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Kids of Kazumeth: The Roots of Kaluna

by Steven Ray Wriston

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Jack Hackley had everything—until the cave surfaced, his friends vanished, and no one remembered they ever existed.

When a mysterious cavern splits open beneath his sleepy Pennsylvania town, Jack is pulled into Kazumeth—a world of sentient forests, fractured magic, and long-buried secrets. There, he uncovers a legacy he never asked for: he's one of five teens bound to powerful Vocation Stones—ancient relics that could save both worlds... or destroy them.

But in the shadows, Akuramundo is twisting minds and turning allies into puppets to seize the stones—and he'll stop at nothing to claim them.

As Jack is pulled deeper into a war he never chose, truths begin to fracture. The friend he came to save may already be lost. A rebellion is splintering. And as memories shift and loyalties blur, Jack must choose who to trust—and what kind of hero he's willing to become.

In a world where memory can be rewritten and prophecy isn't written in blood, Jack must decide what's worth saving—and what kind of hero he's willing to become.

For those who grew up with *Percy Jackson*, *Harry Potter*, and *Eragon*—this is the kind of fantasy that reminds you why you fell in love with magic in the first place. *Kids of Kazumeth* is a journey filled with loyalty, betrayal, and a legacy that proves even destiny can be rewritten.

AUTHOR BIO

Steven Ray Wriston (he goes by Ray) grew up obsessed with Halloween, magic, and storytelling. As a kid, he spent hours crafting games and writing scripts inspired by classic shows like *Bewitched* and *I Dream of Jeannie*. *Kids of Kazumeth* is the first in a planned series, weaving themes of memory, destiny, and found family. Ray lives in Miami, FL.

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EDITORIAL PRAISE

"This is a story that is both compelling and thought-provoking. A gripping, layered tale of magic, memory, and identity." — Kirkus Reviews

"Tension builds in precise increments . . . until suddenly nothing is certain." — Kirkus Reviews

"The writing holds steady even as the ground beneath the characters' feet doesn't." — Kirkus Reviews

"A vastly enjoyable fantasy filled with fresh originality... a well-woven narrative that keeps readers turning pages." — Erin Young, Freelance Editor

"A sweeping and immersive fantasy with vivid, emotionally rich characters... At its best, it rivals smart, character-driven television." — Erin Young, Freelance Editor

"The prose is precise and elevated, with dialogue that crackles with authenticity." — Erin Young, Freelance Editor

ORDERING INFORMATION

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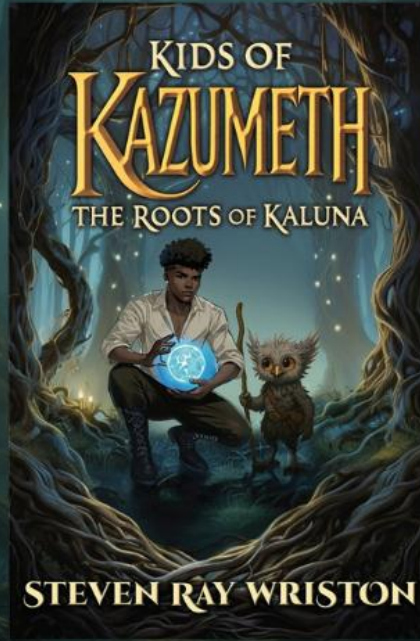
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