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## THE LABYRINTH OF SOULS

by Leslie Vedder

**Magical school meets a darkly charming world of nightmares in this inventive fantasy for fans of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*!**

In the Kingdom of Spinar, there are seven rules for safeguarding your soul. Most important, never enter the forbidden Labyrinth of Souls.

Ix Tatterfall has always been an outcast with big secrets: She can cross into the forbidden Labyrinth of Souls, home to the powerful Seven Sorrows, and she can see strange Nightmare creatures when no one else can.

On the hunt for her father's missing soul, Ix is swept away to the secretive Candle Corps Academy, where people with powers like hers train to protect the kingdom of Spinar. But something is wrong in the Labyrinth. A terrifying scarecrow called Raggedy Jack has appeared, devouring Nightmares and trying to claw open a door to the Waking World. With her new friends by her side, Ix must enter the Labyrinth and face the darkest part of Spinar and her own deepest secrets.

**Black & White Illustrations throughout by Abigail Larson!!**

### REVIEWS

"Vedder offers a fantasy full of intrigue, countless imaginative creatures, and instantly endearing characters."

— *Booklist*

"The otherworldly shock and magic of the Labyrinth, filled with an amusing, horrifying, and memorable array of beasts...adds a distinct and fresh take on a supernatural world."

— *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

### 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.