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**Author, Speaker,
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Bio:

Jennifer Sneed is a former elementary school teacher and legal assistant who now works as an author of books for children and adults, a freelance beta reader, and toy store salesperson. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a graduate of the University of Tulsa with a history degree, somewhere along the way she fell in love with the city and decided to stay. *A STORY UNWRITTEN*, a middle-grade retold fairy tale set in 1920s Oklahoma, is her debut novel.

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Always a reader, one day she decided to write down the stories in her head. Other than marrying her husband and having children, it's the best decision she's ever made. Her articles and short stories have been published in *Cricket* and *Ask* magazines, and she's won a few awards for her writing, including a first in the 2019 *Writer's Digest Annual Contest*. She is a leader of the SCBWI OK/AR region.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she is a graduate of the University of Tulsa with a history degree. History is one of her ongoing interests and informs much of her writing. Somewhere between birth, college, and family, she fell in love with Tulsa and decided to stay. *A STORY UNWRITTEN*, a middle-grade fairy tale retelling, is her debut novel. Her YA novel, *GUINEVERE MACKENZIE IS NOT A NICE GIRL*, will be released Spring 2025.

Books:



"...this updated retelling will be **accessible** and **engaging** to young readers, even if they're unfamiliar with the original work. Cora is headstrong, adventurous, and **utterly charming**, and she provides a compelling role model for young girls...A **captivating** fairytale adaptation that may appeal to fans of the work of Gail Carson Levine and Patricia C. Wrede." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"An imaginative reworking of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale *The Wild Swans*, and a **fun read from start to finish**...Especially and **unreservedly recommended** for elementary school, middle school, and community library Fantasy collections for young readers ages 8-12..." - *Midwest Book Review*

A STORY UNWRITTEN

"I believe in magic. I believed even before my brothers sprouted wings and flew away."

An eleven-year-old Oklahoma oil baron's daughter resists her family's demands to become a fine young lady but when a fortune-hunting witch bewitches her father and turns her brothers into hawks, she must trade her voice to a fairy on the prairie and weave the counter curse before the Blue Moon rises or lose her family—and her voice—forever.

A retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale *The Wild Swans* set in Oklahoma in 1925.

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