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BESTSELLING YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR



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Robyn's story



All of the best things in Robyn's life happened at airports. When she was thirteen, her mom handed her a copy of [Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone](#) to read on a family vacation. By the time the plane landed, Robyn had finished the book, and decided to become a novelist.

She spent the next year saving up to buy a laptop, and scribbling her first novel in notebooks. In high school, she taught herself how to write books by attending a writing critique group at the local Barnes & Noble, and at eighteen, she sold her first novel to Random House.

But getting a book deal wasn't the happy ending to her story. Her debut novel flopped. As a junior at Barnard College of Columbia University, she panicked and switched her studies from English to Pre-Med.

But she never stopped writing. After chemistry lab, she'd sneak away to a coffee shop and write books. When she sold her first middle grade fantasy series, she deferred medical school and moved to London, England to write--only to have her editor and agent quit the business. Her series was shelved midway through.

While studying bioethics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Robyn began to write the book that would become *The Beginning of Everything*--literally. That novel went on to sell in a six-figure auction in less than a week. Robyn wrapped up her medical studies, stopping at a masters degree, and moved to Los Angeles to write. She's been a full-time novelist ever since.

The Beginning of Everything has sold more than a quarter-million copies, and is published in a dozen languages worldwide. When the book was optioned for film, Robyn was hired to write the screenplay. She went on to write three more critically-acclaimed and award-winning contemporary young adult novels: *Extraordinary Means*, *Invisible Ghosts*, and *You Don't Live Here*.

Remember how the best things happened to her in airports? On her way to promote *The Beginning of Everything* at a conference, she met a boy traveling to the same event who wanted to know what book to read on an airplane. Reader, she married him.

But while she was publishing contemporary fiction, Robyn never let go of her love of fantasy stories, and decided to write one in secret. She sold her *Emry Merlin* series a few weeks into the pandemic, and is thrilled to finally get to tell the story of a brilliant female wizard. The first book in the series, *The Other Merlin*, will be published Sept. 21, 2021. The next book will be released in 2022.

Robyn lives in Los Angeles with her husband, their dog Penny, her collection of antique medical instruments, and far too many books. Next on her agenda? *Emry Merlin* book 3!

Robyn's Official Bio

ROBYN SCHNEIDER IS THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING, EXTRAORDINARY MEANS, INVISIBLE GHOSTS AND YOU DON'T LIVE HERE, WHICH HAVE EARNED NUMEROUS STARRED REVIEWS, APPEAR ON MANY STATE READING LISTS, AND ARE PUBLISHED IN OVER A DOZEN COUNTRIES.

HER NEWEST NOVEL, THE OTHER MERLIN, A TEEN ROM-COM SET IN MEDIEVAL CAMELOT, COMES OUT SEPTEMBER 21 FROM PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE.

ROBYN IS A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE STUDIED CREATIVE WRITING, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PERELMAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, WHERE SHE EARNED A MASTERS OF BIOETHICS. SHE LIVES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO ON THE INTERNET.

QUICK FACTS:

AGE: 35

STAR SIGN: TAURUS

HOMETOWN: IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

CURRENTLY: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

#OWNVOICES LGBTQ? YES, ROBYN PROUDLY IDENTIFIES AS BISEXUAL

FAVORITE BOOKS: THE SECRET HISTORY BY DONNA TARTT, THEOPHILUS NORTH BY THORNTON WILDER, NORWEGIAN WOOD BY HARUKI MURAKAMI, LOOKING FOR ALASKA BY JOHN GREEN, A DARKER SHADE OF MAGIC BY VE SCHWAB, THE BEEKEEPER'S APPRENTICE BY LAURIE KING, THE HARRY POTTER SERIES BY JK ROWLING, A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES BY DEBORAH HARKNESS, RED WHITE AND ROYAL BLUE BY CASEY MCQUISTON.

