

# I'm so excited to be a Pitch Wars YA mentor this year!

Pitch Wars is a mentoring program where publishing industry professionals choose one writer each to spend three months revising their manuscript. It ends in February with an Agent Showcase, where agents can read a pitch and first page and can request to read more.

Feel free to @ me on Twitter with any specific questions. I'm [@carlylheath](#).

**Scroll down for my wishlist!**

## About Me

I'm Carly Heath, author of [THE RECKLESS KIND](#), a queer YA historical novel set in 1904 Scandinavia, out November 2, from Soho Teen.

I teach for various colleges and universities (I have a lot of experience giving feedback).

I love astrology, horses, and farm animals of all kinds.

I tend to write historical fiction (my current WIP is fantasy) and my characters tend to be queer, disabled, and/or marginalized in some way.

I'm a Libra rising with a stellium in Libra, Moon in Libra, Sun in Virgo. INFJ. Metal Rooster.

Plant-based and pagan.

I live in the city and tend to a small flock of sheep.

A long time ago I was an extra in The Princess Diaries with Anne Hathaway.

## What am I looking for?

First, I am a YA mentor (but I am open to NA).

I read across all genres, so the most important thing for me is BIG FEELS. **I'm drawn to characters who care passionately about something or someone from the first page.**

### **Some other things I love:**

Queer main characters

Feminism

Stories where characters care DEEPLY about each other whether its romantic or platonic

Anything related to defeating the imperialist white supremacist capitalist cisheteropatriarchy and white settler colonialism

Confronting/subverting toxic masculinity and the gender binary

Disability representation

Cis guys who wear make-up/jewelry/dresses

Human characters who care about animals/fight for animal liberation

Main characters from marginalized/non-Christian religions  
Humor

**What I'm not looking for:**

Holocaust stories written by non-Jewish authors  
Stories centered on marginalization written by non-marginalized authors  
Alpha-male love interests  
Graphic, on-the-page abuse/trauma  
Stories where the emotion is one-note, dark/gloomy without levity  
Christian/inspirational stories  
Unchecked racism/homophobia/ableism

**Random fav authors:**

Madeline Miller

Becky Albertalli

Taylor Jenkins Reid

Adam Silvera

Laura Ruby

Casey McQuiston

N.K. Jemisin

Cat Sebastian

K.J. Charles

Octavia Butler

Talia Hibbert

**Me as a mentor:**

I want to help you perfect the book according to YOUR VISION. I'll make in-line notes on the document, write an edit letter, and we can brainstorm over zoom!

**BELIEVE!**