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Sleeping Beauty meets **Indiana Jones** in this action-packed YA fairytale retelling perfect for fans of *Sorcery of Thorns* and *All the Stars and Teeth*



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— *School Library Journal* (starred review)



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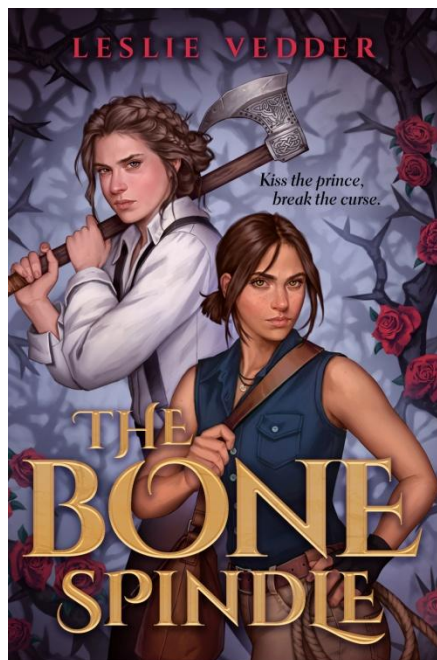
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leslie Vedder (she/her) is a queer ace author who loves fairytale retellings with girl adventurers and heroes! She grew up on fantasy books, anime, fanfiction, and the Lord of the Rings movies, and met her true love in high school choir. She currently lives in Colorado with her wife and two ultra-spoiled house cats.

Her debut YA novel *THE BONE SPINDLE* (Penguin/Razorbill) was an ABA indie bestseller.



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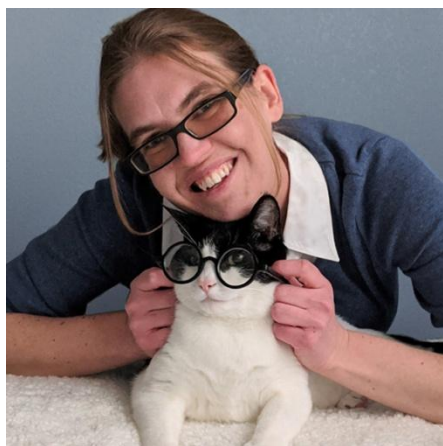


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THE BONE SPINDLE

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by Leslie Vedder

Sleeping Beauty meets Indiana Jones in this thrilling fairytale retelling for fans of *Sorcery of Thorns* and *All the Stars and Teeth*.

Fi is a bookish treasure hunter who definitely doesn't believe in true love. Shane is a tough-as-dirt girl warrior who likes pretty girls and cracking skulls. Briar Rose is a prince under a sleeping curse, who's been waiting a hundred years for the kiss that will wake him.

Cursed princes are nothing but ancient history to Fi—until she pricks her finger on a bone spindle while exploring a long-lost ruin. Now she's stuck with the spirit of Briar Rose until she and Shane can break the century-old curse on his kingdom.

Dark magic, Witch Hunters, and bad exes all stand in her way—not to mention a mysterious witch who might wind up stealing Shane's heart, along with whatever else she's after.

Set in a lush world inspired by beloved fairytales, *The Bone Spindle* is a fast-paced young adult fantasy full of adventure, romance, found family, and snark.

REVIEWS

"This gender-flipped retelling effortlessly melds romance, adventure, and fantasy. Highly recommended."

— *School Library Journal* (starred review)

"An enchanting read for fans of fairy-tale romance and girls with battle axes."

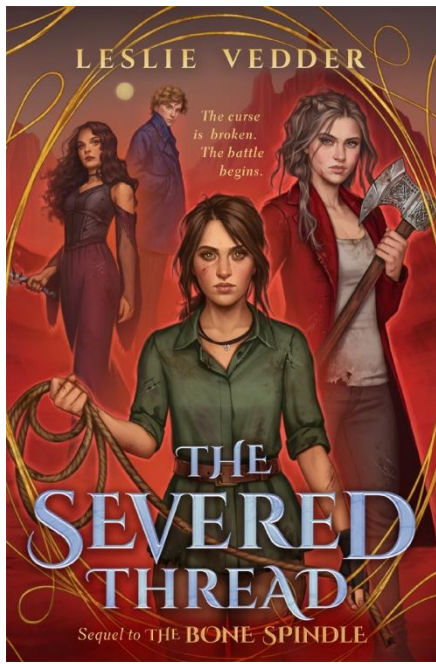
— *Kirkus Reviews*

"Packed with fully fleshed-out characters and lots of adventure, this book is a fun read that will easily draw fairy tale lovers. Vedder's first novel nicely balances its exciting plot with touching matters of the heart."

