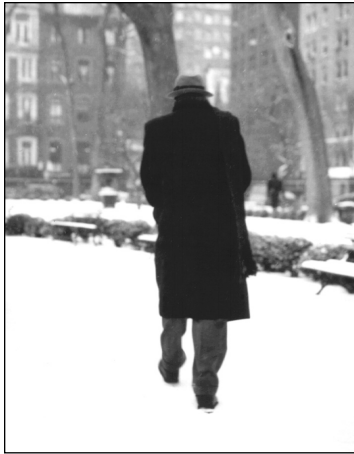


LEMONY SNICKET: A BIOGRAPHY



LEMONY SNICKET was born before you were, and is likely to die before you as well. His family has roots in a part of the country that is now under water, and his childhood was spent in the relative splendor of the Snicket Villa, which has since become a factory, a fortress, and a pharmacy, and is now, alas, someone else's villa. To the untrained eye, Mr. Snicket's hometown would not appear to be filled with secrets. Untrained eyes have been wrong before.

There was a scandal, of course and the aftermath was swift, brutal, and inaccurately reported in the periodicals of the day. It is true, however, that Mr. Snicket was stripped of several awards by the reigning authorities, including Honorable Mention, the Grey Ribbon, and First Runner-Up. The High Council reached a convenient, if questionable, verdict and Mr. Snicket found himself in exile.



Though his formal training was chiefly in rhetorical analysis, he has spent the last several eras researching the travails of the Baudelaire orphans. This project, being published serially by HarperCollins, takes him to the scenes of numerous crimes, often during the off-season. Eternally pursued and insatiably inquisitive, a hermit and a nomad, Mr. Snicket wishes you nothing but the best.

DANIEL HANDLER, who represents Lemony Snicket in all literary, legal, and social matters, was born in San Francisco and attended Wesleyan University. He received an Olin Fellowship in 1992, an Academy of American Poets Prize in 1990, and tied for Best Personality in 1988.

His first novel, *The Basic Eight*, was published by St. Martin's Press. It has been praised by such publications as *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The New York Post*, and *Publishers Weekly*, and has been optioned for film by New Regency, a division of Warner Brothers. His second novel, *Watch Your Mouth*, was published in 2000.

Daniel Handler lives in San Francisco with his family. Like Mr. Snicket, he wishes you nothing but the best.

