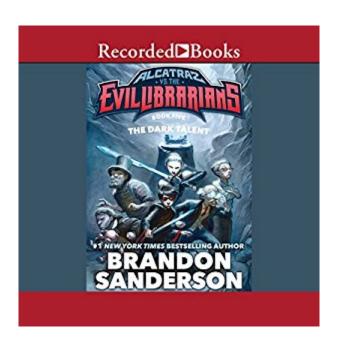
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The Dark Talent: Alcatraz Vs The Evil Librarians





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The evil Librarians are coming! A hero with an incredible talent...for breaking things. A life-or-death mission...to rescue a bag of sand. A fearsome threat from a powerful secret network...the evil Librarians. Alcatraz Smedry doesn't seem destined for anything but disaster. On his 13th birthday, he receives a bag of sand, which is quickly stolen by the cult of evil Librarians plotting to take over the world. The sand will give the Librarians the edge they need to achieve world domination. Alcatraz must stop them...by infiltrating the local library, armed with nothing but eyeglasses and a talent for klutziness.

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Customer Reviews

First off, I'm a grown man and I always feel a little bit bad that these are my favorite works by Sanderson. I'm writing this for adults who might be picking these books up for their kids. So if you're not that, this probably isn't useful to you and you should stop reading. I read this because I'd just watched a really weird horror movie (I'd never seen it before and I was left alone too long with Netflix) and felt like I needed a pick-me-up. Something light that would cleanse my psychic palette. I thought "Who is more uplifting than Brandon Sanderson, and which of his books is sillier than Alcatraz?"I was wrong. This book was darker than the movie I'd just watched and left me in a real funk. And I love that. I feel like we spend a lot of time trying to get people to look away from horror as a society and while I understand that, it's not the healthiest or most farsighted impulse. I love Dan Wells because he isn't afraid to bring real, profound horror to people. People have to know things can go sideways, that events CAN go as badly as you imagine they might, and that you might try

your hardest and still fail. It's important to know that because sooner or later this happens to everyone in real life, and if you're not prepared for that you can spend an awful lot of time sitting around in shock that the world is different than you thought it was and waste a whole lot of time before you get about the business of putting your life back together. And because of that, as weird as it seems, I think it is essential that kids should read things that are a deeply and profoundly troubling. This is a deeply and profoundly troubling book and that makes it great. Alcatraz is a great hero and these are great books.

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