

# The CRISANTA KNIGHT Series

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## About *The Crisanta Knight Series*

*The Crisanta Knight Series* is going to be an eight-book epic of enchantment, adventure, and sassiness (five books released as of summer 2019). The series follows the children and younger siblings of famous fairytale characters, all of whom live in a magical world called “Book” where citizens train to become main characters in future stories. The series is told from the perspective of Cinderella’s daughter, who is sixteen years old at the start of the saga.

### Main Themes

I attended USC and *The Crisanta Knight Series* was founded on the principles of my award-winning Cinematic Arts senior thesis “Beauty & the Badass: Origins of the Hero-Princess Archetype.” Growing up, I always loved hero stories and princess stories, but the two archetypes did not mesh well enough for my liking and I wanted to create a female character that embodied the fundamental values of both kinds of characters — a “hero-princess” if you will. This became the heart of my series, and as a result my books are unafraid to dabble in valiancy and vulnerability, and address the complex balance and battle between the two. Some other main themes found in the series include: change, self-acceptance, and the power of choice.

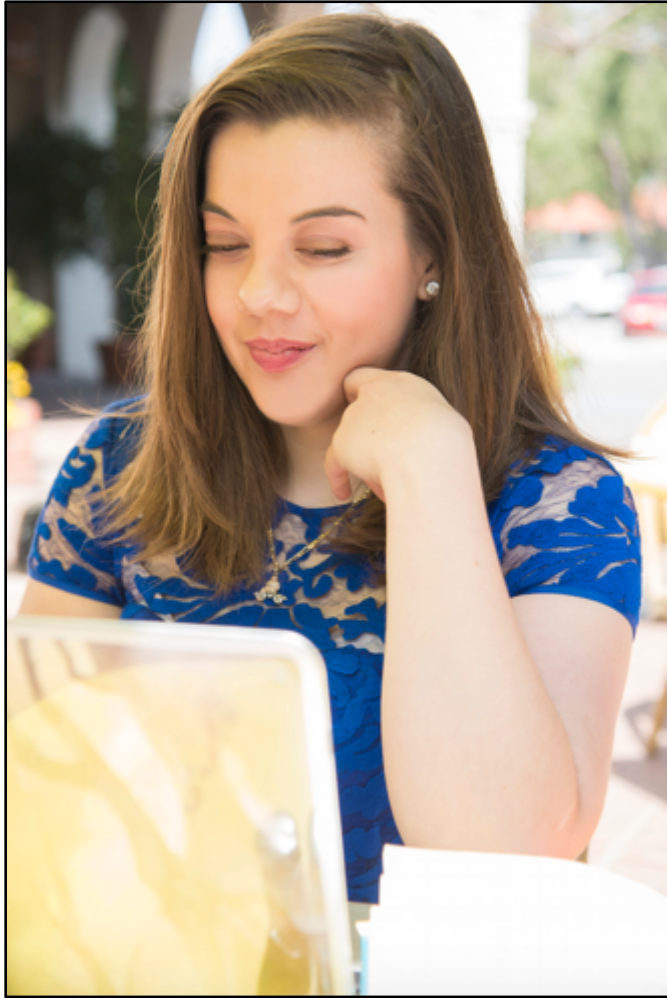
### Uniqueness in Today’s Market

In the middle reader, teen, and YA book markets of today, many stories are very dark and apocalyptic, and most female protagonist books are super romance focused. This series is something different. *The Crisanta Knight Series* is filled with light, wonder, and fun. These are books that adults can read and kids can read, and they will make you smile, not fill you with angst about who’s going to die next. It’s a series that mixes sassy, witty humor with great action, genuine heart, and positive messaging. Additionally, my female protagonist’s journey is the priority here; unlike other books where the female protagonist’s journey is of equal value to the relationship with her love interest(s).

### Awards Thus Far:

- Mom’s Choice Award
  - *Children/Preteens (8-12), Teens (13-18), and Young Adults (19-25)*
- Living Now Book Award
  - *Adventure Fiction*
- Eric Hoffer Award
  - *Young Adult Fiction*
- IPPY Book Award
  - *Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction E-book*
- Pinnacle Book Achievement Award
  - *Best Books in Fiction*
- Benjamin Franklin Book Award
  - *Teen Fiction (13 – 18 years)*
- Feathered Quill Book Award
  - *Gold in Best of Backlist (Children’s/Teens)*

## Geanna Culbertson Biography:



Geanna Culbertson is the award-winning author of *The Crisanta Knight Series*. Since Book One's release in May 2016, the series has won many awards, including a Mom's Choice Award for best family-friendly media, a Living Now Choice Award for "best lifestyle and world-changing books" in adventure fiction, a Benjamin Franklin Award for best books in Teen Fiction, and many more!