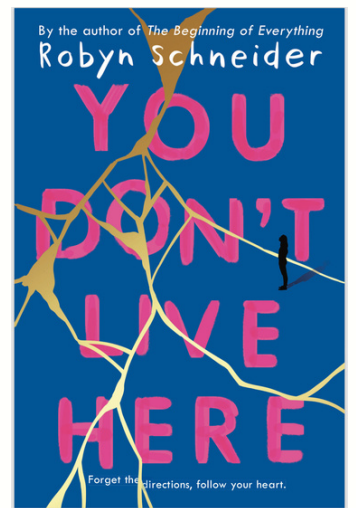
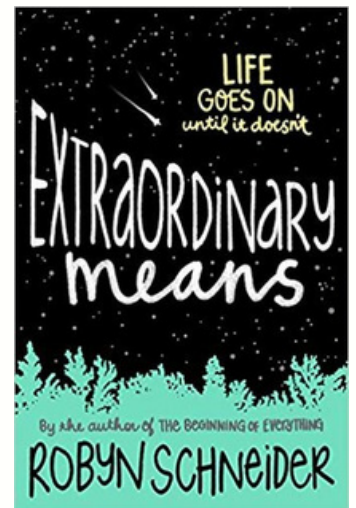
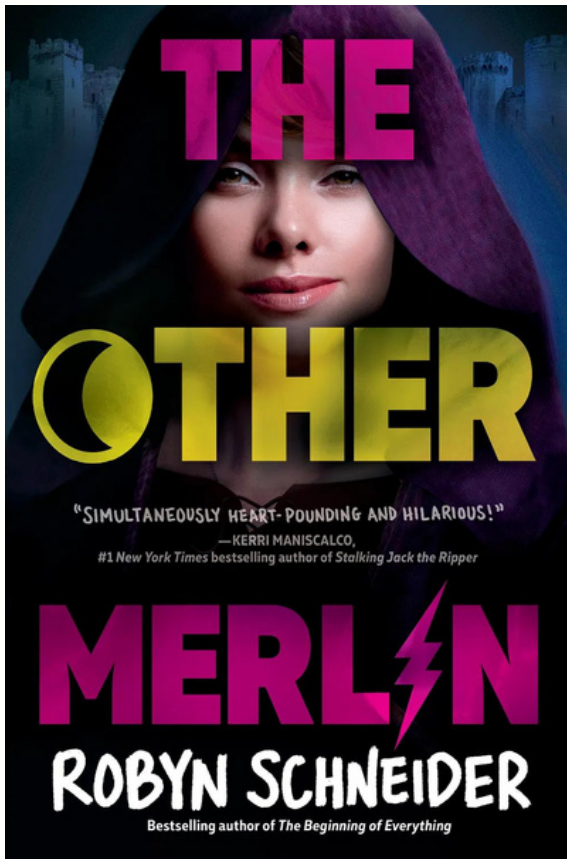
FAVORITE MOVIES: ROMAN HOLIDAY, RUSHMORE, DEAD POETS SOCIETY, LEGALLY BLONDE, MIDNIGHT IN PARIS, A KNIGHT'S TALE

FAVORITE TV SHOWS: GILMORE GIRLS, THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF, DOCTOR WHO, THE WEST WING, SHERLOCK, THE MAGICIANS, FLEABAG, ZOEY'S EXTRAORDINARY PLAYLIST

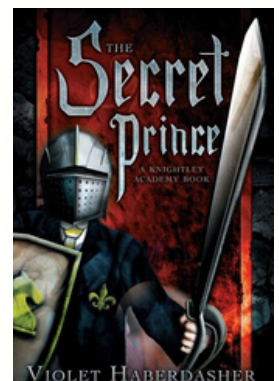
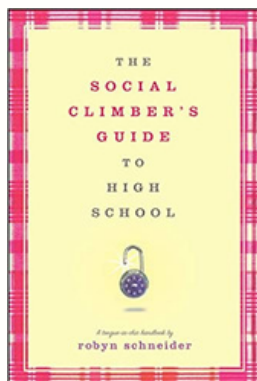
Robyn's Books

