

## **CONTRIBUTORS' NOTES AND THE TEACHERS**

## CONTRIBUTOR'S NOTES

### **Victoria Angold**

Victoria was a junior at Spotsylvania High School when her short story was accepted to the anthology. Her hobbies include reading, writing (mainly fantasy) and studying cultures. Her favorite authors are Derek Landy and Patrick Rothfuss.

### **Alexis Ankerson**

Alexis was a junior at Colonial Forge High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. As a Valentine's Day experiment, she diverged from her typical genres of horror or cultural satire and pursued her inner romantic. The result was her first submitted and published piece.

### **Julianne Arnold**

Julie was in the eighth grade at Chancellor Middle School when her story *Yellow and Grey* was accepted to the anthology. Currently, fencing is her only hobby and in her free time she enjoys drawing and writing short stories. Her favorite authors are David Clements-Davies and Erin Hunter. She enjoys writing fantasy stories from animals' points of view.

### **Kristin Asmus**

Kristin just graduated from Colonial Forge High School and will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology next fall. Her interests include soccer, piano, community service, Spanish, computer science and poetry.

### **Ciara Bonner**

Ciara was a seventh grader at Mark Twain Middle School when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her hobbies include dancing, drawing, and skating. She enjoys reading and writing realistic fiction. Her favorite author is Kate Brian.

### **Maddy Boyle**

Maddy was in seventh grade at Williamsburg Middle School when her work was accepted to the anthology. She plays softball and ultimate frisbee, and she wrestles. She enjoys reading and writing fantasy and fiction.

### **Courtney Bryce**

Courtney was a senior at Brentsville District High School when she first wrote this poem in Latin class. When writing isn't consuming her time,

she is dancing around inanimate objects, curled on the couch with tea and a book, or trying to cook. She loves writing both poetry and prose.

### **Julie Burkhart**

Julie Burkhart was a senior at West Springfield High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. She enjoys baton twirling, playing oboe and tutoring writing. She will be attending the College of William and Mary in fall 2011.

### **Hannah Burkholder**

Hannah is one of seven children. Her hobbies include art, piano, soccer, cooking, basketball and writing. Her favorite genre to write is poetry because she thinks you can be creative, use your imagination and be very descriptive.

### **Mircea Cernev**

Mircea was a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology when his work was accepted to the anthology. He is a two time World Pro-Am Latin Ballroom dancer who enjoys outdoor activities and is interested in pursuing a career in business.

### **Leah Choe**

Leah was in seventh grade at Lake Braddock Secondary School when her work was accepted to the anthology. In her free time she enjoys watching crime shows, going outside with friends, photography, tae kwon do and reading a variety of genres. She writes songs, poetry and, most of all, fiction.

### **Hattie Clougherty**

Hattie was a tenth grader at Chantilly High School when her work was accepted for publication in this anthology. Her hobbies include drama, field hockey and soccer. Her favorite author is Daphne du Maurier and her favorite genres are nonfiction and poetry.

### **Justine Clougherty**

Justine was an eighth grader at Rachel Carson Middle School when her work was accepted for publication in this anthology. Her hobbies include art, drama, soccer, basketball and running. Her favorite genres are realistic fiction and urban fantasy.

### **Benjamin Davenport**

Ben was a seventh grader at Mark Twain Middle School when he wrote *Silence*. He is a baseball, football and basketball player, and he enjoys

skateboarding. He has achieved the rank of Star in the Boy Scouts. Ben enjoys realistic fiction and reading books about sports.

### **Hanah Desherow**

Hanah was a junior at Loudoun Valley High School when her work was accepted to the anthology; her abstract thought process is one of a kind. She plays soccer and spends time working on her art work.

### **Jeanette Dockins**

Jaye was a sophomore when her work was accepted by the anthology. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, basketball and writing poetry.

### **Will Donahoe**

Will was a seventh grader at Williamsburg Middle School when his story was accepted. He has lived overseas most of his life and just recently returned to the U.S. His hobbies include tennis, piano and video games.