*The Crisanta Knight Series* is a proud sponsor of *Girls on the Run*. Driven by a heroine who is strong, smart, and bold, *The Crisanta Knight Series* is happy to be a continuous presence in the GOTR community, as both envision "a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential."

The series has been featured in *Girls' Life Magazine* as recommended reading for preteen and teen girls. Culbertson is a proud supporter of nonprofits like *Girl Scouts* and *Read to a Child*. She is also a regular speaker at schools for an array of age groups (from elementary schools to major universities).

Culbertson is a proud alumna of the University of Southern California where she earned her B.A. in Public Relations and triple minor degrees in Marketing, Cinematic Arts, and Critical Approaches to Leadership. She is a part of only 1.3% of her graduating class to earn the double distinction of *Renaissance Scholar* and *Discovery Scholar*. Her Discovery Scholar thesis "Beauty & the Badass: Origins of the Hero-Princess Archetype" earned her acclaim in the School of Cinematic Arts, and helped fuel her female protagonist focused writing passions.

In addition to authoring *The Crisanta Knight Series* (set to be eight books with the final release in 2021), Culbertson is a full-time manager at a leading digital marketing firm, representing over 25 clients from an array of industries. When Culbertson is not working or writing, she can likely be found at her local karate studio (she is a black belt), going on adventures with her mother and best friend, and indulging her love of delicious food across the land.

## *Crisanta Knight: Protagonist Bound* — May 10, 2016



I was going to be a great protagonist. At least that's what my mom, Cinderella, kept telling me. I, however, had my doubts.

Unlike most main characters at Lady Agnue's School for Princesses & Other Female Protagonists, I was opinionated, bold, and headstrong. Moreover, for a princess, I had a lot of issues. I'm talking vicious nightmares about people I've never met, a total stalker prince, and a Fairy Godmother for an enemy.

But I digress. Because here's the thing about living in an enchanted realm of fairytale characters, crazy junk you never planned on happens all the time. One minute you could be practicing fainting exercises in Damsels in Distress class, sword fighting in a field, or flying on a Pegasus, and the next, **BAM!** Your book has begun and you're saddled with a prophecy that changes everything.

I still don't know if I will be a great protagonist one day. But I do know one thing about my fate, for certain. Despite what The Author and the antagonists have in store for me, whatever it costs . . . *I'll be the one taking charge of my own story.*

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### *Praise for Crisanta Knight: Protagonist Bound*

★★★★★ "Bold, imaginative, interest-grabbing and all around superb."

★★★★★ "The headline should read Harry Potter for Princesses. With a soft spot for fairy tales this book was ideal for me, I enjoyed the theme that you can control and manage your own fate but you have to fight for it, and found it refreshing to not have an in your face love story."

★★★★★ "It has an awesome princess/badass heroine protagonist, a fairytale mixup and a great moral backstory. "

★★★★★ "My daughter and I read the book together and we both loved it. It's always enjoyable to read a book that truly takes you on a journey you would never imagine yourself. The story is smart, clever and empowering to young girls. We definitely recommend this book and are eagerly anticipating the next one."

★★★★★ "From page one I was hooked and did not stop reading until I was finished."



## *Crisanta Knight: The Severance Game* — December 6, 2016



A lot of questions ran through my head as I desperately clung to the roof of a magic train crossing over a gaping canyon. Like: *How did I get here? What could I have done to avoid this fate? And, did I remember to shave my underarms before coming on this quest?*

But even after taking on a witch in a gingerbread house, bloodthirsty actors, and a whole mess of magic hunters and other fairytale shenanigans, the biggest, most pressing question pulsing through my brain as my fingers started to slip and my enemy bore down on me was this:

*Could I really trust the person whose life I'd ruined to keep me from falling?*

With antagonists closing in, inner demons threatening to consume me, and vivid nightmares chewing up my soul every time I shut my eyes, I was running out of options.

