

Author Bios

In alphabetical order by first name.

Alice Tosi

Alice Tosi is a third-year Architecture major who is slowly coming to terms with the inevitability of coffee dependence. She is also double-majoring in Spanish and minoring in Sustainability. In her free time, she enjoys drawing and painting, watercolor holding a special place in her heart.

Alyssa Clayton

Alyssa is a sophomore in Graphic Design. She's been drawing sporadically since she was little, but didn't get really into it until recently. Digital art is her favorite, but she's been known to dabble in traditional painting. Someday she hopes to be a graphic novelist.

Amanda Schuler

Amanda is a junior in Environmental Science who has always loved to read and write. After too many of her friends laughed at her when she said she likes to write cover letters, she decided to try her hand at writing fiction instead.

Annalise Shearer

Anna Shearer is a junior in English at ISU.

Emily McInerney

Emily McInerney is an aspiring children's book author who dabbles in poetry and other works. She also is working on getting a degree in English Education and would like to teach junior high schoolers the wonders of literature. She is a dog person and her favorite color is green. Her favorite genre is nonfiction and she loves stories about people who are far more accomplished than her. She hopes you enjoy this poem about how romantic comedies are kind of bogus.

Emily Smith

Emily Smith is a sophomore at Iowa State University studying English. She hopes to one day go into the book or magazine publishing industry. Although she has always enjoyed reading more, Emily furthered her passion for writing in her creative writing class Freshman year. Emily is also involved in Trend Magazine editorial committee and in The Salt Company as a student leader, a student ministry on campus. In her free time, Emily loves to read, listen to music, bake, study her Bible, and spend quality time with her friends, family, and pets.

Emma Hartman

Emma Hartman is a senior majoring in Marketing and minoring in English. She is a member of the Mortar Board and NSLS. She enjoys reading, writing, and playing with her dog. One of her favorite quotes is from a fortune cookie. "Words, once spoken, can never be recalled."

Isabelle Shutt

Isabelle Shutt is a junior in Environmental Studies and English, recently transferred from Tufts University. She enjoys gardening, political activism, and taking pictures of mushrooms.

Jamie Campbell

Jamie is a junior majoring in English Education. She is starting to realize how fun creative writing is, and is exploring her abilities thanks to her Write like a Woman class. She highly recommends taking it. The stories, the skills and, the treats are worth the stress.

Kalli Baker

Kalli is a senior triple-majoring in English, History, and Classical Studies. She hopes to attend graduate school for history and work either in academia or in public history.

Kara K. Gravert

Kara Gravert is a junior studying Anthropology concentrating on Art and Culture, but she is particularly interested in concepts of culture and punishment. To the viewer: As a human, we must cry, become ill, and experience death. These pieces have been my release from suppressive expectations of our culture.

Kelsey Steinbach

Kelsey is a junior studying to become an English teacher. When she isn't drinking Dr. Pepper, she is writing poetry about stupid boys.

Kody Wallick

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Lindsey Settle

Lindsey Settle is a senior studying journalism and mass communication with a minor in French. She's the best friend you've never met and the shot of peppermint if you need to survive the winter. If you know of a good coffee shop she wants to know. And if you're looking for her, don't bother. She's on a plane flying somewhere. In the meantime, enjoy her stories.

Noah Levere

Noah Levere is an English Education major at Iowa State University. He enjoys writing poetry but has never thought about having his works published. When asked about it he decided to give it a shot. He has always loved writing. Ever since his days at Waukee High School. He is taking 19 credits at the moment while also working at Red Lobster and being a part of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Ryan Byrnes

Ryan Byrnes is the author of five novels, including a young adult fantasy series and a historical fiction novel, *Royal Beauty Bright*, to be published in Spring 2019 by Amphorae Publishing Group. He has worked for publishers, literary agents, and has even started his own publishing imprint. To Byrnes, literature is not a means of escapism, but a technology that builds empathy and provides a voice for the weakest people on Earth. Byrnes currently lives in Iowa, where he is studying English and engineering.

Sammi Maas

Sammi Maas is a junior in Secondary English Education from the Chicago area and wants to teach writing in a high school after graduation. She wants to prepare future students for a world of reading and writing while instilling creativity and critical thinking. Her favorite forms of writing are poetry and vignettes.

Sara Davis

Sara Davis is a senior in English Education. She has been writing stories and poetry since she was 10 years old, and hopes to bring that passion for creative writing into her future classroom. She especially enjoys writing as a means of self-expression and vehicle to respond to current events.

Shawn Robinson

Shawn is a graduating senior in English Education. There's nothing he enjoys more than making pretty things for the pretty people in our pretty life.

Trevor Taylor

Trevor Taylor is a senior studying English.