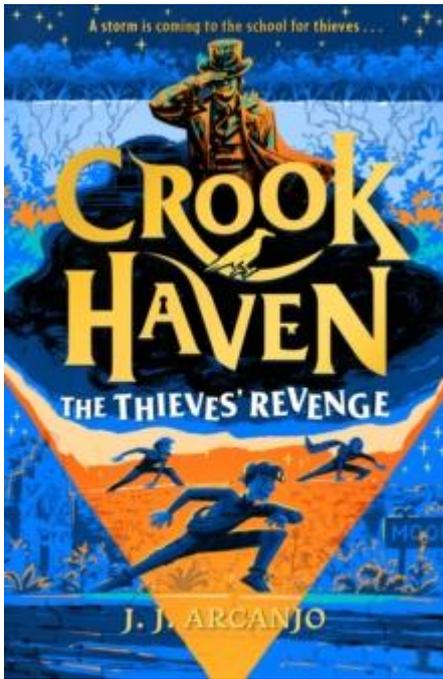
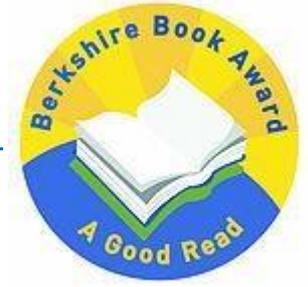


## Berkshire Book Award 2026: Longlisted title



### ***Crookhaven: The Thieves' Revenge*** **by JJ Arcanjo**

It's Gabriel's fifth and final year at Crookhaven School for Thieves, and the crew have only one thing on their minds.

This year, they must take down Gabriel's parents - the infamous leaders of the criminal organisation, the Nameless - once and for all. How will the crew balance this goal alongside their last year of studies, which includes a new class called Groundwork, and the most difficult break in to date: infiltrating Crookhaven itself?

### Discussion Questions

- At the beginning of the book Gabriel explains what has happened to his family. Who are the people that mean the most to him?
- How did Gabriel feel about lying to his crew about what happened? Why was this necessary?
- How do Gabriel and the rest of the crew feel about Leon? How did Leon justify his behaviour to Gabriel?
- Crookhaven teaches deception, forgery, and lock-picking. Is it ever ethical to use "bad" skills for a positive outcome?
- In what ways does the story explore the themes of loyalty and trust?
- Have you read any other books in the Crookhaven series? Would this book make you want to read any of the others?