





## THE DREAM THIEF

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## The fourth volume of the continuing incredible escapades of Horatio Lyle!

London, 1865, and young Tess receives a knock on her window late at night. One of her old friends from the East End has come looking for her. The young lad is frightened to the point of incoherence and desperate for help. He's making very little sense and he flees the second Lyle appears, but one thing seems certain: something very, very bad is happening to the children in the East End.

There's a mystery to be solved, sending Lyle, Thomas, Tate, and naturally, Tess out into the wilds of East London and a certain former thief's old stomping grounds. What they find is terrifying: Tess's old crowd of artful dodgers and ace pickpockets are now wandering the streets like zombies, drooling in the workhouses or plain mad in the asylum. And it isn't just affecting Tess' old crowd; children all over the area are turning up with their memories in tatters and their minds all but gone. The only clue is a name, half whispered in fear: Old Greybags.

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