

# E. Lockhart



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“I wanted . . . to write honestly about coming to terms with lust, disgust, envy, self-consciousness, shame, pride—all the stuff that comes along with growing into one’s adult body.” —E. Lockhart

E. Lockhart is the author of *The Boyfriend List*, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, and its sequel, *The Boy Book*. She is also the author of *Fly on the Wall*, about a girl who turns into an insect trapped in the boys’ locker room at her high school.

# About the Author

In a drawer somewhere, E. Lockhart has a list of every boy she ever kissed—the inspiration for *The Boyfriend List*. The book takes place in Seattle, where she spent her high school years (after which she was educated at Vassar and Columbia, where she studied English literature)—but it is not autobiographical, except for the feeling of heartbreak. She wrote it because she wanted to articulate how horrendous people sometimes are to each other in high school, how much fun (and also how evil) gossip can be, and the intense and complicated emotions brought about by the end of first love. Her hope is that she wrote something that is fun to read, but also emotionally true in a way that few comedies are.

Her writing for teenagers is influenced by her having gone to two different high schools. At one, she was scorned and friendless. She did little and spoke less. People would move away if she sat near them. At the other school, she was popular and happy: star of school plays, writer of silly bits for the school paper, member of the prom committee. Having lived on both ends of the high school

hierarchy made her want to write about social contexts and the way they shape people's sense of themselves.

E. lives in the New York area, rather near where she was born. She has made her living as a writer for some years now, but has, at different points, been a teacher of college students, eight-year-olds, three-year-olds, and people who just wanted to get some exercise after work. She also used to write for magazines, but it made her miserable. She has had nine official boyfriends, if you count the boy who asked her to go with him to a seventh-grade dance and then never talked to her again. She has never been on a sports team of any kind and got excused from gym by going to ballet class. She has a tattoo, cuts her own hair, and has worn the same perfume since high school (Khie's Chinese Flowers). In her office are two Betty & Veronica dolls, a photo of a particularly fat bull dog, an official business card from "Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective," and the 1920s flapper dress she wore to the prom.

You can find out more about her by visiting [www.theboyfriendlist.com](http://www.theboyfriendlist.com).

## Praise for:

### THE BOY BOOK

★ "Ruby's overanalytical, fast-paced and authentic narration will win over new devotees, while her loyal fans will no doubt hope for more."

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

### THE BOYFRIEND LIST

★ "[An] addictive read."

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

★ "Lockhart has created a fun character in the spirit of Louise Rennison's Georgia Nicholson and Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones."—*Booklist*, Starred

### FLY ON THE WALL

"Will grab readers from the first page."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"Fine fun for fans of both Kafka and Spiderman."—*Kirkus Reviews*

## Book List



### THE BOYFRIEND LIST

Ages 12 up • Delacorte Press

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