

SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS  
FEATURES FAMILY OF TWINS

*Twelve-Year-Old Isis Firma Rescues Twin Sister and Fellow Schoolchildren from Aliens*

Born into a family with a history of identical twins, Isis Firma and her identical twin sister Electra are as different as two people can be. Isis is studious and quiet, and Electra is an outgoing athlete. Because it's her turn this year, Isis gets to pick what they'll do on their twelfth birthday. Much to Electra's disgust, Isis decides they'll go to the Institute of Ancient Egyptian Stuff in Washington, DC, to see a mummy that has just been autopsied. To Isis' surprise, the mummy sits up and tells her she must protect the Squrlon and find the Purple Staff of Death.

Taking place in the metropolitan DC area, *The Firma Twins and the Purple Staff of Death* introduces Isis and Electra Firma, the fantastic skills they've inherited, and their special family. The book is the first in a series of humorous novels about the Firma family for elementary school children.

In the book Isis and Electra's birthday triggers a series of bizarre events. After the mummy delivers his message to Isis, the sisters leave for their home in Arlington, Virginia, and a limousine hits their van, injuring Isis. Isis wakes in the hospital to find herself lying on a frozen river where an alien tells her that Isis' birth was foretold thousands of years ago.

From that point on, the twins and their friends Kelly Horton and Phoenix Rising try to decipher these and other events. In the process Isis and Electra discover their family's secrets, unknown even to their parents. Providing clues is their Aunt Epiderma Firma, their father's twin sister who has Turner syndrome.

"My twins love being able to read books about twins," Judith A. Schramm, CEO of ProResource, Inc., in Alexandria, Virginia, says. "Even though they are both boys, they were riveted by the adventures of the Firma twin sisters."

Her younger twin, Richard, says, "I really liked this book. It is a book that you want to find out about the ending, but, when you reach the ending, you wish it would keep going. This book was really good, and I can't wait for a sequel."

*The Firma Twins and the Purple Staff of Death*, published by Gettier Group LLC, is available as a trade paperback (196 pages, ISBN 978-0-9860882-0-9) for \$8.99 and as an e-book for \$3.99. Timpko is currently writing *The Firma Twins and the Flute of Enchantment*, the next book in The Firma Twins Adventures.

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