



# RAISE THE STAKES

## Description

The prize: \$10 million

The rules: Be the first to complete ten tasks assigned by the Benefactor. Do not ask questions. Do not tell anyone what you're doing. Do not fail.

The consequences: Unknown

Colin wants out of the Contest. Each task he's assigned by the Benefactor leaves him more convinced that he's part of something shady. Not to mention his every move is being tracked. But the prize money would help Colin's transgender sister, Danni, afford surgery. Can Colin find out what the Benefactor is really up to without ruining his chances to win the Contest?

## Series Description

Four teenagers in need of money and a second chance are offered the chance to enter a mysterious high-stakes "contest" with a \$10 million prize. To compete, they each must do a series of strange tasks—and they gradually realize that they're caught in an elaborate plot that's putting them in serious danger.

But who's behind the plot? What's the endgame? It's up to the four "contestants" to get to the bottom of everything . . . before time runs out.

## Critical Acclaim

"The books create a thrill-seeking sense of impending disaster. . . . The series offers a perfect choice for adolescents who struggle to find easy-to-access plots with believable characters."—**VOYA**

"A great choice for reluctant readers, this book, in presenting the transgender story, also delves into advocacy for equality. . . . Pages will turn right up to the cliffhanger."—**Kirkus Reviews**

From the Series **The Contest**

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