

# ABOVE THE STAR

## Press Release

### Bestselling Author Inspires Positive Mental Health and Hope through New Diverse Fantasy Novel

Multi-award winning, bestselling author, Alexis Marie Chute launches book one in her new YA fantasy trilogy, called **ABOVE THE STAR**.

"Through **ABOVE THE STAR**, I hope to inspire people—young and old—to use their imaginations and embrace the fun of reading. I am passionate about literacy and using creativity—like writing, visual art, music and dance—to help individuals and communities gain positive mental health and healing," says Chute, who won more than thirteen awards for her debut memoir, *Expecting Sunshine*, released April 2017.

**ABOVE THE STAR** is a story with a multi-generational cast of diverse characters. There is frumpy senior citizen Archie, stubborn single parent Tessa, and cancer-ridden yet determined fourteen-year-old Ella. These three—the Wellsley family—do not realize it, but the cure for Ella—what they search for on the magical island of Jarr-Wya—is closely tied to the fate of all worlds. The Wellsley's are joined on their mission by Spanish opera singer Lady Sophia, four-year-old African boy nicknamed Duggie-Sky, and Captain Nate of the *Atlantic Odyssey*, not to mention a suspicious stone-headed Bangol creature named Zeno and a host of fiery beings called the Olearn.

The themes in **ABOVE THE STAR** are family, bravery, and the search for personal identity and belonging, which speaks to the heart of all great coming-of-age stories. The novel fuses the fantasy adventure of the *Divergent* series with the charming romance of *The Princess Bride* and the youthful discovery of *A Wrinkle in Time*.

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Book one in The 8<sup>th</sup> Island Trilogy

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