## Ashley Wilda, Author

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Longer Bio: Ashley Wilda is an author living in eastern Virginia. She particularly enjoys writing young adult fiction and poetry but loves reading any work whose words sing and whisper magic to the reader. Her debut novel *The Night Fox*, a YA magical realism tale written in poetry and prose, comes out with Rocky Pond Books at Penguin Random House in 2023. Her stories explore the concepts of grief, mental health, and nature—and the truth that there is always hope and life is always worth fighting for. Ashley has also written a young adult illustrated book of poetry and a picture book, both continuing to explore mental health and relationships. She is represented by Liz Nealon of Great Dog Literary, is a member of SCBWI, and holds an MFA in Creative Writing for Children and Young Adults from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She has published multiple short works, including the short story "Jericho" in *Voyage YA Journal*. In addition to writing, she is also an editor, musician, and artist. Her acoustic album *River, River* can be found on Spotify, iTunes, and other sites. Her pottery, visual art, jewelry, and more can be found via her company, Wild Thing Co. When not creating, she loves rock climbing, exploring the mountains, and adventuring with her husband Ethan and rescue pup Phoenix.

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## THE NIGHT FOX



The Night Fox is a YA magical realism novel that conjures the present in prose and the past in verse, exploring the depths of love, loss, and the cost of letting go.

When seventeen-year-old Elizabeth Warden arrives at Raeth, a remote mountain retreat for teens with mental health issues, her mind is made up—she will not be changed. Still reeling from a breakup that left both her heart and faith shattered, she is determined to fake being "fine" so Raeth's warden will clear her to return home. But Raeth has other ideas. The valley's shifting, surreal surroundings transform each time she ventures out, playing with her mind and dredging

up the grief-laden memories she has buried so deeply inside. Will she be forced to choose, or can she cling to both life and love? And if she must choose... will she survive? Only Raeth can tell her.

A YA weird tale that mixes poetry and prose, *The Night Fox* asks an often-unspoken question about heartbreak – what are the consequences of never letting go? It's not easy to live with a heart full of love that can't prevent its own breaking. But we all do it. And that's who this book is for... every wildly beating, beautifully broken heart.

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