

Become Acquainted with the Rising Author, Gwy Saludes!

“It was a curse whenever I look at the moon, I think of you. It haunted me.”

“... you are the dream, Luna.”

Do these lines ring a bell to you, folks? From the book *The Rain in España*, Kalix Jace Martinez said these famous lines to Louisse Natasha Valeria, his lover. It was a love story which revolves in a college set up, mainly in the University of Santo Tomas. Kalix, a pre-law student from Ateneo; Luna, an architecture student from University of Santo Tomas. This story can make you cry, laugh, and hope for an ideal and long-lasting kind of love. *The Rain in España* is the first story in the University series. Under this series, there are five other stories which tell different kinds of love story and conflict. But have you ever wondered how someone creates a story that will truly make you ride a roller coaster of emotions? Well, I guess it's time for us to meet the great mind behind these wonderful teen fictions!

Gwyneth Jan Saludes, also known as, Gwy Saludes is a 21-year-old girl who makes stories under different genres. Born on November 8, 2000, Gwy is, indeed, a Sagittarius woman for her fierce and passionate personality. Juggling college, writing and vlogging altogether, Gwy is a professional when it comes to time management. She makes sure that every deadline is met beforehand. Aside from her passion in writing, she also expresses her love for law. Gwy is taking up a pre-law course which is Bachelor of Science in Legal Management in Ateneo de Manila University, currently in her 2nd year. In an interview, Saludes said she's eyeing 3 Law schools in the future, namely: Ateneo de Manila university, University of the Philippines, and San Beda University. We all know how hectic and difficult law school can be! But for Gwy, she said that she can cope up with the hardships through writing. In writing, she can easily express her emotions and be at ease.

Gwyneth Saludes uses the name “4reuminct”, pronounced as “Aru-min-kit” in the platforms where she writes her stories. The meaning behind this name is quite interesting, why? From the Korean word “Areum” which means beauty, Saludes believes that beauty is indistinct which is why she added the suffix “-inct.” Witty, isn't she? Not just beauty and brains, but also humor.

Brought by her adoration for the two sweetheart actors, Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo, also known as KathNiel, Saludes started her first-ever *Twitter* serye last 2019 entitled *Along España*, that surprisingly blew up on the internet, causing massive praises from the audiences, and was also recognized by Kathryn Bernardo. Yes, Gwy fulfilled the dream of every fan girl! The Twitter serye author saw the amount of appreciation in her work, which kickstarted the rest of her KathNiel seryes. What exudes the most to Saludes' works is her way of writing, given that fiction stories take a hefty amount of time and imagination to create a noteworthy storyline, she remains all her works unscripted, whereas the author can freely barge in scenes that could spice up the entire plot – plain and borderline freestyle. After all, Gwyneth remains efficient on how she handles her time, and how she separates her career in writing and education, which gained much recognition from her supporters.

Within the social media platform and its growing population, we can say that fame equates to hatred, and Gwyneth is, certainly, aware of it. Nevertheless, she keeps her eyes and ears open to constructive criticisms while managing the pressure from the negativity that people throw around her. One of the things that divert her attention against the limelight of hostility are her fans - 4reums – and they are

enough reasons for her to strive and continue the hard work she has put into, while dodging the wall of negativity.

Comparable to every known thriving story maker in the industry, Gwyneth Saludes never had any milestone automatically spoon fed to her. She had to go through various obstacles that tested her intense passion for writing, while maintaining an exceptional performance going to college. Like any of us, keeping a straight face against the underlying pressure of expectations towards reaching success. Although the judging eyes of people could almost reckon our every move, we decide if we will get back up despite our failures or remain on the ground. Saludes' inspiring story inspired many writers out there. If she made it, so can you.