

Epic YA Fantasy Novel Takes Readers On a Wild Ride Full of Suspense, Secrets & Surprise Twists

Second installment in The 8th Island Trilogy promises to continue the grand adventure started in Above the Star

Critics are calling The 8th Island Trilogy:

“A Wrinkle in Time meets The Princess Bride”

— The Perpetual You Magazine

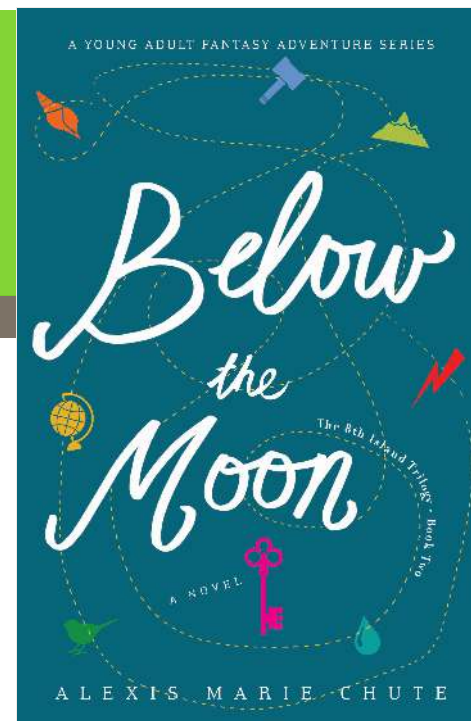
Below the Moon (Book Two in The 8th Island Trilogy)

Ella Wellsley is not your typical teenager. Cancer left her mute, but not powerless. Trapped in a parallel dimension, Ella rallies her strength to join her family—her mother, Tessa, her grandpa Archie, and her magical boyfriend, Luggie—in locating the cure to her illness. This cure is entangled in the fate of all worlds, and threatened by the presence of an evil Star anchored in the sea. The Star has thrown life everywhere into chaos—and it is Ella who holds the key to unlocking its mystery.

Caught in a web of betrayal, mistaken identities, secrets, and love triangles, Ella, Tessa, and Archie must overcome their troubled pasts to ensure a future for all worlds. On this journey—armed with unearthly abilities and unexpected allies—each member of the Wellsley family will learn the power of love in the face of their greatest fears.

DISCUSSION TOPICS AND TIE-INS

- September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- October is National Book Month
- Why stories about ill and dying teenagers and young adults are overwhelmingly popular right now (think *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Everything, Everything*, *Me Before You*, *Five Feet Apart*, *All the Bright Places*)
- Girl Power/Personal Bravery/Self Growth/Resiliency
- Why people love portal fiction (stories that transport them out of their ordinary lives and into something extraordinary)
- The importance of multigenerational and diverse characters in YA fiction
- The popularity of fantasy adventure stories among both teens and adults



BOOK DETAILS

BELOW THE MOON

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

ALEXIS MARIE CHUTE is an award-winning author, artist, filmmaker, curator, and inspirational speaker. Her memoir, *Expecting Sunshine: A Journey of Grief, Healing, and Pregnancy After Loss*, was a Kirkus Best Book of 2017 and received many literary awards. *Expecting Sunshine* is also a highly acclaimed feature documentary film, produced and directed by the author, that was screened around the world in 2018 and 2019.

Chute is also the author of the epic fantasy adventure series called *The 8th Island Trilogy*. *Above the Star*, book one, was released in 2018, featuring multigenerational and diverse characters. Books two and three—*Below the Moon* and *Inside the Sun*—will hit bookshelves in 2019 and 2020 respectively.

Chute holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Design and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. She is an internationally exhibited painter and photographer, art curator, and a widely published writer of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Chute's writing has been published in *TIME* Motto, *Scary Mommy*, *Womanista*, *Today's Parent*, *PhotoEd* Magazine, *WestWord* Magazine, *Vie*, *Edmonton Woman Magazine*, *Flurt Magazine*, *Mind Body Green*, *The Good Men Project*, *Still Standing Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, *Smart Healthy Woman*, and many others.

She is a highly-regarded inspirational speaker and teacher. She has presented on business, art, photography, writing, filmmaking, bereavement, and the healing capacities of creativity around the world.

When not in her art-photography-film studio, writing at her computer, or on a leg of her international tour, Chute loves to spend quality time with her family, read both fiction and memoirs, watch reality TV, paddleboard, and canoe. She is not a winter person but lives in the frosty city of Edmonton with her husband and their three living children. More about Alexis at www.AlexisMarieChute.com.

PRAISE

For *8th Island Trilogy: Above the Star*:

"Will hold you spellbound until the last page." — Reader's Favorite

"Think of *Star Wars*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *Homer's Odyssey* all wrapped up together." — Raymond Gariepy, editor of *WestWord* magazine

"Shows readers that there is a power within all of us to change the world." — Jessica Kluthe, author of *Rosina*, *The Midwife*



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