

By the Newbery Honor author of ELLA ENCHANTED

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CREATING STORIES THAT FLY

This is a book about writing fiction. But it should help you write anything—e-mails, essays, greeting cards, love letters, skywriting.

Do you want to write stories that catch your readers and never let go? Have you ever wondered how to create a book as magical as *ELLA ENCHANTED*, as touching as *DAVE AT NIGHT*, as captivating as *FAIREST*?

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With humor, honesty, and wisdom, Gail Carson Levine shows you that you, too, can make magic with your writing.



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