— *Booklist*

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THE SEVERED THREAD

by Leslie Vedder

Clever, bookish Fi and her brash, ax-wielding partner Shane are back in this action-packed sequel *The Bone Spindle*!

Fi has awakened the sleeping prince, but the battle for Andar is far from over. The Spindle Witch, the Witch Hunters, and Fi's own Butterfly Curse all stand between them and happily ever after.

Shane has her partner's back. But she's in for the fight of her life against Red, the right hand of the Spindle Witch who she's also, foolishly, hellbent on saving.

Briar Rose would do anything to restore his kingdom. But there's a darkness creeping inside him—a sinister bond to the Spindle Witch he can't escape.

All hopes of restoring Andar rest on deciphering a mysterious book code, finding the hidden city of the last Witches, and uncovering a secret lost for centuries. Set in a world of twisted fairytales, *The Severed Thread* combines lost ruins, ride-or-die friendships, and heart-pounding romance.

REVIEWS

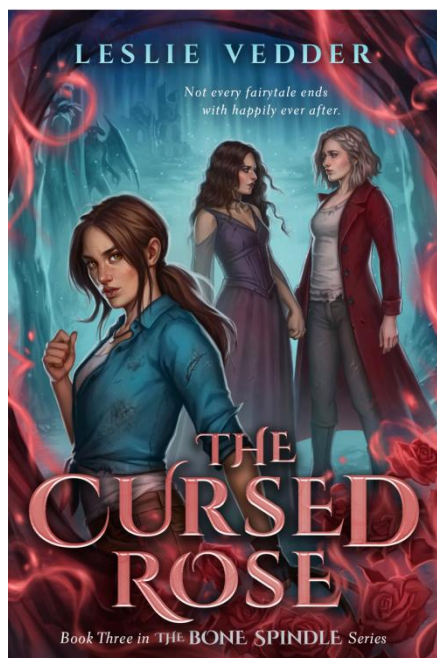
"Vedder's second book sustains the thrilling romance and adventure readers loved in the first, with deeper characterization and higher stakes. This flipped fairy-tale series is too fun to miss. Highly recommended."
— *School Library Journal*

"Both the action and the romance are heart-pounding, but perhaps the most touching aspects are the friendships among the characters: Their world is full of magic, mysteries, and danger, and they support each other through it all with love and compassion."
— *Kirkus Reviews*

"If you enjoyed the Indiana Jones aspect of the first book, then you'll be happy to learn that this one is full of as many codes, secret chambers, and magical relics as the first."
— *Subjectify Media*

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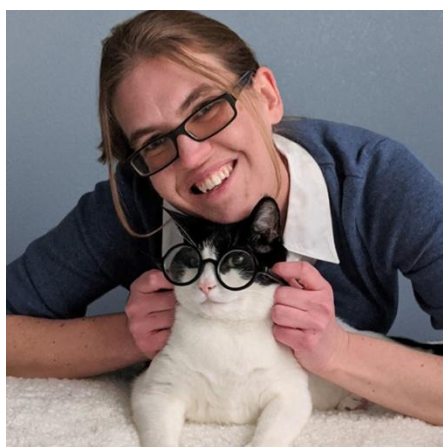


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THE CURSED ROSE

by Leslie Vedder

The fate of a cursed kingdom rests on ancient secrets, broken promises, and fierce friendships in this gasp-worthy final book of the bestselling twisted fairytale Bone Spindle series.

Fi is a prisoner. Briar, a monster.

Shane's a warrior. And Red is a traitor.

With the Spindle Witch on the verge of finding the Siphoning Spells and crushing Andar, Fi's only hope lies in decoding the ancient riddle of the Rose Witches before she loses Briar forever.

Shane is desperate to save Andar—and her partner. She's on the hunt for a weapon left by the mysterious Lord of the Butterflies, which holds the key to the Spindle Witch's demise. But Red's betrayal puts her in danger from a new enemy—the Spindle Witch's executioner, the Wraith, a witch as powerful as he is cruel.

The future of Andar lies in the secrets of its past. Fi and Shane must take on the greatest lost ruin of them all—the Tomb of Queen Aurora. Filled with vicious bone monsters, new alliances, and surprises at every turn, prepare to be swept away by this taut, clever, and heart-filled series conclusion.

REVIEWS

"A satisfying close to a magical trilogy. The author weaves together magic and romance in an action-filled plot and populates the book with characters who are distinctive, likable, and competent."

— *Kirkus Reviews*

"Readers can expect a seamless wrap-up of this magical trilogy as Vedder bundles up each storyline perfectly with no crumbs left behind."

— *MuggleNet*

"With signature puzzles and a bit of tomb robbing, The Cursed Rose strikes a balance between humor, heart warming feelings, and heartbreak."

— *Utopia State of Mind*

MEDIA

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