

LORRAINE HAWLEY

CUSP BORN



Educator's Guide & Activity Packet

**Zodiac houses. Untamed fire.
A girl searching for where she belongs.**

If you're looking for the book that gets your readers talking, CUSP BORN is it.

Thirteen-year-old Abree was born to command fire—but it refuses to obey, and every mistake makes others fear her more. Falsely accused of a crime she did not commit, she flees with her five-year-old foster brother into a dangerous forest, finding unlikely allies among zodiac misfits who understand what it means to live on the outside.

This page-turning upper-middle-grade fantasy sparks real conversations about belonging, and found family—the kind of story readers finish and immediately want to discuss.

Bring Cusp Born into the Classroom

Five ready-to-use activities invite students into Abree's world while building creative writing, vocabulary, character development, world-building, and critical-thinking skills.

Take the Adventure Further

Bring the author—and the world of Cusp Born—to your students.

Invite author Lorraine Hawley to your school or library for an engaging, behind-the-scenes look at storytelling, world-building, character creation, and how an idea becomes a book.

Students leave inspired to imagine, create, and tell stories of their own.

- School & Library Visits
- Author Talks
- Q&A
- Writing Workshops
- Book Clubs

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Standards: Skills and Concepts

- Literary Analysis
- Plot Structure
- Narrative Writing
- Organization
- Vocabulary
- Descriptive Writing
- World-Building
- Character Development
- Mood & Tone
- Character Arc
- Conflict
- Figurative Language

