



## Charcoal Boys

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Two wild creatures—a hornet and a boy—navigate the harsh realities of life in the coal yards in this patchwork of musings and lyrical verse. The story flows around silhouettes and textured collages in sooty shades of smoke and ash, with pale hues casting shadows and lighting up the sky. There is beauty in its steel furnaces and glowing termite hills; suspense builds as the boy and the hornet face danger, driven by their instincts toward survival.

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