

## Ms. Katie Author bio

I have been a storyteller for as long as I can remember. I wrote my first book at the age of 9. I still have a copy of it in a folder in my office. To be honest, it's quite terrible. I was trying to write an Agatha Christie mystery tied into a soap opera drama without understanding why those two things wouldn't mesh.

In 2017, I started Awesome Authors Kids to lead classes to encourage kids to write anything and everything, so long as they had fun. Writing is a skill that improves with practice. The more kids are willing to practice, the better their skills get.

Sharing my passion with my students got me writing the kinds of stories I wanted to read as a kid. I took the fanfiction universe my friends and I created when we were teens and wrote a new story with our own kids as the heroes.

During the pandemic shutdown of 2020, I started going for walks on the nature trail behind my house. The more I walked, the more I saw the magic in the forest. I crafted a whole magic world called Gaeldor where kids can have soft adventures.

The first book in the Adventures in Gaeldor series, *The Wolf and The Wind*, took the Bronze Medal in the 2024 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards!

I am many things: a daughter, a mom, a spouse, a teacher. But most of all, I am a storyteller. Thank you for sharing my stories with your family.

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