### **Joshua Drake**

Joshua was a sixth grader at Seneca Ridge Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. His hobbies include: basketball, flag and tackle football, piano and playing the cello. His favorite poetry author is Calif Brown. Joshua prefers to write stories more than any other genre of writing.

### **Seth Ellsmore**

Seth was ten years old and in fourth grade at Old Bridge Elementary School when his work was accepted into the anthology. Seth's hobbies include playing drums with the adult worship team at his church, beating video games and doing anything outside with friends involving sports and fun.

### **Kathryn Eng**

Kathryn was an eighth grader at Gunston Middle School when her writing was accepted into the anthology. She enjoys reading, devouring chocolate and running. This is Kathryn's second time being published in the anthology. Her favorite subjects in school are English, Band and P.E.

### **Abigail England**

Abby was attending Williamsburg Middle School as a seventh grader when her piece was accepted to the anthology. In her spare time, Abby enjoys singing, acting, and playing soccer and basketball. She most enjoys writing realistic fiction.

**Elena Fandrich**

Elena Fandrich's work was written and accepted into the anthology when she was in eighth grade at Chancellor Middle School. She enjoys writing, drawing and swimming more than anything else, and she loves funny or dark stories. Her favorite authors are John Gree, Eoin Colfer and Markus Zusak.

**Henry Freeman**

Henry was a fourth grader at Old Bridge Elementary when his work was accepted to the anthology. His hobbies include gymnastics, reading, writing and baseball. His favorite author is Chris Heimerdinger.

**Taylor Gelinias-Galais**

Taylor was a sophomore at Thomas Edison High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her hobbies include writing, choir and video games. Her favorite authors are Tamora Pierce and Sarah Dres-sen. She prefers writing poetry over any other genre.

**Ryan Gilbert**

Ryan was an eighth grader at Chancellor Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. His hobbies include soccer, skateboarding and shooting. His favorite author is Kathryn Lasky, and he prefers writing fiction stories more than any other type of writing.

**Emily Goldfein**

Emily was a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology when her work was accepted into the anthology. She is currently attending the College of William and Mary where she plans to study biology.

**Rocky Gonzalez Alcantara**

Rocky Gonzalez was in eighth grade at Chancellor Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. His favorite sport is soccer, he likes drawing and he also likes cooking. He prefers to write short stories over any other type of writing.

**Colin Greear**

Colin was a fourth grader at Old Bridge Elementary School when his work was accepted to the anthology. His particular interests, among others, include reading, drawing, air and spacecrafts and advanced technology. His favorite author is Bill Watterson. Apart from writing poetry, he greatly enjoys creating unique stories.

**Emily Gross**

Emily was in fourth grade when her poem was accepted to the anthology. Emily is a tap dancer with the company MYTE. Her love is dance. Her next love is writing. She was influenced by her school teacher, Nick Maneno.

**Hali Haskins**

Hali was a senior at Woodbridge Senior High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. She is primarily a nonfiction writer who works mostly from personal experience. Augusten Burroughs is currently her favorite author. Hali owes all her thanks to Cathy Hailey.

**Chase Hiday**

Chase is a rising freshman at James Madison High School in Vienna, VA. She plays and umpires girls' softball, plays her clarinet in the school band and loves to read. She is currently writing her own fantasy book, which she hopes to publish before college. This is her second published piece of poetry.

**Kathryn Hughes**

Kathryn was a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School when her piece was accepted and now studies anthropology at the University of Connecticut. She learned to love writing in her junior and senior years of high school and has always loved reading books of any genre.

**Mae Hunt**

Mae was in sixth grade when her poem was accepted to the anthology. She enjoys reading, writing and acting. Mae likes writing novels, scripts and poetry.

**James Irwin**

James Irwin was an eighth grade student at Chancellor Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. His hobbies include: reading, fiddling with computers and playing or listening to music. He also participated in wrestling, track and field and soccer. He plans to pursue a doctorate in medicine.

**Amanda Johnson**

Amanda was a sixth grader at Seneca Ridge Middle School when she wrote her story. She enjoys reading and writing, musical theater, watching television, surfing the web, playing video games and creating original works of art. Amanda has been healthy since her doctor announced she was in remission again, and she plans to stay that way!

