

# Drummond: Learning to find himself in the music

A young adult novel by  
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## Synopsis

Drummond, a thirteen-year-old C student in middle school, is steered into joining the high school's marching band. He's far from ready, and his friends help him make several attempts to learn new instruments to try and fit in better. With a little unexpected guidance from the drummers and their instructor, he realizes how well he already fits in. He discovers who he is inside. Homelife deteriorates behind him and pushes him forward into the arms of his new family, the marching band.

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## Book Reviews

"Drummond is a compassionate look at the power of music to strengthen an unsettled soul. I love how Blakley weaves in the magic of music."



—Readers' Favorite

"Teens looking for inspiration will find this book a welcome addition to their collection. A beautifully written coming-of-age novel."



—Literary Titan

## Author Bio

Patrick R. F. Blakley is a SAMMY award-winning percussionist from Syracuse, New York. He is a music judge for the New York State Field Band Conference and participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2018! Patrick has written two technical marching percussion books and also a children's book called Drummy Drum Joins Marchy Band. The children's book inspired his Drummond novel, which explores the question of why a drum would join the marching band in the first place. As it turns out, the drum was just a projection of his inner-self and Drummond had to find out who he really was inside! Drummond then uses that newfound information to try to fit in and connect with his new family!

"Blakely's extensive knowledge of music and his own experiences in his youth brings the tale to life."

—The Book Review Directory

"This was such a brilliantly written and captivating read! Blakley expertly crafted a relatable and genuine narrative that felt alive on the page."



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