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A NEW YOUNG ADULT NOVEL FOR FANS OF PARANORMAL FICTION

New York, NY—Introducing **THE EXCEPTIONALS**, the debut novel by Erin Cashman (April 1, 2012/ISBN: 978-0-8234-2335-4/\$16.95). This thrilling paranormal story about a teen girl whose unique ability to communicate with animals enables her to fulfill a prophecy and save the lives of those she loves will have young adult readers on the edges of their seats.

In a famous family of exceptionally talented people, fifteen-year-old Claire Walker is ordinary. Not that she minds; she loves her average life with her average friends at public school. But everything changes on the night of the Spring Fling, when her parents decide it's high time she transferred to the prestigious boarding school that her great-grandfather founded for students with supernatural abilities. Fortunately, Claire's worst fears ease when she makes several friends who don't care that she can't see ghosts or move objects with her mind. Yet Claire does have a special talent she considers too lame to admit: she can hear the thoughts of animals. Just as Claire is settling in, one by one the most talented students—the Exceptionals—begin to disappear.

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Erin Cashman graduated from Bates College with a degree in English and earned a law degree from Boston College Law School. She lives with her husband and three children in Massachusetts.

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