**Lisa Junta**

Lisa was a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School when she completed her work. She enjoys running cross country and track as well as spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite author is C.S. Lewis.

**Katrina Kelso**

Katrina was in fourth grade at Nottingham Elementary School when her work was selected for the anthology. Her favorite school subject is writing, and her favorite genre is fantasy. Katrina also enjoys running.

**Sarah King**

Sarah was a sophomore at Edison when her piece was selected for the anthology. She's going to write the next great American novel.

**Nadia Laher**

Nadia will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Her work has been recognized by the Vince Kaspar Prizes for Excellence in the Arts and the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and she was awarded a monetary prize through the Washington Regional Transplant Community Legacy of Life Scholarship. She would like to thank Bill McCabe for his continuous help and support and for being a vital spark inspiring deeper understanding, intellectual growth and confidence.

**Jennifer Lovas**

Jennifer was in the eighth grade at Chancellor Middle School when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her interests include horseback riding and swimming. She enjoys writing stories and spending time with her family, friends and pets.

**Sarah Matthews**

Sarah was a junior at Spotsylvania High School when her work was published. She grew up in a military family, and enjoys reading, writing, swimming and cats.

**Bradley J. Meacham**

Brad was a senior at Loudoun Valley High School when he wrote this piece. His favorite author is Tim O'Brien because of his honesty and raw style of writing—a technique Brad prefers. Brad believes that writing comes from real life experiences, not from the passive experience of a classroom.

**Tess Megret**

Tess Megret is a student at Mark Twain Middle School. She likes to read, write and hang out with friends. Her hobbies include Tae Kwon Do, triathlons, running and swimming. She also plays the saxophone and enjoys traveling.

**Coleman Merenda**

Coleman was a senior at West Springfield High School when he was published in the anthology. He is a huge fan of Orson Scott Card and other science fiction writers, and he enjoys model construction, collecting music and playing the piano.

**Eric Miller**

Eric was a sixth grader at Seneca Ridge Middle School when his story was accepted to the anthology. He is very concerned about the environment and hopes to use his writing skills to educate and inspire others to conserve our natural resources. He is most interested in the ocean and marine life and hopes to be a marine biologist one day.

**Jessica Moon**

Jessica was a senior at West Springfield High School when she submitted her work to the anthology. She loves to bake, play piano, dance and serve in her youth group.

**James Murphy**

James was a sophomore at Massaponax High School at the time of submitting his piece. He attends the Spotsylvania High site of the Commonwealth Governor's School and has interest in guitar, all forms of writing and cycling.

**Abriana Neal-Donald**

Abriana was a junior at Colonial Forge High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. She believes poems are a great approach to conveying genuine emotion. Freedom of expression makes poetry her favorite form of writing. She hopes that her writing will give readers a new perspective on controversial topics.

**Jackson Patton**

Jackson was a fourth grader at Old Bridge Elementary School when his work was accepted. Jackson likes baseball, soccer, shooting and cooking with his dad. He loves school!

**Chloé Poulson**

Chloé was a senior at West Springfield High School when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her hobbies include sewing, fashion design and painting murals on the walls of her home. Her favorite author is Mitch Albom and her favorite poet is Edgar Allen Poe.

**Hailey Ramsey**

Hailey got her inspiration for her poem *The Waif* in eighth grade from watching Gillian Murphy dance in *Swan Lake*. Hailey loves dancing, and her favorite author is Joanne Fluke.

**Giuliana Reynolds**

Giuliana will be attending George Mason University for History and Theatre come fall. She loves her family, friends and pets.

**Sarah Ross**

Sarah Ross was an eighth grader when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her hobbies include field hockey, reading and writing. Her favorite author is Sarah Dessen, and she enjoys narrative writing the most.

**Lin Rudder**

Once upon a time, Lin Rudder was a junior at Brentsville District High School. Then, she wrote a story to be published in this anthology. She loves music, brown eyes, dinosaurs and summer thunderstorms.

**Katherine Sandfry**

Katherine was a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School when her work was accepted to the anthology. Her favorite poet is Edgar Allan Poe. She is currently enrolled at the College of William and Mary.

