

meet the author.

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1 • WHAT IS YOUR KRYPTONITE FOR WRITING?

Procrastination I love to write and when I do, time flies by. That's the problem: sitting in front of the computer. I struggle to get to grips with Word and it takes me soooo long to open the document, reread what I've written in the last few days and start writing.

2 • IF YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING TO YOUR YOUNGER WRITING SELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Don't give up. I know it seems very difficult, and I'm not going to lie to you: it is, but it's worth it. Keep writing what you write, even if you think no one will want to read you.

3 • WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR FIRST ADVANCE?

It may sound basic, but I bought books!

4 • AS A WRITER, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE AS A MASCOT/AVATAR/SPIRIT ANIMAL?

A cat! I think we're similar, because cats need their space and that's something we share. I'm an introvert and I also need to be left to my own devices from time to time haha.

5 • HOW DO YOU CHOOSE THE NAMES OF YOUR CHARACTERS?

I used to go to baby websites (I think most of the visits to baby websites are from writers or people who create characters haha), but now I get them from Pinterest or TikTok.

6 • WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?

The "Fairy Oak" saga. I remember I used to sleep with the books at the foot of my bed so that, as soon as I opened my eyes, I could read a few pages before starting the day.

7 • HOW MANY BOOKS HAVE YOU WRITTEN AND WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE ONE?

I have thirteen books written, although most of them are far from being publishable. And as for which is my favourite... I wouldn't know what to say! Each one brings me something different and reminds me of different times in my life.

8 • IF YOU COULD SPEND A DAY WITH ANOTHER POPULAR AUTHOR, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

There are two writers, Iria and Selene, whom I admire very much. Not only because they were among the first national writers I knew who wrote literature with LGBT+ representation, but also because they were among the first I knew who managed to have a readership base very similar to that of international authors. Internationally, I would love to meet Cassandra Clare because her saga, "Shadowhunters", accompanied me during my adolescence and she was one of the first writers I read who included queer characters in her stories.

9 • HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR BOOK?

Like when you try a food you really like: with a little dance of joy! Afterwards, I let my loved ones know that I'm done, that I'm available again, and I announce it on social media.