

## The Callers

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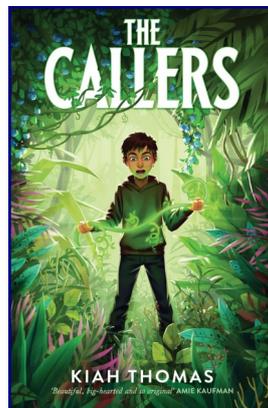
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### Blurb:

CALLERS CAN CONJURE ANYTHING OUT OF THIN AIR.  
BUT WHAT IF THE THINGS DON'T COME FROM NOTHING?  
WHAT IF THEY'RE TAKEN FROM . . . SOMEONE ELSE?

In the world of Elipsom, the ability to Call, or summon objects, is a coveted skill. And yet despite being born into a family of Callers, Quin doesn't have the gift. But everything changes when instead of summoning an object, Quin makes something disappear. He quickly discovers that the objects Callers bring into their world aren't conjured at all, but are taken from another land, and another people who have had their lives slowly stolen from them. Now Quin must team up with Allie, a girl who's determined to stop this unjust practice, and decide whether he should remain loyal to his family, or betray them—and save the world. From dazzling newcomer Kiah Thomas comes an arresting, fast-paced and thought-provoking adventure about the consequences of wanting more than we need.



### Lamont Review:

Quin Octavius is about to be tested to become a Caller. This is a gift that allows Callers to be able to say its name and the object will appear.

Quin is an Octavius, whose mother is in charge of all Callers, and there has never been an Octavius without the gift. Well, not until Quin!

But when he is called to another world that Quin didn't even know existed, he soon discovers that a lot of what he has been taught is a lie.

Quin also discovers that he does have a gift - one that means plants grow and flourish when he touches them. He, in fact, is the hope of this new world that was slowly dying.

But can he turn his back on his family and everything he believed in to stay and make the new world a better place?

With themes of consumerism, sharing and shared humanity, the importance of sustainable harvesting, and forming your own beliefs about what is right and wrong, I found this to be a thrilling story that will be enjoyed by readers aged 10 and older.

*Reviewed by Rob*