

# MELISSA C. COSTA

Published Author at Age 11 | Middle-Grade Adventure

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

### **Escape Gravestone Caverns**

When a sixth-grade field trip to Gravestone Caverns takes a terrifying turn, four best friends find themselves in a race against time and the unknown. Jenny, the perfectionist student; Sara, the fearless athlete; Evan, the quiet thinker; and Miles, the thrill-seeker, never imagined their biggest challenge would come after stepping off the tour path.

**Genre:** Middle Grade Adventure / Mystery **Amazon:** <https://a.co/d/O6acArOg>

## READERS' FAVORITE 5-STAR REVIEW

*"A seasoned storyteller."*

Melissa Costa crafts a fast-paced middle-grade adventure that balances suspense with moments of humor and heart... For a young author, Costa has the talent of a seasoned storyteller.

— Carol Thompson, Readers' Favorite

## MEDIA & APPEARANCES

**TV:** CW7 Arizona — Kids Can Become Published Authors! Melissa Costa on Arizona Daily Mix (May 2026), FOX 10 Phoenix — She Wrote a Book at 11! Melissa Costa on FOX 10 Phoenix (Dec 2025)

**Online:** CW7 Arizona — Young Author Melissa Costa Featured on CW7 Arizona (May 2026), 12 News — Valley Author Proves You're Never Too Young to Pursue Your Dreams (Feb 2026), The Chandler Arizonan — Chandler Girl, 12, Writes Her Way to a Novel (Feb 2026)

**Print:** The Chandler Arizonan — Local Young Author Publishes Debut Novel (Feb 2026)

**Speaking:** Arizona Author Book Festival - 2026 (May 2026), Quartz Hill Elementary Literacy Event (Mar 2026)

## WATCH MELISSA

**CW7 Arizona Interview:** [youtu.be/vYdPaZ-v2gc](https://youtu.be/vYdPaZ-v2gc)

**FOX 10 Phoenix Interview:** [youtu.be/NEGNeWJOOBQ](https://youtu.be/NEGNeWJOOBQ)

**Arizona Author Book Festival - 2026:** [youtu.be/1a7qPhIL7oM](https://youtu.be/1a7qPhIL7oM)

*"If you just keep pushing and keep writing and doing what you love, it doesn't matter if it's hard. All you have to do is keep going and eventually you'll make it."*

— Melissa C. Costa

## ABOUT MELISSA

At just 11 years old, Melissa C. Costa published her debut novel *Escape Gravestone Caverns*, a gripping middle grade adventure that has captivated readers and caught the attention of media across Arizona.

Melissa's love for storytelling started early, fueled by a passion for reading and an imagination that never rests. She crafts tales that blend heart-pounding adventure with friendship, mystery, and the kind of courage that comes from facing the unknown.

When she's not studying for school or dreaming up her next adventure, Melissa enjoys reading, singing, playing volleyball, and spending time with friends, family, and her English Bulldog.

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