

# Lemony Snicket Series Comes to An End (Unfortunately)

If you are a fan of the Lemony Snicket books called *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, there is good news and bad news for you. The good news is that a new book in the series went on sale October 13. The bad news is that the book will be the last in the popular series.



In the series, a mysterious writer, Lemony Snicket, tells the story of the three orphans of the Baudelaire family. The books tell what happens to the children -- Violet, Klaus, and Sunny -- after their parents die in a fire that also destroys their house. The Baudelaires are sent to live with a relative, Count Olaf, which leads to all sorts of problems. The newest and last book of the series, called *The End*, is the 13th book about the orphans. The first book, called *The Bad Beginning*, was published in 1999.

The stories are different from many other stories for children. The books warn readers that bad things will happen and that they do not have happy endings. But lots of children and adults like the books anyway.

Even people who did not read the books enjoyed the 2004 movie *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, which was about the first three books in the series.

## NEWS WORD BOX

mysterious	popular
orphans	destroyed
relative	published

Lemony Snicket's real name is Daniel Handler. He made up the name Lemony Snicket when he was writing a book for grownups. He decided to use the name for his children's stories.

## **MORE FACTS ABOUT LEMONY SNICKET'S BOOKS**

- The *Unfortunate Events* books have sold more than 35 million copies worldwide.
- To reach more fans, a conversation with Daniel Handler was broadcast by satellite to 15 movie theaters.

## **THINK ABOUT THE NEWS**

**Daniel Handler wrote his books using the fake name (or *pseudonym*) Lemony Snicket. If you could write your first famous book under a pseudonym, what name would you choose?**

(Hint: You might make a list of unusual things. Be creative as you use the list to create a pseudonym.)