

Author Bio

James Ponti is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling author of four Middle Grade book series, including *City Spies* and *The Sherlock Society*. He worked for thirty years as a television writer and producer for networks including Disney Channel, Nickelodeon, PBS, ABC, NBC, and Golf Channel. His novels have been named to more than sixty state award and reading lists, optioned by Hollywood, and translated into sixteen languages. He's a two-time Edgar Award-nominee, winning in 2018 for *Vanished*. He lives with his family in Orlando Florida.

Social Media

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Representation

Literary Agent – Rosemary Stimola, Stimola Literary Studio – stimolaliterarystudio.com

Film Agent – Jason Dravis – The Dravis Agency – thedravisagency.com

International Editions – Clementine Ahearne – ILA – ila-agency.co.uk

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National Bestseller Lists

New York Times Bestseller – *City Spies*

Indie Booksellers Bestseller – *City Spies*

New York Times Bestseller – *Golden Gate*

New York Times Bestseller – *Forbidden City*

New York Times Bestseller – *City of the Dead*

New York Times Bestseller – *Mission Manhattan*

USA Today Bestseller – *Mission Manhattan*

New York Times Bestseller – *The Sherlock Society*

Indie Booksellers Bestseller – *The Sherlock Society*

USA Today Bestseller – *The Sherlock Society*

New York Times Bestseller – *London Calling*

Indie Booksellers Bestseller – *London Calling*

USA Today Bestseller – *London Calling*

New York Times Bestseller – *Hurricane Heist*

Indie Booksellers Bestseller – *Hurricane Heist*

USA Today Bestseller – *Hurricane Heist*

Awards

2016 – Florida Book Award – Bronze Medal – *Framed!*

2017 – Edgar Award Nominee – Mystery Writers of America – *Framed!*

2018 – Edgar Award – Mystery Writers of America – *Vanished!*

2019 – Mark Twain Reader's Award – Missouri State Readers' Choice – *Framed!*

2019 – Nevada Young Readers' Award – *Framed!*

2021 – Florida Sunshine State Young Readers Award – *City Spies*

2021 – Florida Book Award – Bronze Medal – Golden Gate
2022 – President’s Award – Florida Association of Media Educators
2022 – Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award – *City Spies*
2022 – Sakura Medal – International Schools of Japan Best Book Award - *City Spies*
2023 – Minnesota Youth Readers Award – *City Spies*
2023 – Nevada Young Readers’ Award – *City Spies*
2023 – Young Hoosier Book Award – *City Spies*
2024 – Nēnē Award – Hawai’i’s Children’s Choice Book Award – *City Spies*
2024 – Charlie Mae Simon Children’s Book Award – Arkansas – *City Spies*
2025 – Agatha Award Nominee – *The Sherlock Society*

Honors

2017 – Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year – *Vanished!*
2018 – Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year – *Trapped!*
2020 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *City Spies*
2020 – New York Public Library Best Books of 2020 – *City Spies*
2020 – Parents’ Magazine Best Books of 2020 – *City Spies*
2020 – Parent’s Choice Recommended Books – *City Spies*
2021 – Barnes & Noble Children’s Pick of the Month – *City Spies*
2021 – Indie Next – *Golden Gate*
2021 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – Golden Gate
2022 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *Forbidden City*
2023 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *City of the Dead*
2024 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *Mission Manhattan*
2024 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *The Sherlock Society*
2024 – Indie Next – *The Sherlock Society*
2024 – *The Week Junior* Best Books of the Year – *The Sherlock Society*
2025 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *London Calling*
2025 – *The Week Junior* Best Books of the Year – *London Calling*
2025 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *Hurricane Heist*
2025 – Barnes & Noble Children’s Pick of the Month – *The Sherlock Society*
2026 – Junior Library Guild Gold Standard – *Europa*