## KL's Biography

K.L. Going is the award-winning author of numerous books for children and teens. Her first novel was named a Michael Printz Honor Book by the American Library Association. Her books have been Booksense picks, Scholastic Book Club choices, Junior Library Guild selections, and winners of state book awards. They've been featured by Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, Kirkus, and Children's Book Council as Best Books of the Year. Her first novel, Fat Kid Rules the World, has been adapted into an independent film and was an Audience Award winner at the SXSW Film Festival.

K.L. began her career working at one of the oldest literary agencies in New York City. She used this inner knowledge of publishing to write Writing and Selling the Young Adult Novel—a how-to book for aspiring authors, published by Writer's Digest. She has also written short stories for several anthologies and currently has multiple books under contract. She lives in Glen Spey, NY where she both writes and runs a business critiquing manuscripts.

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Looking for a professional manuscript critique? KL Going offers the insights of an award-winning author along with her experience working at a literary agency and an independent bookstore.

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Gae Polisner

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Beth Staples

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Writing Exercises: KL provides fun, illuminating discussions and activities designed to encourage and instruct aspiring authors. Writing exercises can be general or specific (voice, character, plotting, etc.) depending on your needs.

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