

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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*Secondary Fiction*

## **The Forbidden Library**

**By Django Wexler**

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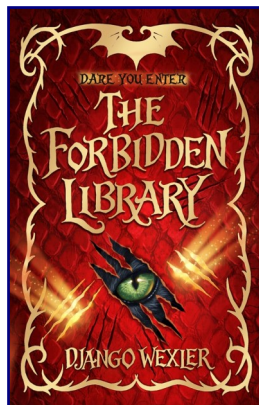
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### *Blurb:*

Do you remember the first time you climbed into the wardrobe with Lucy and emerged in Narnia? Flew on the back of Falkor the Luck Dragon with Bastian? Followed Alice down the rabbit hole? Welcome to your new favourite adventure...

Late one night Alice Creighton hears her father having an argument with a fairy- a snarling, bald beast with warts and needle-like teeth. It is threatening her father, insisting he accept a mysterious offer, or else... When Alice's father goes down in a shipwreck, she is sent away to live with distant relative Mr Geryon, owner of a huge, dark library that is off limits to Alice. After meeting a talking cat who is willing to sneak her in, Alice opens a book and suddenly finds herself inside it - and the only way out is by conquering the dangerous creatures within. Alice has stumbled into a world where all of magic is controlled by Readers through books - she must open more books, face increasingly powerful foes, be the lead character in the quest to find a happy ending...



### *Lamont Review:*

A first class fantasy novel that is compelling reading.

When Alice's father goes missing in a shipwreck, she is sent to live with Geryon and his strange household. His huge library is off limits to Alice, but what do you say to a talking cat who knows how to get you access?

We follow Alice's adventures as she falls into books, battles fairies, tree sprites, swarms and a dragon.

A wonderful adventure that your students who enjoy fantasy will really love. Fast paced, funny and with great characters, it is a perfect book for boys and girls Year 7 & up.

*Reviewed by Michelle*