I knew the moment to decide whether or not I could truly trust any of my friends was fast approaching. But my head and heart were stuck. For just like the precarious position I now found myself in, the pain of holding onto the path I'd chosen thus far was outmatched only by the worry I had over (*gulp*) letting it go...

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### **Praise for *Crisanta Knight: The Severance Game***

★★★★★ “This series really is amazing. The adventure, danger, and mystery of the first book remains in its sequel.”

★★★★★ “I love this story; it brings out the inner princess in me.”

★★★★★ “I loved this story for its originality, action, and suspense. Fans of fantasy, fairy tales, and action/adventure will likely enjoy this story.”

★★★★★ “Overall, I think that the *Crisanta Knight* series is a really original and fun series for all those who love fairytales and would want an interesting, fresh retelling. *The Severance Game* was a truly good, engaging continuation of the story and I can't wait to see what happens next!”

## *Crisanta Knight: Inherent Fate* — September 1, 2017

#1 New Release

in Children's Girls & Women Books



I had learned a lot in the last couple of days. I'd figured out how to defeat a fairytale villain with a Toyota 4Runner, how to surf on furniture (à la Aladdin and his magic carpet), and how to confront my wicked step-grandmother. But these bizarre lessons were only just the beginning.

If I was to overcome the obstacles in my path, I had plenty of learning left to do—about myself, and about my enemies. Between Nadia the queen of villains, and the leader of the Fairy Godmothers, I was in for a lot of trouble in this final phase of our quest to alter our fates. Separated from our friends, Daniel and I had to work together to traverse the kingdom of Alderon and evade the antagonists who were trying to destroy us.

Moreover, we had to do it while figuring out whether or not we could truly be friends. Not an easy sell when I was prophesized to put an end to his girlfriend. *Can you say awkward?*

With our mission drawing to a close, my significance to Nadia, my relationship with Natalie Poole, and my magical power were about to be revealed. But among these great truths, little did I know I was on the verge of discovering a strength that would be infinitely more powerful—one that had been inside me all along . . .

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### **Praise for *Crisanta Knight: Inherent Fate***

★★★★★ “Can’t wait until the next one!! These books should be turned into movies!!! Move over Harry Potter!!”

★★★★★ “**Wow.** That was the only word I could think after I finished the last word of this book and put it down. This book completely blew my socks off.”

★★★★★ “A great series about identifying yourself and appreciating your strengths and weaknesses. Perfect for most ages. Lots of fun characters, lands, magic and more!”

★★★★★ “I thoroughly enjoyed this well written book. It was fantastic! I can’t hardly wait for the next installment of this series.”

# ***Crisanta Knight: The Liar, The Witch, & The Wormhole —***

*June 1, 2018*



There's no place like home. And maybe that's a good thing. The two homes I know — my school and my fairytale castle in the kingdom of Midveil — aren't what they used to be.

With my friends by my side and the aid of a new mentor for magic, I thought I was ready to fight the antagonists who planned to take over the realm of Book and destroy all its protagonists. Unfortunately, the universe had other plans that I didn't see coming.

*And that's saying a lot for a girl who can see the future.*

On our quest to find the missing Fairy Godmother Paige Tomkins, my friends and I would be transported to an array of magical lands. From the horrors of Sleepy Hollow and shores of Neverland, to the Wizard of Oz's front door — we were in for one dangerous, bizarre foe and setting after another. And yet, they would be no stranger than my own world. Because thanks to a brewing common character rebellion in Book, relentless

magic hunters, and the people I trusted most turning against me, the world I once knew was a thing of fairytales past.

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## ***Praise for Crisanta Knight: The Liar, The Witch, & The Wormhole***

★★★★★ “Love this series!!!!!! So action packed and enthralling!!!! Crisa's character is by far the most well written character I've ever read.”

★★★★★ “A brilliantly written story, easily ready for the TV or movie screen! As good as Game of Thrones but written for a younger audience, this book will pick you up on its very first page, wrap you in its arms, and carry you all the way to the end.”

★★★★★ “I had to go back and re-read the first 3 books before I read this one. So glad I did! There were a lot of things that I forgot in the year since I read them. This book was awesome! Action packed, suspenseful, and best of all more than 700 pages long! So sad I have to wait for the next one, but SO looking forward to it!”



## *Crisanta Knight: To Death & Back — April 1, 2019*



And here I thought saving one realm was enough to fill up my to-do list.

