



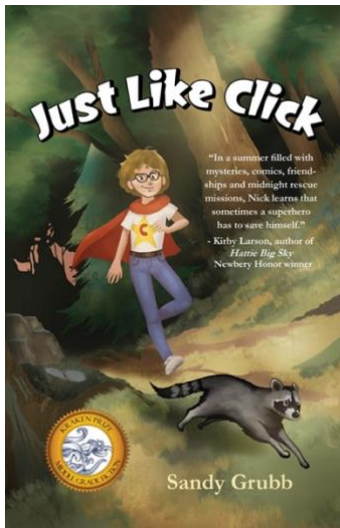
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Award-winning author pens kids' superhero adventure story for a new era!

When a lonely boy becomes an undercover superhero in his small-town community, he learns the value of believing in himself and the triumph of true friendship.



PORTLAND, OR, April 16, 2024 – Eleven-year-old Nick Townley and his Great Gramp share a love of superhero comics and all things Superman. But when his grandfather passes away and his family faces a move across the country, Nick's world implodes. Can he use his own superhero skills—and his unlikely new friends—to stop the move before it's too late? Award-winning author Sandy Grubb brings a story of friendship, belonging, and self-discovery with *Just Like Click*, a new adventure story for middle-grade readers.

Nick feels like he's a disappointment to his parents. He's not the soccer star his dad wants nor the brain surgeon his mom hopes for. But he's buoyed by the comics and stories that he and his

grandfather worked on together featuring Superhero Click and Inspector. Nick also enjoys the elderly friends of Great Gramp he secretly helps take care of. Before he died, Great Gramp told Nick, "You're a superhero. You are more than you think and more than the world can imagine. When the call comes, answer it! You're going to make this world a better place." Nick wasn't sure what this meant. But it's not long before he finds out.

When a spate of robberies from the local lumberyard where Nick’s dad works near their home at Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon threatens to ruin business, the owner tells his father that he has two weeks before he loses his job, and thus Nick’s family begins planning a move across the country for new work. Nick is crushed; he can’t move. He has old people counting on him. All his memories with Great Gramp are at Black Butte, and what will he do with the mysterious \$237,000 from Great Gramp, hidden in a shoebox under his bed?

But what if Nick could become an undercover superhero and thwart the lumber thieves, would he be able to stop the move? Could this be the “call” that his grandfather alluded to? And so, Nick steps off the comic book page and goes undercover to fight for *truth, justice, and a better tomorrow*...and his dad’s job. Since Superman works undercover and alone, so does he...that is, until he meets newcomer Patrick and vacationers Jacey and her twin sister Celia.

When these three kids find out about Nick’s secret missions, they want in. With their support, Nick realizes he doesn’t need superpowers or sports medals or fame: he is a successful superhero with good friends. Now he has more reason than ever to solve the mystery of the lumber thieves so he can stay at Black Butte Ranch, but can he ask his new friends to put their lives in danger to help him? What would Click do?



Sandy Grubb masterfully writes a story that will resonate with middle-grade readers finding their own place in their world and their own superpowers. The book’s fast-paced thrills, growing friendships, and embodiment of superhero qualities bring together elements of coming of age, loss and longing, and true friendship. Families and educators of young children will welcome the discourse that *Just Like Click* will bring. Grubb’s debut book is available for pre-order now wherever books are sold. The book is

scheduled for release on April 16, 2024.

Sandy is a native Oregonian and the winner of the esteemed Kraken Prize recognizing finely crafted middle grade fiction. She lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon, and vacations often with her family at Black Butte Ranch.

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