



Alumni Spotlight

Lindsay Bandy '06



Lindsay Bandy graduated from Millersville University in 2006 with a major in English and a minor in history. She chose to attend Millersville because she knew about its top-notch reputation for educating teachers. Bandy is currently an author of historical fiction and the youth services coordinator for Manheim Community Library in Manheim, Pennsylvania. “I have the opportunity to use everything I learned about child development, up-to-date educational practices and quality literature in the perfect setting for me,” Bandy says.

Bandy recently published a book titled *Nemesis and the Swan*. She says the history and literature classes she took at Millersville University served as a solid foundation for writing this piece. During an art history course, Bandy found herself staring at “The Death of Marat” by Jacques-Louis David, which depicts Jean-Paul Marat, who was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people and makes an appearance

in *Nemesis and the Swan*. Her book has won an Audiofile Magazine Earphones Award and was a finalist for the Atlantic Crystal Kite Award.

During her time at Millersville, Bandy says that Dr. Elizabeth Masciale-Walmer and Dr. Duckhee Shin practically became part of her extended family. “I provided childcare and tutoring for their wonderful children... and learned so much from them both personally and professionally,” Bandy states. She is grateful for the encouragement and confidence these professors provided her throughout a somewhat unconventional career path. Bandy is also grateful to the late Dr. Bob Sayre, whose classes and friendship influenced her profoundly. While attending Millersville, Bandy worked in the Writing Center with Dr. Archibald, who became a “fantastic mentor and teacher” to her. This position helped her to realize how much she enjoyed working with other writers one-on-one and in small groups.

Some of Bandy’s most notable accomplishments include graduating summa cum laude from Millersville University in 2006 and signing with an agent and publishing her first novel in 2020. Bandy has held several positions with the Eastern PA Chapter of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) including blogmaster, assistant regional advisor, co-regional advisor and currently, published member coordinator. Through SCBWI, she has organized writing conferences and book fairs, interviewed authors, illustrators, editors and agents, and spoken on panels and at writing workshops. In 2019, Bandy received the Work of Outstanding Promise (WOOP) Award from the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, which provided her with a \$2,000 grant to defray research costs for a project centered on Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) set in post-war Germany. She’s currently working on a Young Adult ghost story set in the suburbs of Chicago in 1907.

In her free time, Bandy is an avid furniture upcycler, a doughnut connoisseur and a music superfan. She celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary this year and has two funny, smart and creative daughters. Bandy loves to travel with her husband and daughters — especially when they can add in a ghost tour! What’s next for Bandy? Books, books and more books! To learn more about Lindsay Bandy’s books, readers may visit her website at www.LindsayBandyBooks.com for more information.