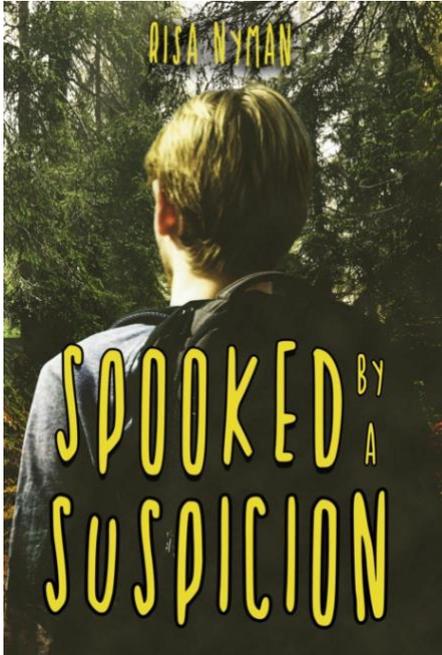


Spooked by a Suspicion

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About the Book

*One major life change should be the limit for any kid.
~Rocky's theory*

About to transition from middle school to high school, Rocky is shocked when his mother announces her intention to marry Ted, a devious man with a devil's beard, ominous eyebrows in constant motion, and black, beady eyes.

A series of strange accidents convince Rocky that Ted is using evil powers against him, and he is determined to stop the marriage. When Ted arranges to work at Rocky's summer program, Rocky plots with his girlfriend Olive to expose Ted in an epic showdown.

Rocky's plans are thwarted when he's accused of stealing from his chief rival in the program. He suspects Ted is framing him for the crime. Scared that no one will believe he didn't do it, Rocky flees into the woods where he encounters a hermit with a tragic life story who urges Rocky to return to face the charges and prove his innocence.

Rocky must reclaim his own reputation, so he can continue to prosecute his case against Ted.

"Any teen who has faced a parent's remarriage and questions about their identity and moral compass will readily relate to Rocky's situation. They will be intrigued by the mystery components as he unravels various truths about his peers and the adults around him."

~Midwest Book Review

About the Author

Born in Boston with the accent to prove it, Risa Nyman lived within ten miles of the city until a recent move to the neighboring Ocean State.

For many years, Risa worked in executive positions in a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting active participation in our democracy with a special focus on voting and elections.

Spooked by a Suspicion is a middle grade and a standalone sequel to *Swallowed by a Secret*.

Resources/Other information

- [Book trailer available](#)
- Professionally prepared [educators curriculum guide available](#)
- Diversity read for sensitivity and accuracy
- No fee for virtual school and library visits

Awards

- 2021 Indies Today Semi-Finalist
- 2022 Purple DragonFly Honorable Mentions for Growing Pains and Family Matters