

Veronica Bartles author of TWELVE STEPS (YA), and THE PRINCESS AND THE FROGS (PB), loves to ask “What If?” She believes there are many sides to every story, and she’s determined to discover every single one! She believes every princess deserves a frog (because princes aren't pets!) and she understands that not every Cinderella wants a glass slipper. Veronica is a raging introvert who pretends to be an extrovert, and she’s an incurable optimist who loves gray, drizzly days. That’s when rainbows come out to play! When not writing or reading, she likes to invent new cookie recipes and knit things from recycled plastic bags.

Veronica is a proud member of [The Children’s Book Guild of Washington DC](#) and [Authors Against Book Bans](#). She is the creator of the hashtag [#KidLitConfections](#), and she coordinated the MD/VA/DC Read Local Challenge from its inception in 2015 until it ended in 2023. She loves connecting KidLit creators with teachers, librarians, and community organizations to help readers find themselves in their new favorite books.



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Fun Facts about Veronica Bartles

Veronica Bartles (Catonsville, MD) used to host a Christmas cookie party. Every year, she would make over 5,000 cookies to share with her entire neighborhood!

Other Interesting Things About Me:

I am autistic, and I have ADHD. But I wasn't diagnosed until I was 45 years old, so I spent most of my life feeling like I just wasn't trying hard enough to do things "right." Now, I am having fun discovering lots of ways that my brain simply works differently than the brains of my neurotypical friends and family.

I am the second of eight children, mother of four, and grandmother of three.

I've learned a lot of things (jewelry-making, basic woodworking, graphic design, and website-building, for starters) because someone assumed I already knew how and asked me to teach a class about it. I was too shy to speak up and say I didn't know how to do it, so I had to learn fast! Thank goodness for how-to books, online classes, YouTube tutorials, and good ol' trial-and-error!

I was a member of the OneFourKidLit debut author group together with some super-awesome authors who are still some of my favorite KidLit creators!

I have over 2,000 books in my home library (over 300 of them are signed by their authors/illustrators!!)—and I have read most of them more than once!

I'm a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and of all my favorite books in the world, my very most favorite is the Book of Mormon.

