

Praise for *The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast*

By Samantha M. Clark

“[The boy]’s struggle to overcome his life-threatening fears illuminate how difficult it is to navigate the seas of growing up. His victory is **a victory** for all of us.”

—Kathi Appelt, Newbery Honor-Winning Author of *The Underneath*

“[A] **well-crafted mystery-thriller**... [that] speaks to the deepest level of heart and psyche, about facing the worst that fear has to offer, about determination and force of will, and about how the threads of love joining families together refuse to fray.”

—Susan Vaught, Edgar Award-Winning Author of *Footer Davis Probably is Crazy*

“Lyrical and **hauntingly beautiful**, this is a story for everyone who’s had to learn to face their fears.”

—Jennifer A. Nielsen, Author of *The False Prince*

"*The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast* is part action-adventure, part dreamy allegory--**a painful, beautiful, and mysterious read**. Samantha M. Clark has given us a boy whom we love, fear for, and will not soon forget."—Liz Garton Scanlon, Author of *The Great Good Summer*

“A journey of determination and self-discovery, Clark’s *The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast* asks us each to face our deepest, darkest fears. This mysterious gem of a book offers us solace and safety, without one note of false hope. **Masterful storytelling**.”

—Bethany Hegedus, Author of *Grandfather Gandhi*

“Lyrical and evocative, *The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast* offers young readers an emotional connection with a boy who must master his fears in the face of frightening and unnatural monsters. Several unexpected twists during **a heart-stopping final act** cap Clark’s fine debut.”

—Janet Fox, author of *The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle*

“*The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast* is an enchanting exploration of the power that resides in the stories we tell ourselves, and how we can change those stories... and possibly our own destinies. **Heart-wrenching and hope-filled**.”—Nikki Loftin, Author of *Wish Girl*

“Lyrical and heart-catching, *The Boy, the Boat, and the Beast* is also **a page-turner of a mystery** with a **profoundly satisfying** conclusion. A book for any child—or adult—who’s ever had to fight with fear.”

—Katherine Catmull, Author of *The Radiant Road*



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