YA Fantasy

Contemporary YA



Out of print



Praise for Robyn's contemporary YA novels

"HERE ARE TEENS WHO COULD EASILY TRADE BARBS AND DOUBLE-ENTENDRES WITH THE CHARACTERS THAT FILL JOHN GREEN'S NOVELS...SUBTLE TURNS OF PHRASE MAKE READING AND REREADING THIS NOVEL A DELIGHT."
KIRKUS (STARRED REVIEW)

"AN ENGROSSING ROMANCE... SCHNEIDER SHOWS REMARKABLE SKILL AT GETTING INSIDE HER NARRATOR'S HEAD AS HIS LIFE SWINGS BETWEEN DISASTER AND RECOVERY."
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)

"THIS THOUGHT-PROVOKING NOVEL ABOUT SMART KIDS DOING INTERESTING THINGS WILL RESONATE WITH THE JOHN GREEN CONTINGENT, AS IT IS TINGED WITH SADNESS, HIGH JINKS, WRY HUMOR AND PHILOSOPHICAL PONDERING IN EQUAL MEASURES."
BOOKLIST (STARRED REVIEW)

AN UNFORGETTABLE COMING OF AGE STORY FULL OF HUMOR, HOPE, AND HEARTBREAK...PART LOVE STORY, PART FANDOM REFERENCE TREASURE HUNT, PART HIGH SCHOOL DOCUMENTARY"
HYPABLE

"TRULY ONE OF THOSE TEEN NOVELS YOU WILL REMEMBER."
- BARNES & NOBLE

"REIGNING CHAMP OF MOST LIKELY TO DESTROY YOU WITH FEELINGS" -
BUZZFEED

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- #9 ON THE AUTUMN 2013 INDIE NEXT LIST
- GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD NOMINEE FOR YOUNG ADULT FICTION
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD NOMINEE
- KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS AWARD NOMINEE
- BLACK-EYED SUSAN AWARD NOMINEE
- BANK STREET CHILDREN'S BOOK COMMITTEE BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR
- BEST FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS NOMINEE
- AMAZON BEST BOOK OF THE MONTH
- APPLE ITUNES EDITOR'S CHOICE
- A BARNES & NOBLE EDITOR'S PICK
- ILLINOIS TEEN CHOICE AWARD NOMINEE
- TEEN VOGUE BOOK CLUB
- A JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION

NEWEST BOOK:

The Other Merlin

AUTHOR: ROBYN SCHNEIDER

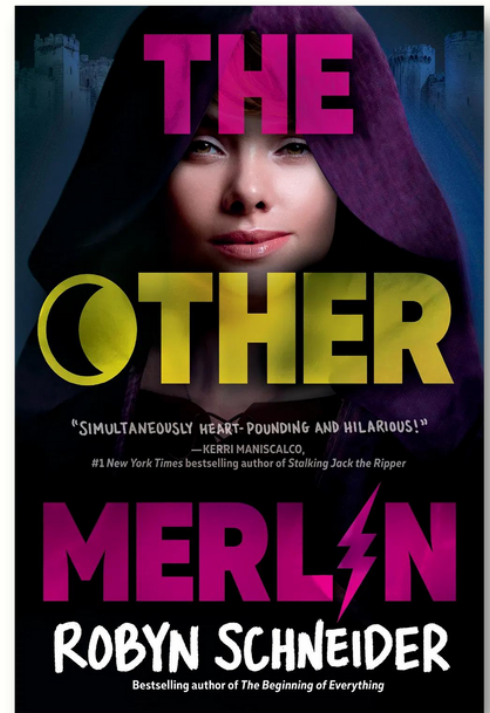
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GENRES: YOUNG ADULT, HISTORICAL, FANTASY,
ROMANCE, LGBTQ

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Channeling the modern humor of *A Knight's Tale*, bestselling author Robyn Schneider creates a Camelot that becomes the ultimate teen rom-com hotspot in this ultra-fresh take on the Arthurian legend.

Welcome to the great kingdom of Camelot. Prince Arthur's a depressed botanist who would rather marry a library than a princess, Lancelot's been demoted to castle guard after a terrible misunderstanding, and nothing is going according to plan. Then Arthur accidentally pulls the sword from the stone (in his defense, he was drunk and mostly kidding), and now everyone's convinced he's some prophesied hero.

