

ALEXANDRA Z. LAZAR

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PROFILE

Author of fiction for children and young adults, who has written for Disney Publishing and worked on a New York Times bestselling series. Has a wide range of creative and academic writing skills, which can be applied to fiction, nonfiction, articles, and editing. Hard working and dedicated to completing any task to the best of her abilities. Enthusiastic and imaginative, as well as intelligent and detail-oriented. Adept at time management and communication: always meets deadlines and actively corresponds with editors and team members. Loves fairy tales, animals, and all things Disney.

SKILLS

- * Creative writing: specializes in fiction for children, middle-schoolers, and young adults
- * Editing: specializes in developmental editing, line editing, copyediting, and continuity checking
- * Article writing, essay writing, copywriting, and academic writing (including research and MLA style)
- * Nonfiction for children
- * Character development
- * Brainstorming story ideas
- * Adapting existing concepts
- * Critical thinking
- * Grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- * Microsoft Word, Adobe Photoshop, and Google Docs
- * Drawing and photography

EXPERIENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

The Quarto Group

August 2019 - Present

Works as a writer-for-hire for becker&mayer!, writing children's nonfiction.

- * "Uncover the Magic" (a three-book series scheduled to be published March 2021 but cancelled by the publisher, due to changes in the market and the pandemic)

Disney Publishing

April 2017 - Present

Works as an independent contractor/writer-for-hire, adapting Disney properties for children's books.

- * "Big Hero 6 Read-Along Storybook and CD" (published May 2018)
- * "Aladdin: Beyond the Palace Walls" (published April 2019)

Kingdom Keepers

2013 - 2015

"Kingdom Keepers" is a New York Times bestselling series, written by Ridley Pearson and published by Disney-Hyperion.

Worked on several Kingdom Keepers projects, in numerous capacities.

- * Won writing contests, resulting in several paragraphs of writing being included in "Kingdom Keepers VII: The Insider" (published April 2014)
- * Edited multiple chapters of "Kingdom Keepers VII: The Insider" as Ridley Pearson's intern
- * Co-authored an eBook novella called "Unforeseen" with Ridley Pearson (published March 2014)
- * Analyzed other Kingdom Keepers books for typos and continuity errors

The Manatee

2013 and 2016

Wrote two short stories that were published in "The Manatee," Southern New Hampshire University's literary journal.

- * "An Unexpected Adventure" (published in the Spring 2013 issue)
- * "The Other Fairy Godmother" (published in the Spring 2016 issue)

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts - Creative Writing

June 2020

Southern New Hampshire University

- * Emphasis on Young Adult fiction
- * Earned a Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing
- * Wrote and revised a complete YA novel, inspired by fairy tales, for thesis project
- * Graduated with a cumulative 4.0 GPA
- * Pursued coursework in YA fiction, creative writing, story development, editing, publishing, branding, and marketing

Bachelor of Arts - English and Creative Writing

October 2016

Southern New Hampshire University

- * Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a concentration in Fiction and a cumulative 4.0 GPA
- * Pursued coursework in fiction, creative writing, literary theory, mythology, literature, and publishing

Honors and Accomplishments

- * Member, Alpha Chi - National Honor Society
- * Member, Sigma Tau Delta - International English Honors Society
- * Member, Alpha Sigma Lambda - Honor Society
- * Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars - Honor Society
- * Member, Sigma Alpha Pi - National Society of Leadership and Success
- * Achieved President's List status
- * Volunteered as a Peer Leader on Southern New Hampshire University's online platform (2018 - 2020)
- * Member of Southern New Hampshire University's Creative Writing Review Club, Book Club, Nerds Unite Club, Outdoors Club, and MFA Writer's Community
- * Served as Engagement Officer on the Creative Writing Review Club's cabinet (2018 - 2020)
- * Interviewed by Southern New Hampshire University's Newsroom and the Penmen Review, SNHU's literary journal