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Brian Selznick is the Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *Wonderstruck* and *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* which was adapted into Martin Scorsese’s Oscar-winning movie *Hugo*. Selznick’s books have garnered countless accolades worldwide, and have been translated into more than 35 languages. He has previously worked as a set designer, independent bookseller, and a puppeteer. He lives in La Jolla, California, and Brooklyn, New York. For more information about Brian Selznick’s books, please visit: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/brianselznick>

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