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**About me:**

Hello and welcome!

I’m Hollie Bessford, a 24 year old aspiring author, currently working on a fantasy novel rooted in Slavic mythology. I have spent the last couple of years exploring and researching this somewhat elusive area of folklore in order to bring an authentic medieval Slavic Forest to life in the pages of a novel. One of my passions is creating rich and imaginative fantasy worlds to get lost in. I have always hoped to recreate the feeling of awe and wonder that I first felt when I discovered the Fantasy genre as a child.

I recently completed a BA in English Studies and Creative Writing, followed by a Postgraduate Masters degree in Creative Writing. I have always wanted to pursue writing as a career, with my first attempts at novel writing beginning at the age of 7. As you can imagine, that first one didn’t turn out so well, but I like to think my writing has improved a lot since then.

In my free time, when I don’t have a pen in my hand and can’t be found hunched at my writing desk, you will probably find me playing video games. I have a huge passion for interactive media, with my BA dissertation focusing on the Postmodern element of video games and interactive media. I personally hope to branch out from novel writing one day to create a video game based on my upcoming novel titled Earth and Smoke.