

Rockford Author Releases “The Unopened Tome,” A New Fantasy Novel Exploring the Power of Curiosity

The debut novel introduces a hidden world where curiosity carries unexpected consequences.

THE UNOPENED TOMES

The Beginning



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Rockford, Illinois Apr 23, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - A new voice in fantasy storytelling is emerging from Rockford with the release of *The Unopened Tome*, a novel that blends mystery, imagination, and the timeless question: what happens when curiosity goes too far?

Written by local author Tyler Gilmore, the story follows Clara, a young girl who discovers a strange book hidden within a quiet shop. Unlike every other book around it, this one feels different—almost as if it is waiting to be opened.

What begins as a simple moment of curiosity quickly unfolds into something far greater, pulling Clara into a world where stories are more than words on a page.

“The idea started with a simple thought,” said Gilmore. “What if a book wasn’t just meant to be read—but experienced? That question turned into something much bigger than I expected.”

The Unopened Tome is the first installment in a planned series, introducing readers to a world where each story holds deeper meaning and unexpected consequences.

The book is available now through multiple retailers, with access to all formats and editions here: <https://books2read.com/u/mvQLqj>

As independent authors continue to find new ways to connect with readers, Gilmore has also begun sharing his creative process and story development through short-form video on [TikTok](#), offering a behind-the-scenes look at the story’s evolution.

More information about the book, upcoming releases, and additional content can be found at <https://tlws.ink>

About the Author

Tyler Gilmore is an independent author based in Rockford, Illinois. Through his work, he explores themes of curiosity, imagination, and the unseen forces that shape our stories. *The Unopened Tome* marks the beginning of an expanding fantasy series.



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THE UNOPENED TOME

SOME STORIES AREN'T WRITTEN. THEY'RE WAITING.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STORY BEGINS TO READ YOU BACK?

ABOUT THE BOOK

In the quiet village of Eldergrove, a curious girl discovers a mysterious unopened book hidden in a forgotten shop. When she opens it, the boundaries between reader and story begin to collapse.

The book watches. It remembers. And it waits more than her attention it wants her.

GENRE: Fantasy / YA Fantasy / Magical Realism / Dark Fantasy

TARGET AUDIENCE: YA & Adult Readers of Immersive, Character-driven Fantasy

COMPARABLE TITLES: The Night Circus, The Night Circus, A Darker Shade of Magic

SYNOPSIS

Clara Hawthorne never means to open the book. But once she does, the story watches her.

As the narrative bends to her thoughts and choices, Clara must navigate a world that reflects her fears, her secrets, and the truth they've been running from.

Before the final page is written, she'll have to decide who gets to write the ending.

ENTER ELDERGROVE.

A village of quiet streets and hidden doors. And a shop that reflects more than you know.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tyler J. Gilmore Sr. is an independent author and founder of Tyler's Literary Workshop, where he crafts immersive, character-driven stories that explore the links we have between reality, imagination, and the stories that shape us.

KEY THEMES

- Living Stories
- Identity & Self-Discovery
- Causality & Consequence
- The Power of Choice
- Reality vs. Imagination

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