

Author Interview With Lois Wickstrom by Itsy Bitsy Book Bits

For those new to your work, please tell us a bit about yourself, your books and your genre/s

- Most of my books are STEM. I like to think about how the characters in fairytales could have had better endings if they knew some scientific principles. Other books are pure fantasy.

What lessons have you learned as a writer?

- Get feedback. Listen to it. Even if it doesn't make sense, it usually means that something in my story needs to be clarified.

In your everyday life how do you give back to the world?

- I pick up garbage from the sidewalk in my neighborhood.

If your life was a song what song would it be and why?

- I don't sing. My 5th grade teacher told me that my voice ruined the sound of the whole class.

Name two authors you wish more people knew about

- Elizabeth Catanese, Stephanie Bennett Vogt

What are some of your hobbies?

- gardening, cooking

When reading reviews, what is something you love to see written?

- this book gave me a good feeling for the rest of the day.

What are you currently working on?

- a middle grade novel about a dragon

What books are currently in your to-read list?

- A Year to Clear, Truth of the Heart

What is your favorite book made into a movie/tv show?

- Wizard of Oz

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

- My parents wouldn't let me have a dog when I lived with them.

Its Release Day! How do you celebrate?

- I don't. I'm too busy working on my next story.

What gives you inspiration for the stories you write?

- Random events, meditation, things people say, things I read

What is your writing routine with a new book? Do you outline your stories or do you do what the characters tell you to do as you go along? Mix of both?

- I outline, but as I write, things usually change. Still, the outline keeps me focused.

What has been your most rewarding experience since publishing your work?

- I love getting emails from kids and grownups who have read my stories.

If you could sit down with any character in your book, what would you ask them and why?

- In my current book, I would ask the dragon why he cheated on his magic test.

If you were offered a movie deal for just one of your books, which would you choose and why?

- Xenia Navarro and the Magic Ants because this story will help people understand why the US immigration policy needs to be improved.

Have you ever met a celebrity? Which celebrity would you like to meet if given the chance?

- no. And I don't find myself attracted to celebrities.

Other than necessities, what is one thing you cannot go a day without?

- exercise

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- Laura Backes' recommendation