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### The Path of Names

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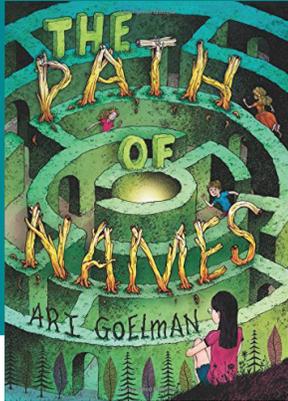
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## Book Review

# The Path of Names

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### Rating

Dependable

### Level

Intermediate

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339

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2013

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9780545474306

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Arthur A. Levine Books

Dahlia loves magic tricks of any kind, but she can't go to a magic camp this summer. Instead, she has to go to a Jewish camp her parents picked out. Even though she is unhappy about having to hang out with other girls who don't share her hobby, her attitude changes when she sees two girls mysteriously pass through a solid wall. Soon, the camp is full of odd occurrences. There is an abnormally grumpy caretaker who guards a maze, and two girls have died. On top of this mystery, when Dahlia learns that past campers have disappeared, she learns that it is up to her to try and stop whatever is taking the kids. As she does, she learns she has the power within herself to triumph over true evil.

This is a typical summer camp story with added touches of Jewish culture such as kabbalah, Chasidism, and a few Hebrew words. The addition of Jewish elements is tastefully done and will connect with a range of readers. The characters can be a little unrealistic at times, including the interactions between Dahlia and her parents. She often speaks back to them rudely without any sort of repercussion. The ending was very predictable with the underdog winning and everything tying up nicely, but this book will still find a place among young readers due to its age-appropriate story and characters.

\*Mild violence