

Thank you for your interest in STELLA STAR. I'm confident that you would be a strong representative for Althea and Stella, as they are two utterly different but strong-willed women.

New York City, 1926: Nurse Althea Anderson devotes herself to her patients despite the long hours, low pay, and male doctors' skepticism. But when she's forced to make a choice between a baby's life and medical convention, she delves into Coney Island's sideshows and plunges her orderly life into chaos.

Poughkeepsie, 1951: Stella Wright is tired. She's tired of her job teaching students with special needs, she's tired of fighting with her husband, and she's tired of missing her mom. In an effort to escape her grief and guilt, Stella returns to her childhood home and finds a letter casting her entire identity into question. Who is Stella Wright? What was Stella's mother hiding? And who will Stella become?

Traveling from the chaos of Bellevue Hospital to the incongruity of Luna Park's incubator wards, STELLA STAR follows two women through events that testing not only their bravery but their values. Decades apart, Althea and Stella will confront questions of dishonesty, disobedience, and disability.

STELLA STAR will be my debut novel, but I have spent my entire life reading and writing. I am currently an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University double majoring in Elementary Education and Language & Literacy Studies and minoring in Special Education. I am eager to break into the literary world, which has always felt like my second home.

The first three chapters are below.

Historical Fiction Author Addison Armstrong and When Your Passion Becomes Your Work

Historical Fiction Author Addison Armstrong joins Queries, Qualms, & Quirks this week to discuss predicting her jobs in Pre-K, querying too soon due to excitement, graduating college with a literary agent, taking her book offer call with a broom in one hand, being surprised by a two-book contract, how a book contract changed her feelings towards writing, and worrying that the first book contract was a fluke.

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