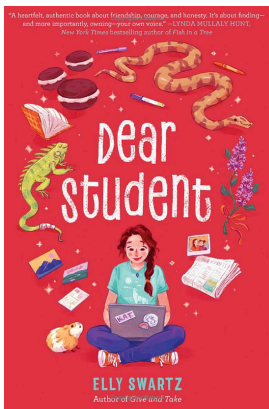


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Dear Student by Elly Swartz



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

When Autumn becomes the secret voice of the advice column in her middle school newspaper she is faced with a dilemma--can she give fair advice to everyone, including her friends, while keeping her identity a secret?

Starting Middle School is rough for Autumn after her one and only BFF moves to California. Uncertain and anxious, she struggles to connect with her new classmates. The two potential friends she meets could not be more different: bold Logan who has big ideas and quiet Cooper who's a bit mysterious. But Autumn has a dilemma: what do you do when the new friends you make don't like each other? When Autumn is picked to be the secret voice of the Dear Student letters in the Hillview newspaper, she finds herself smack in the middle of a problem with Logan and Cooper on opposite sides. But before Autumn can figure out what to do, the unthinkable happens. Her secret identity as Dear Student is threatened. Now, it's time for Autumn to find her voice, her courage, and follow her heart, even when it's divided.

Who Wrote It?

Elly grew up in Yardley, a small town in Pennsylvania. At the time, there were many cornfields and cows. Boredom was a popular sport. Her childhood was a happy one with many laughs, family dinners and crooked birthday cakes. Elly loves writing for children, but didn't take a direct path to that career. She weaved and bobbed through many unique opportunities on her way to becoming a writer. She studied psychology at Boston University and also attended Georgetown University School of Law. She was a ride operator at Sesame Place, spent time working in a



furniture store, was a messenger, law library assistant, legal author, litigator, legal research and writing professor. Elly has written 4 books so far with more on the way. She loves a good book, crossword puzzles, the color green.

AR Reading Level: N/A

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