

# JOSHUA AND THE LIGHTNING ROAD

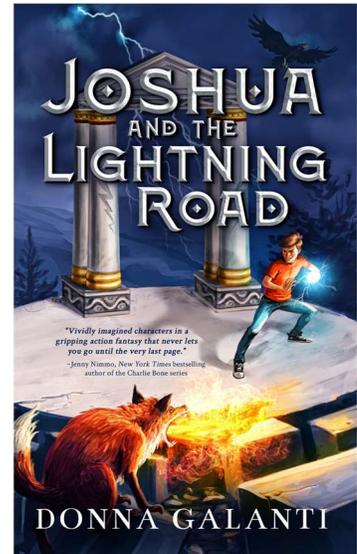
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*Stay away from the window, don't go outside when it's storming and whatever you do, do not touch the orb.*

Twelve-year-old Joshua Cooper learns the hard way that lightning never strikes by chance when a bolt strikes his house and whisks away his best friend—possibly forever.

Armed with only luck and his grandfather's mysterious crystal, Joshua must save his friend by traveling the Lightning Road to a dark world that steals children for energy.

New friends come to Joshua's aid and while battling beasts and bandits and fending off the Child Collector, Joshua's mission quickly becomes more than a search for his friend—it 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*

*"A heart-pounding thrill ride full of unexpected twists and turns from start to finish."- The Midwest Book Review*

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