

JUVENILE FANTASY/ADVENTURE

## Take the Journey!

*An evil enchanter commands the most powerful device in the land, and the use of violence to defeat him is foredoomed to failure. Can four children light the way for good to prevail?*

Newly orphaned, Doshmisi, Denzel, Maia, and Sonjay discover a carefully guarded secret about their family. Travel with them and their pesky parrot to the distant land of Faracadar, where they must attempt to retrieve the powerful Staff of Shakabaz and free the land from the clutches of the malevolent enchanter Sissrath. Their dangerous mission takes them over the ocean, under the ground, and into the deepest dungeons of the Final Fortress. Only if they discover how to use their individual gifts can the children fulfill their destiny in the ultimate confrontation with Sissrath.

*"Amy held my class of sixth-graders captivated for hours reading *The Call to Shakabaz* aloud." — Chris, teacher*

*"It felt as if I was right there sharing the adventure. You will love this book." — Gabriela, age 14*

*"My 8-year-old rushed me upstairs each night to read *The Call to Shakabaz*. I enjoyed it as much as he did. It portrayed modern children facing modern issues, showing us a way to save our own world while they save theirs." — Daniel, parent*

*"I can't wait to read *The Call to Shakabaz* aloud to my children at school." — Marie, K-6 school librarian*

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