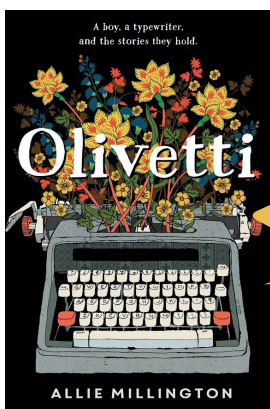


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Olivetti

by Allie Millington



Read Aloud Video and
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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?

Being a typewriter is not as easy as it looks. Surrounded by books (notorious attention hogs) and recently replaced by a computer, Olivetti has been forgotten by the Brindle family—the family he's lived with for years. The Brindles are busy humans, apart from 12-year-old Ernest, who would rather be left alone with his collection of Oxford English Dictionaries. The least they could do was remember Olivetti once in a while, since he remembers every word they've typed on him. It's a thankless job, keeping memories alive. Olivetti gets a rare glimpse of action from Ernest's mom, Beatrice—his used-to-be most frequent visitor—only for her to drop him off at Heartland Pawn Shop and leave him helplessly behind. When Olivetti learns Beatrice has mysteriously gone missing afterward, he believes he can help find her. He breaks the only rule of the 'typewriterly code' and types back to Ernest, divulging Beatrice's memories stored inside him. Their search takes them across San Francisco—chasing clues, maybe committing a few misdemeanors. As Olivetti spills out the past, Ernest is forced to face what he and his family have been running from. The Everything That Happened. Only by working together will they find Beatrice, belonging, and the parts of themselves they've lost.

Who Wrote It?

Allie Millington is the author of heartfelt books for the young and young at heart. Allie started her writing career all the way back in third grade, when she won a reflections contest with a story about a heroic pencil. From there, with the help of encouraging teachers and a steady diet of waffles, she began her long journey of sharing stories told from unique perspectives and chasing wild What If ideas. As with most journeys, there were bumps and stubbed toes along the way—including receiving hundreds of rejection letters which she turned into her Rejection Collection. It was around this time that her husband gifted her a special typewriter, who turned out to have quite a lot to say. When Allie isn't writing, she's likely thrifting for treasures, foraging in the woods, or hanging out and visiting elementary kiddos &



middle schoolers in their classrooms. Allie lives near Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, their dog Crumpet. You can find her on instagram [@allieinink](https://www.instagram.com/allieinink) or possibly in her pillow fort.

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