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# Book Scavenger (The Book Scavenger Series)



## Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller! For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game. Racing against time, Emily and James rush from clue to clue, desperate to figure out the secret at the heart of Griswold's new game—before those who attacked Griswold come after them too. The paperback edition of *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman features a gorgeous, brightened cover and an interview with the author. “Full of heart and replete with challenging ciphers for readers to decode, Bertman’s debut is literary cousin to classic puzzlers like *The Westing Game*.” —Publishers Weekly, starred review “Fans of *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* will appreciate the abundant literary allusions, and readers will hope for more adventures.” —Shelf Awareness, starred review **An Best Book of the Year An Indie Next List Pick A PW Best Book for Summer A Bank Street College Best Book of the Year An .com Best Book of the Month A Texas Lamplighter Award Nominee A Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Award Nominee A Georgia Children’s Book Award Finalist**

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## Customer Reviews

In the tradition of THE GOLLYWHOPPER GAMES by Jody Feldman and ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY by Chris Grabenstein, BOOK SCAVENGER by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman is a book about a game and, like in Grabenstein's story, the game is also about books. It is an adventure chock-full of literary references, codes and danger but underpinned with compelling ideas of family, friendship and overcoming adversity. Twelve-year-old Emily Crane has just moved, along with her parents and older brother Matthew, to San Francisco. Instead of being excited, Emily is tired; this is the latest in a handful of moves her family has made in their quest to live in all 50 states. Every time she gets settled in a new place, whether it be New York, Michigan or, most recently, New Mexico, Emily's family moves again. Her one consolation is that San Francisco is home to Garrison Griswold, creator of Book Scavenger, an interactive game of hiding and finding books of which Emily is a skilled player. But shortly after Emily and her family arrive in San Francisco, Griswold is attacked and shot in a BART station and his prognosis for recovery is not good. However, in the same BART station, Emily finds a hidden book --- a handmade version of Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Gold-Bug" --- that she believes is the beginning of a new Griswold game. Emily is determined to solve all the clues and find the treasure that they lead to, but she's not the only one interested in this particular volume; two armed thugs are after the book and are hot on Emily's heels! Emily enlists her new friend James, who happens to have an interest in codes, to help her with the game. With each clue, they come closer to finding what Griswold hid --- and closer to danger.

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