

# Booktalk!

## **A Curse Dark as Gold**

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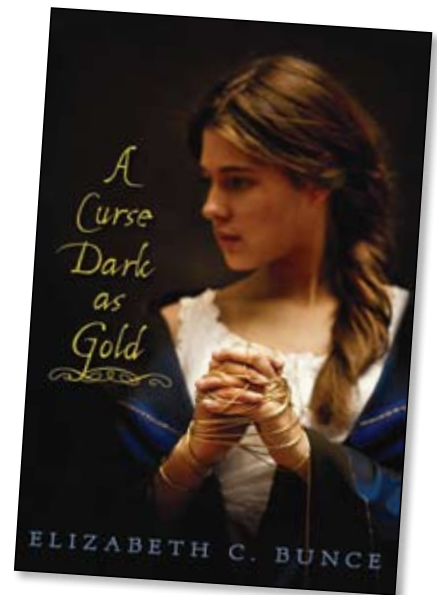
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Charlotte Miller feels the weight of the town on her shoulders. She has been running her family's beloved woolen mill since her father's death, and the whole town depends on the mill for their livelihood.

When a young, handsome banker visits, Charlotte learns of her father's large debt and the bankruptcy her mill will face unless she can find a solution.

Adding to her troubles is a curse that has plagued the mill and town for generations. Desperate, she turns to a strange little man who appears out of thin air and offers a tempting proposition. He can spin straw into gold. And with that, she believes her luck has changed.

But the little man expects a payment Charlotte cannot make, and she finds herself caught in a web of dark secrets, restless spirits, a mysterious helper, and an age-old curse. This dark and scary retelling of "Rumpelstiltskin" will spin its magic on you!



**Best for grades 6 and up**