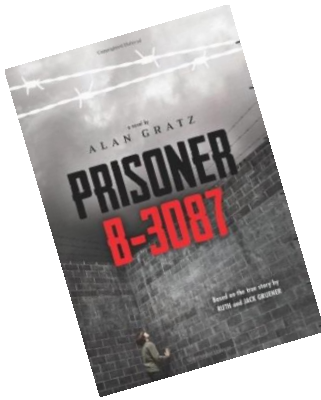


Bentonville's 3rd Annual Youth Literature Festival

Bentonville, Arkansas



Alan Gratz



Biography



Gratz's *Prisoner B-3087* won Bentonville's Battle of the Books competition for the 2014-2015 school year. *Code of Honor* is on the Battle of the Books Reading List for the 2016-2017 school year.

Alan Gratz's first novel, *Samurai Shortstop*, was named one of the American Library Association's (ALA) 2007 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults. His second novel, *Something Rotten*, was a 2008 ALA Quick Pick for Young Adult Readers, and was followed by a sequel, *Something Wicked*, in October 2008. His first middle grade novel, *The Brooklyn Nine*, was one of the ALA's Top Ten Sports Books for Youth and Top Ten Historical Books for Youth, and his middle grade Holocaust novel *Prisoner B-3087* was one of Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) 2014 Best Fiction for Young Readers and has won seven state awards.

His latest novels are the Young Adult thriller *Code of Honor*, a YALSA 2016 Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and *The Monster War*, the third book in his middle grade steampunk *League of Seven* trilogy.

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Alan's short fiction has appeared in Alfred Hitchcock's *Mystery Magazine*, online at Tor.com, and in the anthologies *Half-Minute Horrors* and *Tomo: Friendship Through Fiction*, which benefitted victims of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

As the first Artist in Residence at the American School in Japan in 2010, Alan spent six weeks teaching historical fiction-writing to middle school students in Tokyo, and he was the Thurber House Children's Writer in Residence in 2011, living and writing in James Thurber's attic for a month while working with young writers from all around the Columbus, Ohio area.

In addition to writing plays, magazine articles, and a few episodes of A&E's *City Confidential*, Alan has taught catapult-building to middle-schoolers, written more than 6,000 radio commercials, sold other people's books, lectured at a Czech university, and traveled the galaxy as a space ranger. (One of these, it should be pointed out, is not true.)

Alan was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, home of the 1982 World's Fair. After a carefree but humid childhood, Alan attended the University of Tennessee, where he earned a College Scholars degree with a specialization in creative writing, and, later, a Master's degree in English education. He now lives with his wife Wendi and his daughter Jo in the high country of Western North Carolina, where he enjoys playing games, eating pizza, and, perhaps not too surprisingly, reading books.

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Books at Bentonville Public Library

Young Adult Fiction

Code of Honor (2015) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
The Dragon Lantern : A League of Seven Novel (2015) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
League of Seven (2014) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
The Monster War : A League of Seven Novel (2016) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
Prisoner B-3087 (2013) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
Projekt 1065 (2016) [YAF Gratz Alan]*
Starfleet Academy : The Assassination Game (2012) [YAF Star Trek]

Samurai Shortstop (2008) [YAF Gratz Alan]

** indicates titles which are located in Juvenile Fiction collection as well.*

Juvenile Fiction

The Brooklyn Nine (2010) [JF Gratz Alan]
Fantasy Baseball (2012) [JF Gratz Alan]

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