Emry Merlin is stuck in her small town. Her father, the legendary court wizard, disappeared years ago, and Emry's been peddling theater tricks to make ends meet. When a royal messenger arrives summoning her far less talented twin brother to serve as Prince Arthur's right-hand wizard, Emry is understandably upset. But after Emmett becomes indisposed thanks to a bad spell, Emry disguises herself as her brother and travels to the royal court to impersonate him until they can switch.

Studying magic at the castle is everything Emry hoped for. But life in King Uther's court is full of scandals, lies, and backstabbing courtiers. What's a casually bisexual teen wizard masquerading as her twin brother to do? Other than fall for the handsome prince, stir trouble with the foppish Lord Gawain, offend Princess Guinevere, and make herself indispensable to the future of Camelot?

When the truth comes out with disastrous consequences, Emry has to decide whether she'll risk everything for the boy she loves, or give up her potential to become the greatest wizard Camelot has ever known.

Praise for The Other Merlin

★ “SCHNEIDER’S FIRST FORAY INTO FANTASY, A CLEVER TRILOGY STARTER BASED IN THE KING ARTHUR MYTHOS, CHANGES MOST OF THE CANONICAL FACTS BUT GETS EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS RIGHT IN THIS FUNNY, SHARP, ROMANTIC, MAGIC-FILLED BOOK. A HIGHLY SATISFYING, RENEGADE REBOOT.”
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW)

ONE PART ARTHURIAN LEGEND, ONE PART TEEN DRAMEDY, ALL PARTS ENJOYABLE.”
KIRKUS REVIEWS

“FUNNY, THRILLING, BRAVE AND BOLD, THE OTHER MERLIN IS THE PERFECT WAY TO PASS THE TIME UNTIL THE NEXT RENAISSANCE FAIRE”
BOOKPAGE

“SIMULTANEOUSLY HEART-POUNGING AND HILARIOUS, ROBYN SCHNEIDER GIVES US A VERITABLE ROMP THROUGH CAMELOT FUELED BY ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE.
KERRI MANISCALCO, #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE KINGDOM OF THE WICKED AND STALKING JACK THE RIPPER

“ROBYN SCHNEIDER BRINGS EVERYTHING I LOVE ABOUT HER CONTEMPORARY BOOKS INTO FANTASY WITH RICH EMOTIONAL ARCS AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT ARE AS COMPELLING AS THE ROMANCE. THESE CHARACTERS DRAW YOU IN AS THE STORY KEEPS YOU GUESSING. I HAVE NO DOUBT THIS SERIES WILL BECOME A FAVORITE FOR YA READERS.”
ADRIENNE YOUNG, NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF FABLE AND SKY IN THE DEEP

“AN ABSOLUTE JOY FROM START TO FINISH. IT HAS THE FEEL OF A PARTY YOU’RE JUST CHUFFED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO— SPARKLING CHARACTERS, WITTY DIALOGUE, AND OF COURSE, GREAT STORIES OF DERRING-DO. SCHNEIDER TAKES A FAMILIAR STORY AND GIVES IT THE RELEVANCY IT DESERVES: WITH QUEERNESS, FRIENDSHIP, AND, NATURALLY, THE WOMAN WIZARD WE’VE BEEN WAITING FOR.”
MAGGIE TOKUDA-HALL, AUTHOR OF THE MERMAID, THE WITCH, AND THE SEA

“THIS BOOK WAS A DELIGHT TO READ. SCHNEIDER CRAFTS A DEFT WORLD, PAINTED ALONGSIDE DELIGHTFUL CHARACTERS AND THE PERFECT DASH OF WIT. EVERYTHING I LOOK FOR IN MY FAVORITE NOVELS—INCLUDING A SMOLDERING ROMANCE!—CAN BE FOUND IN THE OTHER MERLIN, WHICH IS A WONDERFULLY FRESH TAKE ON ARTHUR AND HIS STORIED KNIGHTS OF LORE.”
RENEE AHDIEH, NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE WRATH AND THE DAWN



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