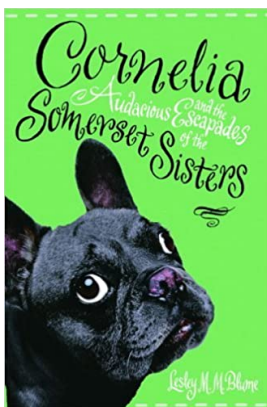


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# Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters

by Lesley M.M. Blume



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?

Eleven-year-old Cornelia S. Englehard lives in New York City and is the daughter of world-famous concert pianists. Her legacy should feel fabulous, but instead it feels just plain lonely.

In a world where privacy is as rare as diamonds, Cornelia isolates herself inside a fortress of books full of long and complicated words. But when a glamorous writer named Virginia Somerset moves next door with her servant Patel and her mischievous French bulldog, Cornelia discovers that the world is a much more exciting place than she had originally thought.

With a cast of unforgettable characters – from the ghost of King Arthur to Pablo Picasso to Virginia's three winsome and irrepressible sisters – and deliciously imaginative storytelling that takes the reader around the world and back again, *Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters* is a magical story of friendship and adventure.

If you like to travel, you will love this book!

## Who Wrote It?

The daughter of a classical pianist mother and a journalist father, Blume followed her father's footsteps into the newsroom. She later became an off-air reporter and researcher for ABC News Nightline with Ted Koppel in Washington, D.C., where she helped cover the historic presidential election in 2000, the 9/11 attacks, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Blume earned a B.A. in history from Williams College, and a major in Historical Studies from Cambridge University. She is a New York Times bestselling author who has also appeared in National Geographic. Lesley writes for both adults and kids.



She recently moved from New York City to Los Angeles with her husband, also once a Nightline journalist. Their first date was a bio-chemical warfare training session just before the 2003 Iraq invasion. You can learn more at [www.lesleymblume.com](http://www.lesleymblume.com).

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