

## SHORT BIO

Juliana Brandt is an author and kindergarten teacher with a passion for storytelling that guides her in both of her jobs. She lives in her childhood home of Minnesota, and her writing is heavily influenced by travels around the country and decade living in the South. When not working, she is usually exploring the great outdoors. Her debut middle grade novel, *The Wolf of Cape Fen*, will be published by SourcebooksKids on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Her writing is represented by Natalie Lakosil of Bradford Literary Agency.

## LONG BIO

Juliana Brandt grew up in a suburb of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is the youngest of two children and grew up wanting to be just like her older sister. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in political science but soon realized her true calling was in writing and education. Leaving the only state she'd called home, she went on a Southern adventure, moving first to Mississippi, then to Tennessee where she attended The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for a graduate degree in elementary education. This is where she truly discovered her love of the mountains and passion for the educating young children. Embracing both of these interests, she relocated once again, moving to the heart of Appalachia in rural North Carolina. There, she taught elementary school for four years. Eventually, home came calling, and after a decade away, she returned to Minnesota where she now teaches kindergarten in Hastings. She writes books filled with atmosphere, magic, and strong relationships. Imbedded in them are elements she discovered were important to living a healthy, joyous life while on her travels. When not writing or teaching, she enjoys taking long hikes, playing the piano, being an aunt to her niece and nephew, and making plans to find rejuvenation in the mountains.

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## THE WOLF OF CAPE FEN COPY

***Beyond the Bright Sea* meets *Echo* in this story of a young girl who must break a magical bargain before an enchanted wolf steals her sister away.**

First Frost has touched Cape Fen, and that means Baron Dire has returned. For as long as anyone can remember, Baron Dire has haunted the town come winter, striking magical bargains and demanding unjust payment in return. The Serling sisters know better than to bargain, lest they find themselves hunted by the Baron's companion, the Wolf.

And then the Wolf attacks Eliza's sister Winnie. They manage to escape, but they know the Wolf will be back. Because Winnie would never bargain, so that must mean that someone has struck a deal with Winnie as the price.

Eliza refuses to lose her sister and embarks on a journey to save her. If Eliza can learn the truth, she might be able to protect her sister, but the truth behind the bargain could put her own life in danger.

## PRAISE

“A stunning seaside fairy tale that will absorb readers until the very end.” - *Booklist*

“Intriguing mystery... Laced with dreams, this perplexing fantasy rewards persistent readers.” - *Kirkus Reviews*

" A mesmerizing piece...packed with mystery, suspense, and most important, love." – *School Library Journal*

“Eliza’s story weaves its magic around you, as wild and wondrous as the dreams at the book’s heart. Cape Fen and its inhabitants will haunt you long after the book is closed!” – Cindy Baldwin, author of *Where the Watermelon Grow* and *Beginner’s Welcome*

“An atmospheric, mysterious tale of magic, community, and the true meaning of family, *The Wolf of Cape Fen* is a gorgeous debut that will hook its readers from the first page.” – Diane Magras, author of *The Mad Wolf’s Daughter*

“Juliana Brandt’s *The Wolf Of Cape Fen* is an enthralling, atmospheric tale of two sisters, their hopes and dreams, and their unwavering love amid threats of mysterious bargains and treacherous magic. It is a remarkable debut filled with haunting details and unravelling secrets that are sure to captivate readers till the very end.” — Gail D. Villanueva, author of *My Fate According to the Butterfly*

“A hauntingly gorgeous fable full of lofty dreams, terrible bargains, and accepting who you are. Cape Fen’s secrets and magic had me enthralled from the start, and the conclusion to this dark and wondrous tale will stick with me forever.” - Sean Easley, author of *The Hotel Between* series