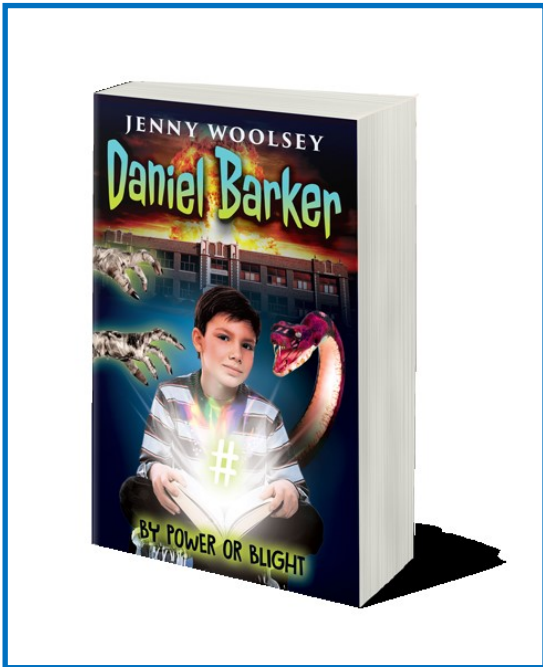


Daniel Barker: By Power or Blight

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Thirteen-year-old Daniel Barker is given a magical gift from Egypt for his 10th birthday. The Scrivener book gives him 99 wishes, which are written starting with a hashtag. The wishes must be used to make the world a better place. If not, the Mummy's Blight will be awakened.

In primary school Dan is a superhero, doing lots of awesome things to help his community, but at high school he is bullied about his powers. Over time, with peer pressure, Dan makes some decisions which set off a chain of events. He awakens the Mummy's Blight and needs to work out how to stop the chaos.

This is the first book in the Daniel Barker series. It is a fun fantasy story about wishes, peer pressure, ancient Egypt and zombies.

Sales and Marketing Highlights

The story is funny and the children will relate to the wishes as they are written like Twitter, with a hashtag first. It has references to ancient Egypt and this setting will be explored more in Book 2.

Daniel the main character lives in a single-parent family and is exploring his self-identity through his super power. The story explores current issues of bullying and peer pressure.

Free activity worksheets are available on the author's website: <http://www.jennywoolsey.com>

About the Author

This is the fourth novel from Jenny Woolsey. Jenny is a children's author and blogger, teacher, chaplain, and advocate for people living with facial differences and mental illnesses. Jenny is part of the Queensland Collective for Inclusive Education. She lives in the Moreton Bay Region of Queensland, Australia. Jenny writes to help children and teens who feel different, shy, anxious, or don't fit in. She understands as she was all of those growing up.

