

MEET AMY BEARCE



Amy Bearce was an Army kid who moved 8 times before she graduated high school. The one constant in her life was books--particularly fantasy and science fiction--and that hasn't changed.

Despite all the moves, Amy married her high school sweetheart. They met in their junior English class in an American school in Germany in 1991. They have two wonderful daughters and are enthusiastically teaching them to love fantasy and science fiction, too.

A former English and reading elementary and middle school teacher, Amy has recently completed her Masters of Library Science and is excited about a career field with kids, teens, books and technology.



Amy has a serious addiction to personality tests, which is not uncommon for an INFP (Myers-Briggs) such as herself. According to the DISC personality test, she is also a perfectionist, a title she hated. She immediately retook the test, changing some answers. When the results came up as Perfectionist again, she took it a third time, changing more answers to get a better result...not even seeing the irony until later.

And yes, the result still came back as "Perfectionist."

Now, though, Amy is working on embracing imperfection, knowing full well that life is full of mistakes, we learn through errors, and sometimes the best things in life are those things we didn't intend to happen at all.

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FAIRY KEEPER

Forget cute fairies in pretty dresses. In the world of Aluvia, most fairies are more like irritable, moody insects. Almost everyone in the world of Aluvia views the fairy keeper mark as a gift, but not fourteen-year-old Sierra. She hates being a fairy keeper, but the birthmark is right there on the back of her neck. It shows everyone she was born with the natural ability to communicate, attract, and even control the tiny fairies whose nectar is amazingly powerful. Fairy nectar can heal people, but it is also a key ingredient in synthesizing Flight, an illegal elixir that produces dreaminess, apathy and hallucinations. She's forced to care for a whole hive of the bee-like beasties by her Flight-dealing, dark alchemist father.

Then one morning, Sierra discovers the fairies of her hatch are mysteriously dead. The fairy queen is missing. Her father's Flight operation is halted, and he plans to make up for the lost income by trading her little sister to be an elixir runner for another dark alchemist, a dangerous thug. Desperate to protect her sister, Sierra convinces her father she can retrieve the lost queen and get his operation up and running.

The problem? Sierra's queen wasn't the only queen to disappear. They're all gone, every single one, and getting them back will be deadly dangerous.

Sierra journeys with her best friend and her worst enemy -- assigned by her father to dog her every step -- to find the missing queens. Along the way, they learn that more than just her sister's life is at stake if they fail. There are secrets in the Skyclad Mountains where the last wild fairies were seen. The magic Sierra finds there has the power to transform their world, but only if she can first embrace her calling as a fairy keeper.

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MER-CHARMER



Fourteen-year-old Phoebe Quinn is surrounded by magic, but she can't muster any of her own. Her sister is a fairy keeper. Her best friends are merfolk. And all she does is dishes and housework.

When Phoebe finds out a terrible sea creature is awakening that preys upon the peace-loving merfolk, she becomes determined to help them, even though it means going with Tristan and Mina to their home deep in the sea.

Beneath the waves, Phoebe learns she's more like her sister than she realized. The merfolk are drawn to her, and she can sense the magic of the sea all around her. Magic is finally at her fingertips, but that's precisely why the stirring dark power under the waters decides it wants her most of all.

Now she must not only help the peaceful merfolk escape this ancient enemy, she must master her out-of-control powers. If she fails, she will die and darkness will rise and enslave the merfolk once more. But embracing her full power could cost her the very people she loves the most.

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“DESPERATELY WISHING TO FORSAKE THE ‘GIFT’ OF ATTRACTING FAIRIES, ONE GIRL MUST FIND THE FAIRY QUEENS TO SAVE HER SISTER AND THEIR WORLD FROM CERTAIN DOOM. IF SHE HAS ANY HOPE OF SUCCEEDING, SIERRA WILL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A DESTINY SHE NEVER WANTED. A DESTINY SHE WAS BORN FOR.

Originally a much darker, young adult novel, Bearce explains that *Fairy Keeper* went through many revisions in order to become the upper middle grade novel that it is today. “The pessimist in me created a dark, broken world with faltering magic and an angry girl who wanted no part of it. The optimist in me told a story of how that girl helps heal the world by accepting her magic, healing herself along the way.” Says Bearce, “I’m glad the optimist in me won.” *Mer-Charmer* continues the world but from the perspective of the rescued sister Phoebe. There’s something about a character that can both need saving and become a savior that hits home and creates a multi-dimensional personality true to the development of self within most people.

The World of Aluvia series is one of few that weaves the action-packed scenarios of young adult fiction in a relateable manner for the 11-15 age group, sans gratuitous language and violence. It’s part of a much needed bridge between middle grade and young adult literature, ensuring the ages of 11-15 aren’t lost or ignored.

Director of Marketing Nikki Tetreault says, “This is the sort of series that’s lessons follow young girls through childhood into adolescence. It’s the Ella Enchanted of millennial reading”.

Fairy Keeper and Mer-Charmer are available for purchase at all major book retailers and via Mackiin Systems.

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