which allows them to work even better than before, which I think is an important theme.

This series is great for 10 year-olds and above, with more advanced language and some mild depictions of child neglect. Another reason this book is so great is because it's interactive, so it has pages on how to perform magic tricks. It teaches kids card tricks and morse code, so while reading a fun book you get to learn something new about sleight of hand. I recommend getting this complete series as a gift for a pre-teen, especially if they enjoy books about magic. I loved reading this book and I hope you do too.

Recommended Titles:

-Harry Potter

-H.I.V.E.

-Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them