

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Short Bio:

Kate Brauning grew up in rural Missouri and fell in love with young adult books in college. She now works in publishing and pursues her lifelong dream of telling stories she'd want to read. This is her first novel. Visit her online at www.katebrauning.com or on Twitter at [@KateBrauning](https://twitter.com/KateBrauning).

Long Bio:

Kate is an author of young adult fiction. As a child, she spent a lot of time in her local library, wandering the shelves and discovering all kinds of stories about all kinds of people. She grew up in the hills of Missouri on twenty acres with a big pear tree, cats, dogs, chickens, rabbits, and bottle calves. An incurable love for seeing real life through the pages of a book drew her to writing fiction, and at fifteen she decided she wanted someone to find her own books by searching through the shelves of a library. She's been writing ever since, and she's not going to stop until she can no longer put one word after another.

Kate has taught high school English and fiction workshops at her library, and has worked with both a literary agency and publishing houses. She loves attending writing conferences and book fairs, and is an editor at Entangled Publishing, where she acquires young adult fiction and adult romance. She's also an advocate for domestic abuse victims and poverty eradication, and she volunteers with a grassroots nonprofit, [One Body One Hope](#), which creates community-to-community relationships in Monrovia, Liberia, for infrastructure redevelopment and education.

Currently Kate lives in Iowa with her husband and their Siberian husky. They do a lot of traveling to visit her husband's family in the Dominican Republic, and to visit Kate's family and friends, which against her advice, scattered all over the U.S. In her spare time, she makes fancy cakes, hunts down new music, and reads just about everything.

Kate loves dark chocolate, everything about autumn, bright colors, red maple trees, superstitions, ghost stories, anything Harry Potter, night skies, pie, and talking about books. She's working hard on her next few novels, and if you see her, say hello, because she'd love to take you out for coffee and ask you what you're reading.

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BOOK INFORMATION

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Short Pitch:

In the wake of her best friend's disappearance, 17-year-old Jackie throws herself into an obsessive relationship with her cousin, only to find out her best friend's secrets might take him, too.

Back Cover Blurb:

Ever since Jackie moved to her uncle's sleepy farming town, she's been flirting way too much and with her own cousin, Marcus.

Her friendship with him has turned into something she can't control, and he's the reason Jackie lost track of her best friend, Ellie, who left for...no one knows where. Now Ellie has been missing for months, and the police, fearing the worst, are searching for her body. Swamped with guilt and the knowledge that acting on her love for Marcus would tear their families apart, Jackie pushes her cousin away. The plan is to fall out of love, and, just as she hoped he would, Marcus falls for the new girl in town. But something isn't right about this stranger, and Jackie's suspicions about the new girl's secrets only drive the wedge deeper between Jackie and Marcus.

Then Marcus is forced to pay the price for someone else's lies as the mystery around Ellie's disappearance starts to become horribly clear. Jackie has to face terrible choices. Can she leave her first love behind, and can she go on living with the fact that she failed her best friend?

Critical Reviews:

Kirkus Reviews: "Debut novelist Brauning tells a touching story of young, star-crossed lovers caught in a drama they have tried hard to avoid.... A sweetly written mix of mystery and romantic turmoil."

School Library Journal: "Heartbreaking and well-paced, this mystery novel challenges readers to look past preconceptions and get to the know characters, rather than focus on an uncomfortable taboo. Brauning's characters are well developed and their story engrossing. An intriguing thriller... this title will raise eyebrows and capture the interest of teens."

Booklist: "...an unusual combination of romance and suspense... There is also something universal about Jackie's struggles with her feelings and her desires, and readers will identify with her emotions, while going along for the plot's ride. This quest for identity, wrapped up in an intriguing mystery, hooks from the beginning."

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