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# THE SCORPIO RACES

By #1 *New York Times* bestselling author**Maggie Stiefvater**

★ “Masterful. Like nothing else out there now.”  
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and action-adventure, this has a shot at being a YA blockbuster.”  
—*Booklist*, starred review

With her trademark lyricism, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Maggie Stiefvater turns to a new world based on a Celtic myth, in *The Scorpio Races* where a pair are swept up in a daring, dangerous race across a cliff—with more than just their lives at stake should they lose.

It happens at the start of every November: the Scorpio Races. Riders attempt to keep hold of their water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. Some riders live. Others die.

At age nineteen, Sean Kendrick is the returning champion. He is a young man of few words, and if he has any fears, he keeps them buried deep, where no one else can see them. Puck Connolly is different. She never meant to ride the Scorpio Races. But fate hasn't given her much of a choice. So she enters the competition — the first ever girl to do so. She is in no way prepared for what is going to happen.

As she did in her bestselling Shiver trilogy, author Maggie Stiefvater takes readers to the breaking point, where both love and life meet their greatest obstacles, and only the strong of heart can survive.

**Maggie Stiefvater** is a writer, artist, and musician and the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Shiver*, hailed by *Publishers Weekly* in a starred review as, “a lyrical tale,” and by *Bookpage* as, “beautifully written, even poetic at times, and a perfect indulgence for readers of all ages.” Since publication, rights to more than thirty-six foreign editions of *Shiver* have been licensed. *Linger*, the second book in the Shiver trilogy debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* Bestseller list. Maggie is also the author of *Lament: The Faerie Queen's Deception* and *Ballad: A Gathering of Faerie*. She lives in Virginia with her husband and their two children. You can visit her online at [www.maggiestiefvater.com](http://www.maggiestiefvater.com) and follow her on Twitter @mstiefvater.

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