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# Spellchasers #1: The Beginner's Guide to Curses

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# Book Review

**Title:** Spellchasers #1: The Beginner's Guide to Curses

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**Publisher:** Kelpies

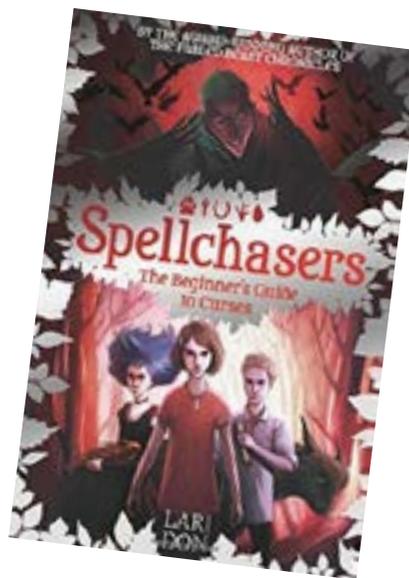
**Year:** 2016

**ISBN:** 9781782503057

**Pages:** 267

**Interest Level:** Intermediate

**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Molly is visiting her great-aunt when she is cursed to turn into a hare whenever she hears a dog. Molly now finds herself attending Mrs. Sharpe's curse-lifting workshop with a dryad, a kelpie, a sphinx, and a toad. With her new classmates, Molly manages to face off against a flock of magical curse-powered crows that do not want any curses broken. They work as a team to bring an end to all their curses except Molly's. Molly gives up her chance to break her curse to save one of her new friends.

Molly is a great main character because she is kind and overcomes the problems she is faced with. She even manages to turn her curse into an advantage. The other characters also confront believable problems that the reader can sympathize with. The reader will also feel compelled to cheer on Molly and her friends as they seek to end their curses. The setting of this story takes place in Scotland, and the foreign words and spellings add to the book's charm. Some readers may have a difficult time adjusting to the setting, but it makes the story feel more real and gives it an exotic feel. This book is a fun beginning to Don's fantasy series.

\*Contains mild violence.