



Wendy Mass is the New York Times bestselling author of fourteen novels for young people (which have been translated into fourteen languages and nominated for sixty-eight state book awards), including *A Mango-Shaped Space* (which was awarded the Schneider Family Book Award by the American Library Association), the *Twice Upon a Time* fairy-tales series, *11 Birthdays*, and *13 Gifts* ("About Me").

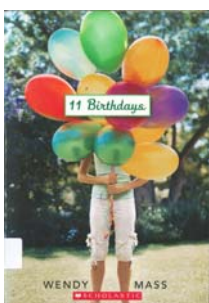
In an interview Wendy Mass said that she became interested in writing when she wrote her first short story in 5th grade. She co-wrote it with her two sisters and it was about their cat that turned into a goat and broke into the neighbor's house. By the time she was in high school, she knew that she wanted to be an author. She spent most of college writing short stories, and when she graduated she got a job in publishing (The Just).

She was named the New Jersey Association of School Librarian's 2018 Author of the Year. Her hobbies include geocaching, virtual reality, and magic tricks. She lives with her family in northwest New Jersey ("About Me").

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11 Birthdays

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After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things

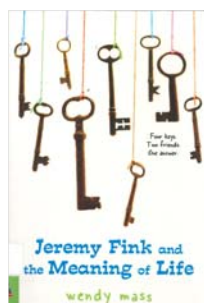
begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.




13 Gifts

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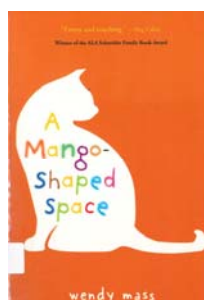
It doesn't take long for Tara Brennan to realize that breaking into school to steal a goat is not a good idea. As punishment for her crimes, Tara's parents send her to the sleepy town of Willow Falls to stay with relatives she hardly knows, including her strange younger cousin Emily. Tara quickly learns that Emily isn't even remotely the strangest person in town.



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

2007 Included in New York Public Library's Best Books for the Teen Age 
Call number: JF MAS

When Jeremy Fink receives a mysterious box on his thirteenth birthday with the words the meaning of life engraved on the lid, he and his best friend Lizzy can't wait to find out what's inside. But when he discovers that the box is locked, he and Lizzy set off on an adventure around Manhattan to find the keys to life's biggest mystery.



A Mango-Shaped Space

2004 Schneider Family Book Award 
Call number: JF MAS

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.