

# 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 the best happily ever after is one nobody expects. Every princess deserves a frog (because princes aren’t pets!) and not every Cinderella wants a glass slipper. When not writing or reading, Veronica likes to invent new cookie recipes and knit things from recycled plastic bags. And she’s an incurable optimist who loves gray, drizzly days. That’s when rainbows come out to play!

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