

Marika Beck

Where do you live?	Grass Valley, CA
Where do you work?	Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning
What does your job entail?	I teach English 11, English 12, Honors English 11/12, Drama, and have an 11th grade Crew at a small, public charter Expeditionary Learning school. This requires wearing many hats and performing great acts of collaboration, creativity, courage, curiosity, advocacy, integrity and perseverance every day. I am blessed to work with an incredible Crew of teachers and staff who are committed to building an amazing school and revolutionizing education for every student we serve.
What do you enjoy most about your work?	Being present to the growth and unfolding of my students.
Where were you born?	Walnut Creek, CA
What three words best describe you?	Creative, compassionate, patient
What place feels like home?	The forest.
If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?	Taylor Greer from <i>The Bean Trees</i> by Barbara Kingsolver. This character and novel made me love reading.
What's the last good book you read?	The Overstory by Richard Powers
When you were 8, what did you want to be when you grew up?	A stage actress or a criminal detective
What's the last concert you went to?	Frank Iero with my niece
What do you wish you	Playing an instrument

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were really good at?	
What was the last show you binge watched?	Ozarks
What's your favorite thing to do on a Saturday morning?	Sleep in, drink coffee on my deck, and read a book.
What's one habit that you're proud to have changed?	Scrolling through Facebook
What's one food that you can't stand?	eggplant
What's a song or album that you've played more times than you're willing to confess?	I listen to Joni Mitchell's album <i>Blue</i> every chance I get. I believe it is the most beautiful album ever recorded.
Do you believe in astrology? And if so, does your sign fit you?	I do believe in Astrology. My Sun is in Cancer, my Moon is in Sagittarius, and my Rising is on the Virgo/Libra cusp. I generally align with the traits and energy suggested in my star chart and try to stay moderately aware of the current planetary positions and the potential influence on my life.
Where would you go for a dream vacation?	I would love to visit Bali for at least a month.
What mythical creature would you like to bring to life?	I would fan the flames of Kali, Hindu Goddess of creation and destruction, to complete the burning off of the old and oppressive systems that keep humanity captive and create space for growth of love and connection.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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