



# JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD

BY DONNA GALANTI

*Stay away from the window, don't go outside when it's storming and whatever you do, do not touch the orb.*

Twelve-year-old Joshua Cooper's grandpa has always warned him about the dangers of lightning. But Joshua never put much stock in his grandpa's rumblings until the unthinkable happened. A bolt of lightning strikes his house and whisks away his best friend—possibly forever.

To save him, Joshua must travel the Lightning Road to a dark place that steals children for energy. But getting back home and rescuing his friend won't be easy, as Joshua must face the terrifying Child Collector and fend off ferocious and unnatural beasts, intent on stopping him.

In this world, Joshua possesses powers he never knew he had, and soon, Joshua's mission becomes more than a search for his friend. He means to send all the stolen children home—and doing so becomes the battle of his life.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Donna Galanti attended an English school housed in a magical castle, where her wild imagination was held back only by her itchy uniform (bowler hat and tie included!).

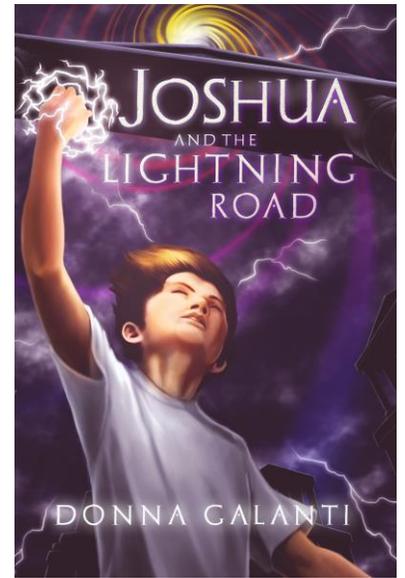


There she fell in love with the worlds of C.S. Lewis and Roald Dahl, and wrote her first fantasy about Dodo birds, wizards, and a flying ship. She's lived in other exotic locations, including Hawaii where she served as a U.S. Navy photographer. She lives with her family

and two crazy cats in an old farmhouse, and dreams of returning one day to a castle.

## PRAISE FOR JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD

"Vividly imagined characters in a gripping action fantasy that never lets you go until the very last page." – Jenny Nimmo, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Charlie Bone series



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