

Low-Residency MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults faculty information:

Anne Ursu

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Biography:

Anne is the author of *The Cronus Chronicles*, a fantasy trilogy—or at least will be when she finally finishes the third book. *The Shadow Thieves*, the first book in the trilogy, was a finalist for Borders' Original Voices award. She has also written two novels for adults—*Spilling Clarence* and *The Disapparation of James*, as well as magazine and newspaper pieces. She is an obsessive follower of presidential elections, the Minnesota Twins, Project Runway, and the varied and fascinating actions of her cats. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her history professor husband and one extremely energetic toddler.

I Am Happy to Work With Students in the Following Genres/Areas:

Middle grade and young adult fiction, particularly but not limited to fantasy and sci fi.

Other things to Know About Me as an Advisor:

I take my job as editor very seriously, and will write you far-too-long editorial letters that really won't be as scary as they seem at first. I see my job as helping your book become what it wants to be. I tend to think in terms of a book's theme and guiding philosophy, but I am very interested in strong voice and strong characters. I think that often a problem with character and narrative can be solved by very small changes—tweaks or nudges. For critical writing, I am interested in seeing creative thought and real engagement with texts, as well as attention to the art of crafting a good essay.

Books of Mine I Recommend You Read:

The Shadow Thieves.