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Jillian was her father's perfect daughter?adventurous, thrill-seeking, and a bit of a tom-boy. He really would have preferred a son, but you work with what you've got.

They were five when they learned that grown-ups can't be trusted.

They were twelve when they walked down the impossible staircase and discovered that the pretense of love can never be enough to prepare you a life filled with magic in a land filled with mad scientists and death and *choices*.

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"Down Among the Sticks and Bones has the voice and rhythm of a fairy tale... It is vividly characterised, as so much of Seanan McGuire's work is, and has the kind of prose that carries you along to find out what happens next." ?Locus

"McGuire's exquisitely written fairy tale is about the choices that can alter the course of a life forever, lost innocence, and what it is to love and be loved." ?Publishers Weekly starred review

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"Seanan McGuire has long been one of the smartest writers around, and with this novella we can easily see that her heart is as big as her brain. We know this story isn't true, but it is truth." ?Charlaine Harris, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Sookie Stackhouse series (TV's *True Blood*)

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About the Author

SEANAN MCGUIRE is the author of the October Daye urban fantasy series, the InCryptid series, the

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She was the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and in 2013 she became the first person ever to appear five times on the same Hugo ballot.

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