

JOSEPHINE CAMERON

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SUMMARY

I'm an award-winning author, editor, and educator curious about wonder, real-life magic, quirky obsessions, the power of friendship, and the universal struggle to find one's place in the world. Whether in fast-paced pipelines of major publishing houses (from Macmillan–US to Tunué–Italy) or in intimate, one-on-one coaching and editing sessions with clients, I enjoy working with smart collaborators who care deeply about their projects. I strive every day to live up to my most satisfying literary review: “Morally complex and extremely fun.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

Representation: John M. Cusick, Senior Vice President at Folio Literary Management

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Award
- A *Kirkus* Best Books of the Year
- *Parents* Magazine Storytime Pick
- A Bank Street Best Book of the Year
- Amazon Best Book of the Month and editor's pick for Amazon Kids subscription box
- Two Academy of American Poets Prizes

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- “The Observatory,” *Meter: Scientific American* (poem, forthcoming)
- *The Department of Lost Dogs*, Macmillan / FSG Books for Young Readers (2023)
- *Not All Heroes*, Macmillan / FSG Books for Young Readers (2021)
- *A Dog-Friendly Town*, Macmillan / FSG Books for Young Readers (2020)
- *Maybe a Mermaid*, Macmillan / FSG Books for Young Readers (2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AUTHOR: Macmillan/Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers

May 2016-present

- Published four novels in five years with critical acclaim and national in-store placement
- Chosen for highly competitive Barnes & Noble “New Voices in Young Readers” promotion, Target in-store promotions, and Junior Library Guild Gold Standard and Amazon Kids subscription box programs

EDITOR, POETRY & PROSE / DIRECTOR, POETRY DIVISION: Submitit

September 2024-present

- Edit short stories, creative non-fiction, poetry, and flash fiction for submission to literary journals
- Develop and curate Submitit's list of preferred poetry journals; assist poetry clients with the submission process

FREELANCE EDITOR, STORY COACH, & TRANSLATOR

January 2006-present

- Developmental editing, story coaching, line editing, and query critiques for books-in-progress including middle grade, memoir, YA, contemporary fiction, and creative nonfiction by published and pre-published authors
- Copywriting, editing, and proofreading for organizations including Highlights for Children, Calm, Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, Natural Resources Defense Council, National Academy for State Health Policy
- Translation/localization for Tunué graphic novels (Italian to English)

PROJECT MANAGER: Institute for Humane Education, Maine Solutionaries Project

February 2024-December 2024

- Managed events, communications, and participant registration for a \$900,000 short-term federally funded program through the Maine Department of Education to train Maine educators in inquiry-to-action projects
- Served as Producer for Redbird Media's Maine Solutionaries videography project; provided editing feedback and all logistics and location support for eight on-site shoots in public schools and at the Maine DOE Annual Summit
- Worked closely with the Maine DOE to track grant expenses and created detailed monthly invoices following federal ESSR and GSA requirements; managed expenses, stipends, and reimbursements

EDUCATION

MFA in Creative Writing: University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN)

- dual degree in Poetry and Fiction
- taught Creative Writing: Poetry 202

BA in English: Bowdoin College (Brunswick, ME)

- *magna cum laude*
- Highest Honors in English

Additional recent coursework:

- Game Design: Arts and Concepts Specialization, CalArts online (2023-2024)
- Dyslexia Awareness and Dyslexia Teaching courses, Microsoft Learn/Made By Dyslexia (2023)
- Lindamood Bell Literacy training, WHILDE Method (2023)

SELECTED PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

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| • Integrating Literacy through Background Knowledge (teacher professional development workshop for Maine Department of Education) | • Sheboygan Children's Book Festival |
| • Maine Association of School Libraries Spring Symposium | • Arts are Elementary school programs |
| • Texas Librarians Association Conference | • Songwriting for Kids Summer Programs at Bowdoin College |
| • Brooklyn Book Festival | • Ongoing virtual and in-person presentations and writing workshops |

MENTORSHIP AND SERVICE

Midcoast Literacy Tutor • assistant ELL teacher for Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary summer school • pro bono virtual World Read Aloud Day school and library author visits • Kids Need Mentors writer-in-residence

SKILLS & CREDENTIALS

- Maine EdTech EdTech III and ESEA (ELL) certifications, grades B-12; training in Lindamood Bell Literacy
- Graphic design, print design, layout, image, video, & sound editing including Adobe Suite, iMovie, YouTube Studio, Audacity, LogicPro, Noteflight
- Comfortable presenting on virtual platforms