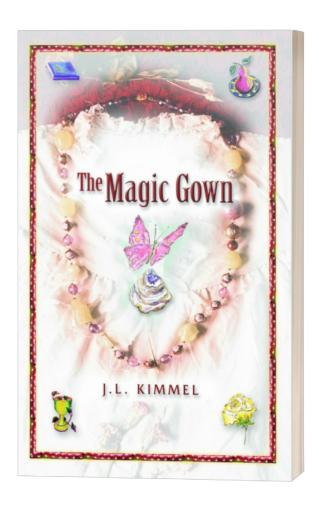
The Magic Gown and The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle by J.L. Kimmel to be Presented at the 2025 London Book Fair

Discover Two Enchanting Tales of Magic, Adventure, and Timeless Wisdom



London, United Kingdom Jan 24, 2025 (Issuewire.com) - Maple Leaf Publishing Canada is excited to announce the presentation of two captivating books by J.L. Kimmel at the <u>2025 London Book Fair</u>, from March 11-13 at Olympia, London. *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* will be featured at the prestigious event, bringing these compelling tales to the attention of publishing professionals, decision-makers, and book lovers from around the world.

The Magic Gown — A Journey of Courage, Magic, and Self-Discovery

In <u>The Magic Gown</u>, readers are introduced to eleven-year-old Lilly Segovia, who embarks on a life-changing adventure after moving from a secluded island in the Outer Banks of North Carolina to a quiet town in New Jersey. Her journey begins with an unexpected gift—a mysterious shell dropped by a white seagull—and unfolds into a quest that leads her into a fantastical world.

Lilly soon discovers a red wooden box filled with magical seeds, which grow into unknown flowers, and a hidden door that leads her into the *Land of Ten Kings and Roses*. Here, she encounters talking animals, a flying dragon, and dangerous enemies who seek to steal a powerful magical gown. As Lilly battles her fears and learns the secrets of this enchanted world, she discovers her true identity and purpose in the universe. *The Magic Gown* is a captivating blend of adventure, mystery, and deep emotional resonance, destined to become a beloved classic for young readers.

Award-winning author and illustrator J.L. Kimmel's stunning artwork and lyrical storytelling bring the world of *The Magic Gown* to life in ways that will captivate readers of all ages. Her unique blend of fantasy and life lessons makes this book not only an adventure, but a heartfelt journey into the realm of magic and self-discovery.

The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle — A Tale of Survival, Evil, and the Triumph of Good

Alongside *The Magic Gown*, Maple Leaf Publishing is proud to present *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle*, written by J.L. Kimmel, with beautiful black-and-white illustrations by David Ceccarelli. This captivating three-part story is set in a once-idyllic forest now gripped by a decades-long drought, where the creatures struggle to survive amid the threat of hungry hunters. In the first part, a lightning-fast jackrabbit thief embarks on a desperate quest to find the mythical river goddess, Violet, in hopes of saving his home.

As the story progresses, the focus shifts to a new generation. In part two, we meet the Miller family, whose obsession with material wealth and disdain for nature leads to the corruption of their household. Their children, Ash and Dusty, represent contrasting personalities, with Ash turning evil after a tragic event. The narrative explores how Ash's malevolent energy infects the family, manifesting as "soul crawlers"—parasitic creatures born from hatred and darkness.

In part three, Nub Begley, a kind-hearted farmer boy, and his classmate Nil Turner take center stage, embarking on an adventure that completes the story's intricate arc. Together, they confront evil forces and demonstrate the triumph of good over evil. This heartwarming tale also highlights the importance of stories and wisdom passed down through generations, symbolized by an important book that ties the entire narrative together.

David Ceccarelli's stunning black-and-white illustrations bring the world of <u>The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle</u> to life, adding depth and atmosphere to the story. With its rich world-building, memorable characters, and themes of hope and perseverance, this book is perfect for readers who appreciate tales with heart, complexity, and a touch of magic. *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* has been praised for its ability to captivate reluctant readers and inspire a lasting love for storytelling.

Why These Books Matter

Both *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* are more than just magical adventures. They explore universal themes of courage, self-discovery, and the importance of hope and goodness in the face of evil. Through vivid characters and enchanting landscapes, these books remind us of the power of imagination and the importance of believing in our own potential.

These books are ideal for middle school readers, young adults, and adults who still cherish the stories that shaped their childhoods. Libraries and schools will find *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* to be valuable additions to their collections, while parents and teachers will appreciate the rich messages these books impart to young readers.

A Proven Track Record of Success

J.L. Kimmel's previous works, including *The Magic Gown*, have won numerous awards and critical acclaim. *The Magic Gown* received Book of the Year honors for ages 8-12 from *Creative Child Magazine*, and its impact has been felt across the world. Kimmel's work continues to inspire children through her creative workshops and art installations, as well as through her books that reach young readers far beyond the pages.

In addition to *The Magic Gown*, Kimmel co-authored *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle*, which received the prestigious VOYA Perfect Ten rating and a Nautilus Silver Award. These accolades speak to the quality of Kimmel's work and the lasting impact these stories have on readers of all ages.

Meet J.L. Kimmel at the 2025 London Book Fair

While J.L. Kimmel will not be attending the London Book Fair in person, *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* will be prominently featured at the event. Publishing professionals, distributors, and book enthusiasts are invited to visit Maple Leaf Publishing's booth to explore these extraordinary books and discover why they are poised to become the next big hits in the world of children's literature.

For publishers, distributors, and decision-makers attending the 2025 London Book Fair, *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle* are two stories you won't want to miss.

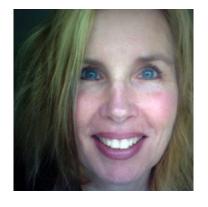
About the Author: J.L. Kimmel – Award-Winning Author, Illustrator, and Creative Visionary

J.L. Kimmel is an award-winning author, illustrator, and artist whose work combines the magic of storytelling with deep emotional insight. She has written and illustrated multiple acclaimed works, including *The Magic Gown* and *The Yawning Rabbit River Chronicle*. Kimmel's background in transpersonal studies and her work with children's creative workshops have influenced her unique storytelling style, which blends magical realism with life lessons. She lives in New Jersey, where she continues to create and inspire.

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