



## Indie Publisher to Release Book with Make-a-Wish® Teen Lauren Telesz

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - JANUARY 26, 2016, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT:** On March 25, 2016, Owl House Books will release *The Excursion* by Lauren Telesz with illustrations by Sharee Miller and edited by Brad Meltzer #1 Bestselling author of thrillers like *The President's Shadow* and kids' books like *I Am Amelia Earhart*. For us, this unique project began in late 2015, when [Homebound Publications](http://www.homeboundpublications.com) and [Owl House Books](http://www.owlhousebooks.com) were contacted by Connecticut's chapter of Make-a-Wish®. That was when we first learned of Lauren, her book and her wish. . . .

WISH [wish] (n.)

*A desire or hope for something to happen that is not easily attainable.*

*When I was diagnosed with cancer many things changed. I had to shave my head, wear a wig, go to the hospital, and define lots of big words for my 3-year-old brother. My family's vocabulary expanded to include unfamiliar, new words such as cancer and chemotherapy. My brother was confused. What did all these big words mean? As I explained them to him, he absorbed their meaning, learning their definitions with remarkable curiosity and ease. As I spent more time at home, bedridden with my brother by my side, I taught him new vocabulary and watched him pick up and try out new words. It inspired me to write this book and it was all made possible by Make-A-Wish®!*

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