

OCDaniel by Wesley King

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

Daniel is the back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants. Which really means he's the water boy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups—and hoping no one notices. Actually, he spends most of his time hoping no one notices his OCD habits—he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. But everything changes when a girl at school, who is unkindly nicknamed Psycho Sara, notices him for the first time. She doesn't just notice him: she seems to peer through him. Then Daniel gets a note: 'I need your help,' it says, signed, Fellow Star Child—whatever that means. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that changes everything for him.

With great voice and grand adventure, this book is about feeling different and finding those who understand.

EDGAR AWARD WINNER FOR BEST MYSTERY BANK STREET BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR SILVER BIRCH AWARD WINNER

AR Reading Level: 3.9

Who Wrote It?

The author of 12 novels and counting, Canadian author Wesley King has received over twenty literary awards and seen his books published worldwide. Focusing on middle grade and young adult liter-ature, King is best known for his collaboration with Kobe Bryant on the #1 New York Times Bestselling Wizenard Series, as well as the Edgar Awardwinning OCDaniel, which was also a Bank Street Best Book of the Year and Silver Birch winner. His most recent release, Sara and the Search for Normal, won both the Violet Downey and Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Awards, He currently



splits his time between Nova Scotia, Canada, and a an attempt to travel around the world on a creaking 1967 sailboat.

Lexile Level: 560L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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