

Casie Bazay YA Author & Freelance Writer



Bio

Casie Bazay is a former middle school teacher who now works as a freelance writer, editor, and author. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the great outdoors, spending time at the barn with her horses and goats, reading, and watching movies. Casie lives on a hay farm in Oklahoma with her husband and two children but loves traveling to new and exciting destinations whenever she can.

Longer Bio

Casie Bazay was born and raised in Oklahoma where she continues to live with her husband and two children today. As a child, she participated in many sports and activities but developed a strong love for animals, the outdoors, and writing, in particular. She attended Oklahoma State University, earning a degree in elementary education with middle school endorsements.

After teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science and English for ten years, she switched gears in order to begin writing professionally--freelancing for mostly equine publications, and also working as a freelance editor. However, her primary writing passion is creating heartfelt and often humorous stories for young adults.

When she is not writing, reading, or transporting her two children to various activities, Casie still enjoys being out in nature as much as possible. She also has a fondness for chocolate, sappy movies, and a hot cup of tea and considers a combination of the three to be an evening well spent.

Casie is represented by Janna Bonikowski at The Knight Agency.

Books:



This engaging debut packs authentic dialogue, strong personalities, and fabulous destinations into a heartwarming tale of family drama and personal growth.

—School Library Journal

A poignant family drama that realistically explores the growth of a complicated relationship.

—Kirkus Reviews

Bazay's debut is enjoyable realistic fiction, and believable, relatable heroines K.J. and Becka will appeal to anyone with heavy family histories.

—Booklist

Not Our Summer is a heartwarming debut that tackles coming-of-age, family, and navigating through everything that comes with them both with deep insight and plenty of laughs along the way. This thoughtfully-crafted story with its relatable heroines will stick with you long after you finish it.

—Emma Lord, author of *Tweet Cute* and *You Have a Match*

A heart-stealing debut, Not Our Summer maneuvers through broken family bonds, healing, and the painful truths we all must face with a brilliant fusion of humor and genuineness. Casie Bazay delivers a summer adventure that readers will find impossible to forget.

—Julian Winters, award-winning author of *Running With Lions*

Not Our Summer

Five trips, two cousins, one family feud, and a summer that will change their lives forever.

It's bad enough that estranged cousins Becka and KJ see each other at their grandfather's funeral, but when he leaves them a bucket list of places to visit together over the summer, so they can earn their inheritance, it seems like things are about to get much worse.

However, with each trip the cousins complete -- like riding mules into the Grand Canyon or encountering a bear and a hot tour guide at Yellowstone--they steadily learn about and begin to trust one another. That is until the truth behind Grandpa's bucket list, and their family feud, is revealed, testing Becka and KJ far beyond their limits.

Will they find a way to accept each other or will their grandpa's wish to mend his divided family end up buried alongside him inside his grasshopper green casket?

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