Following the revelation that the antagonists were after the location of all of Book's genies, my friends and I knew our Wonderland road trip was far from over. With the magic fluctuation event known as the Vicennialia Aurora days away, antagonists and magic hunters hot on our tail, and my treacherous brother Alex and I in competition to claim Excalibur, matters were becoming larger-than-life very quickly.

I was one of those matters. My Pure Magic powers of life were growing incomparably strong. As I discovered the extent of my abilities, I was being tempted by the corruption that came with them. But how could I stop? Camelot's terrain was unlike anything we'd ever encountered. From evil kings to bloodlusting Bluebeards to the Questor Beast, I needed my magic now more than ever. This world and so many others depended on me.

And yet, as my friends and I ran against the clock, our enemies, and the prophecies of the future that pursued us like hungry shadows, I'd come to learn one thing with absolute certainty. One thing that I would keep learning again and again. In a world where my beliefs about goodness and morality were being tested, and my soul was at stake, it was not my abilities of life that were my most valuable strength; it was my friends.

**They were my greatest source of magic.**

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### **Praise for *Crisanta Knight: To Death & Back***

★★★★★ “A beloved series is hard to find, but this author has most definitely written one that should be granted a prominent place on every bookshelf around the globe.”

★★★★★ “I was so SHOOK when I got to the end!! I NEED MORE! 🤪 This story has kept me going for a while now. It's going to be hard waiting for the next one.”

★★★★★ “This series is one of the best, I've read in quite some time.”

★★★★★ “As usual with this series, this book was a blast! I loved every moment of it.”



## *Crisanta Knight: The Lost King — Releasing November 1, 2019*



Oh what a difference a day makes.

When I was back at Lady Agnue's School for Princesses & Other Female Protagonists, I used to wonder how I would make it through an entire day of classes, magic training, and homework.

As the legendary magic flux known as the Vicennialia Aurora emerged, I wondered how I could possibly overthrow the evil king of Camelot, defeat Glinda in Oz, and get back in time to stop the antagonists from breaking out of Alderon and invading my world of Book—*all in one day*.

I guess that's what good friends are for. Good friends, and magic. My epic powers to give life and take it away were getting stronger and being heightened by the Vicennialia Aurora, so I had the ammunition to challenge every obstacle and villain that came our way. However, one problem remained: How could I unleash my magic to achieve our goals and defeat our enemies while keeping the power from corrupting me?

From Merlin to the Fairy Godmother Supreme, everywhere I'd gone in recent days I'd been supplemented by powerful people who all thought they knew what I was capable of and how my morality should develop. But they didn't understand my burden. I wanted to save all the realms that needed me; I wanted to save everyone. But could I do that and save myself from succumbing to the disease ingrained in my magic? I didn't know.

I sure missed the days of homework though.

## Product Details

*Crisanta Knight: Protagonist Bound*

**Book One**

**ISBN-10:** 1608081540

**ISBN-13:** 978-1608081547

**Paperback:** 462 pages

**Publisher:** Boutique of Quality Books (May 1, 2016)

**Average Rating:** 3.8

*Crisanta Knight: The Severance Game*

**Book Two**

**ISBN-10:** 1939371570

**ISBN-13:** 978-1939371577

**Paperback:** 476 pages

**Publisher:** Boutique of Quality Books (December 1, 2016)

**Average Rating:** 4.7

*Crisanta Knight: Inherent Fate*

**Book Three**

**ISBN-10:** 1945448067

**ISBN-13:** 978-1945448065

**Paperback:** 432 pages

**Publisher:** Boutique of Quality Books (September 1, 2017)

**Average Rating:** 4.8

*Crisanta Knight: The Liar, The Witch, & The Wormhole*

**Book Four**

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**ISBN-13:** 978-1945448102

**Paperback:** 734 pages

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**Average Rating:** 4.8

*Crisanta Knight: To Death & Back*

**Book Five**

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**ISBN-13:** 978-1945448263

**Paperback:** 440 pages

**Publisher:** Boutique of Quality Books (April 1, 2019)

**Average Rating:** 5.0

*Crisanta Knight: The Lost King*

**Book Six**

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**ISBN-13:** 978-1945448454

**Paperback:** 482 pages

**Publisher:** Boutique of Quality Books (November 1, 2019)

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