

The Wands

In *The Rite of Wands* series, each witch or warlock is gifted a wand uniquely crafted with a crystal connected at the shaft. Each wand enhances the witch or warlock's magical ability, after they have successfully completed their Rite of Wands ceremony.

Miarta McKinnon's wand (14 1/2 inches) is composed of gabon ebony with a bloodstone crystal. Called the Heliosphere, or Sun Stone, it is believed to be the most beautiful of the Jaspers, an emerald gem intertwined with spots of bright red. When carried, the stone provides mental clarity in decision-making circumstances and helps bring forth courage to confront when needed.

Magical Alley - Master Wandmakers, located in the state of Washington, crafted the wand based on a design Mackenzie created in Adobe Photoshop. The wand can be found on the cover of *The Rite of Wands* as well as is incorporated in the interior design of the book series.

Emmy nominated British Actor Matt Smith, who Mackenzie Flohr wrote the character of Miarta for, autographed the wand.

