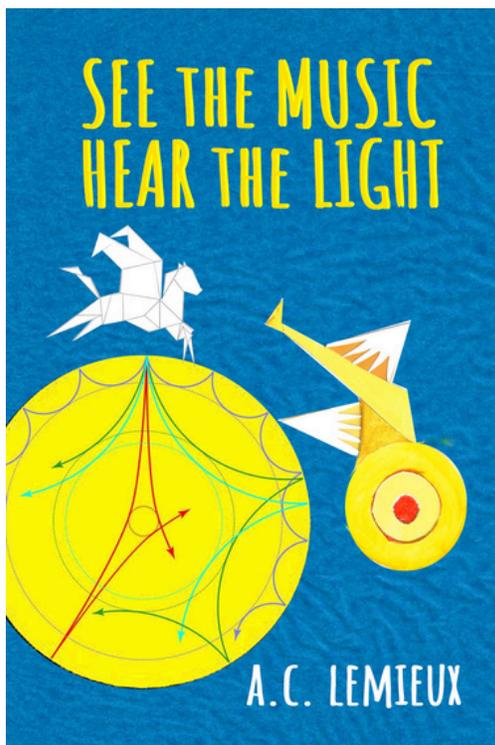


SEE THE MUSIC HEAR THE LIGHT

WHAT IF YOUR BIGGEST "DIFFERENCE" IS YOUR BIGGEST SUPERPOWER ?



SEE THE MUSIC HEAR THE LIGHT IS A LUMINOUS, NUANCED COMING-OF-AGE STORY, TOLD IN AN INTIMATE, DISTINCTIVE, AND OFTEN HUMOROUS FIRST-PERSON VOICE GROUNDED IN AUTHENTIC WILLIAMS SYNDROME EXPERIENCE. BOTH HOPEFUL AND UNFLINCHING, IT IS ABOUT BEING TRUE TO YOURSELF, SINGING YOUR SONG, NOT LETTING MEANNESS DEFEAT JOY, AND EMBRACING THE LIGHT THAT MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP CAN BRING.

***SEE THE MUSIC HEAR THE LIGHT* follows Daniel James Durkin, Jr. a young musician whose rare genetic makeup—Williams syndrome—comes with both gifts and challenges, from his first grueling week of Marching Band Camp, through his freshman year of high school.**

Daniel's two primary drivers are making friends and making music (which for him, comes in colors.) Challenges include feeling loud sounds as bombardment, a heart that "hiccups" under stress, and starry eyes that struggle to interpret spatial information. Just finding his way to class can be tricky, never mind navigating the new maze of social and academic dynamics, where a squad of "Snark-Bros" led by rival alto sax player Richie is always ready to pounce. Then there's the ancient, anti-tech Social Studies teacher who resists his IEP accommodations. And a loving but hovering single mom who hampers his quest for independence.

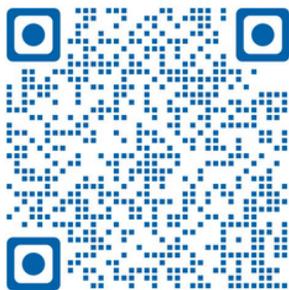
A few good friends—lunch-bunchers Sallie and Dalton 1.6, storybook-beautiful Phoebe, his sax teacher Kevin, Mrs. Staley from the Resource Room, and always, the "spirit guide" of his deceased dad—help Daniel keep his balance. But a Homecoming bonfire mishap and a devastating betrayal that shatters a long-held dream, leave him questioning his faith in others and his belief in himself.

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