**Ryan Sargent**

Ryan Sargent is a senior at Loudoun Valley High School. All Ryan has ever wanted to do is write and make films. This fall he will attend Chapman University in Los Angeles, California in the college of Film and Media Arts. He attended Tish at NYU to study and create short films last summer.

**Michael Scott**

Michael was an eighth grader at Chancellor Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. In 2008, he was a student at Chengdu International School in Sichuan, China when a magnitude 8.0

earthquake struck 40 miles from his home.

### **Sam Silverman**

Sam Silverman was in sixth grade when his work was accepted to the anthology. He plays hockey and lacrosse. He also enjoys science fiction and poetry.

### **Sara Victoria Suarez**

Sara just completed high school at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Her favorite form of writing is the short story, and she admires the work of David Foster Wallace. When not writing, she loves riding her bicycle and playing the piano.

### **Mary Sun**

Mary was a junior at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology when her piece was accepted to the anthology. She is a year-round swimmer, the founder of a science policy student organization and an avid reader whose favorite novel is *The Grapes of Wrath*. To all youth: write on!

### **Albert Tholen**

Albert, an alumnus of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, has been writing in one form or another since first grade. His spelling has improved considerably since then (thank goodness!), but he likes to think he's retained that glorious, childish wonder.

### **Peter Town**

Peter was a junior at Thomas Jefferson HSST when he wrote *The Lovers*. He is a drama tech, plays bridge and quiz-bowl, and helps edit Threshold, Jefferson's literary magazine.

### **Gabriella Troncoso**

Gabriella was an eighth grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School when she submitted her writing to the anthology. She hopes to become a journalist, and she is best at writing stories and poems. In her free time she acts, writes, plays soccer and hangs out with friends.

### **Christopher Vargas**

Christopher was a fourth grader at Old Bridge Elementary when his work was accepted to the anthology. His hobbies include soccer, baseball and drawing. His favorite author is Roald Dahl.

**Paola Villegas Sorvco**

Paola was a senior at Lake Braddock High School when she contributed to the anthology. Her passions include science and rock music. Her favorite authors include Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Michael Crichton and Sandra Cisneros.

**Caleigh Waddell**

Caleigh was a fourth grader at Old Bridge Elementary when her poem was accepted to the anthology. She enjoys baking, playing with her dog, riding horses, and reading and writing.

**Sam Wall**

Sam Wall was a seventh grader at Williamsburg Middle School when his work was accepted to the anthology. He enjoys playing tennis and listening to alternative bands like The Strokes. He enjoys writing everything from fantasy to mystery.

**Marielle White**

Marielle was an eighth grader when her work was accepted to the anthology. She loves drawing, writing and sleeping. Even though Marielle doesn't like reading, she does enjoy Neal Shusterman's stories when she gets around to it, and often finds herself skimming old fairy tales in her spare time.

**Dana Wood**

Dana Wood was a senior at Loudoun Valley High School when her story was accepted to the anthology. She attends the College of William and Mary and enjoys making jewelry and spending time with friends and family in addition to her writing. This is her first piece of realistic fiction.

## THE TEACHERS

All teachers are Northern Virginia Writing Project Teacher Consultants.

### **Jessica Barber, Nottingham Elementary**

- Hannah Burkholder, *Winter Frost*
- Katrina Kelso, *Night Dancers*

### **Martha Beall, West Springfield High School**

- Julie Burkhardt, *Signature*
- Coleman Merenda, *If I took my heart*
- Jessica Moon, *Fashion Statement*
- Chloé Poulson, *Poetry 101*
- Giuliana Reynolds, *Elegy for a Young Girl*

### **Allison Carey, Rachel Carson Middle School**

- Justine Clougherty, *Letter to Daniel*

### **Jennifer Carter-Wharton, Thoreau Middle School**

- Chase Hiday, *Ode to Winter*

### **Katherine Dalland, Seneca Ridge Middle School**

- Joshua Drake, *The Last Day*
- Amanda Johnson, *The Worst Day of My Life*
- Eric Miller, *When Cats Rule the World*

