

Surrey Author Launches Magical YA Fantasy Series With Debut Novel The Whispering Key

A mysterious key leads a fourteen-year-old boy into a hidden world beneath his own in the first book of The Luminara Chronicles.

THE WHISPERING KEY



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Surrey, United Kingdom Mar 23, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Surrey-based author Auren Keyes has released her debut fantasy novel *The Whispering Key*, the first book in *The Luminara Chronicles*. Written for readers aged 9–14, the story follows a boy who discovers a mysterious key that leads him into a hidden world beneath his own.

The novel blends adventure, mystery and atmospheric worldbuilding in a tale of discovery, courage and hidden worlds that may exist just beyond the ordinary world.

The story follows fourteen-year-old **Arlen**, whose life changes the moment he discovers a strange key that seems to whisper his name. What begins as a curious and unsettling discovery soon draws him toward something far more extraordinary. The key does not simply unlock doors. It opens a path to a hidden world beneath his own.

Together with his friend **Myra**, Arlen begins to uncover a secret place long concealed from the ordinary world. Beneath rivers and city streets lies a mysterious realm of impossible halls, ancient corridors and strange, beautiful spaces where reality seems to bend and time carries echoes of the past.

But the world they discover is not empty.

As whispers move through unseen walls and forgotten doors begin to open once more, Arlen and Myra realise that the key was never meant to remain hidden. Its reappearance begins to stir forces that have been silent for a very long time.

Blending magical adventure with an atmosphere of mystery and wonder, *The Whispering Key* explores themes of curiosity, friendship and the courage to step beyond the familiar.

Author **Auren Keyes**, who lives in Surrey, brings a lyrical and character-driven style to the story, creating a fantasy world filled with vivid imagery, hidden passages and moments of quiet wonder. The novel introduces memorable locations such as **Aetherfold Hall**, the **Glass Orchard**, and the **Hall of Mirrors**, each hinting at deeper secrets that will unfold in future books.

Surrey-based author **Debbie Pell** has already introduced the story to pupils at several local schools, where young readers responded enthusiastically to its sense of adventure and imagination.

The Whispering Key is the first book in *The Luminara Chronicles*, a planned fantasy series that will continue to explore the hidden world revealed in this opening story.

Readers who enjoy magical adventures in the spirit of **Harry Potter** and **Percy Jackson** will find themselves drawn into a world waiting just beneath the surface of everyday life.

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