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Ever the wanderer, **Lauren Bull** left southern Ontario to complete a BA at Houghton College in western New York state, and has since lived in London, England; San José, Costa Rica; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. After earning her MLIS in 2017, she now works as an intern in the libraries at Dulwich College Suzhou in China. She is a firm believer in the power of brisk walks, dark chocolate, and empathy to transform the everyday into the extraordinary.

**Christine Cousins** is in the process of completing her Master of Library and information Studies at Dalhousie University. She previously graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Arts in Honours English. She believes that reading tricks people into learning and that empathy can be taught on the sly through fiction.

**Alison Eagles:** Originally from Halifax, she has spent many years living in Ottawa, where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Carleton University. She has worked as a library technician for several years before pursuing an MLIS degree at Dalhousie. She enjoys travelling and learning about people through stories, and hopes that reading can inspire young adults to learn and connect with the world around them.

**Katie Gallant:** Originally from Prince Edward Island, Katie received her Bachelor of Arts in English with Honours from UPEI. Her interests outside of librarianship include reading, playing video games, and watching movies. She is not sure where her career will take her after completing her Master of Library and Information Studies degree, but she hopes to spread the joy of reading wherever she goes.