### **James Davis, Colonial Forge High School**

- Alexis Ankersen, *A Little Love Story*
- Kristin Asmus, *Why Poetry?*
- Abriana Neal-Donald, *The Conflicted Christian*

### **Stephanie Fellingner, Commonwealth Governor's School**

- Victoria Angold, *Insanity Rampant*
- Sarah Matthews, *A Soldier's Poem*
- James Murphy, *Silent Song*

### **Roger Green, Thomas Jefferson HSST**

- Mary Sun, *Soldier*
- Peter Town, *The Lovers*

### **Roger Green and Emily Orser, Thomas Jefferson HSST**

- Albert Tholen, *Until I Enter*

**Cathy Hailey, Woodbridge Senior High School**

- Hali Haskins, *3's*

**Marie Hertle, Chancellor Middle School**

- Julianne Arnold, *Yellow and Grey*
- Elena Fandrich, *Dark Vengeance*
- Ryan Gilbert, *Earth's Worst Nightmare*
- Rocky Gonzalez Alcantara, *The little world...*
- James Irwin, *Fade into the Dark*
- Jennifer Lovas, *A Never Ending Friendship*
- Sarah Ross, *The Window*
- Michael Scott, *Aftermath*
- Marielle White, *Overcome*

**Karen Hickman, Wakefield Forest Elementary**

Student work selected from NVWP Student Summer Institute 2010

- Mae Hunt, *They Are Life*
- Sam Silverman, *Sara*

**Julie Hildbold, Loudoun Valley High School**

- Hanah Desherow, *Is America Still Beautiful?*
- Bradley Meacham, *Dip, Spit & Ash: On Solid Ground*
- Ryan Sargent, *Unfulfilled*
- Dana Wood, *One Box of Goldfish*

**Lori Hinkley, Thomas A. Edison High School**

- Taylor Gelinias-Galaise, *Monster*
- Sarah King, *Puppets*

**Diane Hughart, Northwest Center**

- Jeanette Dockins, *Rain*

**Mary Beth Kochman, Mark Twain Middle School**

- Ciara Bonner, *95 Pounds*
- Benjamin Davenport, *Silence*
- Tess Megret, *Love [luhv] 1: life*

**Susie Lebryk-Chao, Thomas Jefferson HSST**

- Emily Goldfein, *No Se Olvide a Los Desaparecidos*

**Nikki Lehman, Chantilly High School**

- Hattie Clougherty, *14th Street Shelter*

**Nick Maneno, Old Bridge Elementary School**

- Seth Ellsmore, *One More Love Song*
- Henry Freeman, *The Fly*
- Colin Greear, *Prey*
- Emily Gross, *The Right Words...*
- Jackson Patton, *Obvious*
- Christopher Vargas, *Temporary*
- Caleigh Waddell, *Unharmmed*

**Bill McCabe, Lake Braddock Secondary School**

- Kathryn Hughes, *The Extraordinary*
- Nadia Laher, *One Truth*
- Katherine Sandfry, *Painting My Nails*
- Paola Villegas Sorvco, *Mamá, Me, Walt Whitman and Celebrating the Self*

**Ashby Rushing, Williamsburg Middle School**

- Maddy Boyle, *Trouble in the Airport*
- Will Donahoe, *No Lights and Firefighths*
- Abigail England, *Wedding Surprise*
- Sam Wall, *A Murder and a Maze*

**Jennifer Seavey, Thomas Jefferson HSST**

- Mircea Cernev, *Life is Such a Joker*
- Lisa Junta, *My Almost Lost Sibling*
- Sara Suarez, *The Diary*

**Sharon Steen, Gunston Middle School**

- Kathryn Eng, *How Do You Clean a House of Horrors?*
- Hailey Ramsey, *The Waif*

**Kathy Smaltz, Brentsville District High School**

- Courtney Bryce, *Pace*
- Lin Rudder, *Desultory Gamble*

**Ashley Yuckenberg, Lake Braddock Secondary**

- Leah Choe, *Red*
- Gabriella Troncoso, *Basket of Memories*