

## **AUTHOR BIO (SHORT VERSION)**

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A licensed ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher, Ms. Smith has enjoyed teaching students from around the world.

Ms. Smith is a member of ALLi (The Alliance of Independent Authors) and of her local seed bank. She gardens and writes at her home in the beautiful and green Pacific Northwest. Smith is the author of the *Seed Savers* series, an MG/YA series set in a future where gardening is illegal.

## **AUTHOR BIO (LONG VERSION)**

Smith grew up on a farm with a tremendously large garden. She maintains that if you can't taste the soil on a carrot, it's not fresh enough. Although she now lives with her husband, cats, and three chickens in the city, she still manages to grow fruits and vegetables in their backyard garden.

Smith has been writing since she could hold a pencil, although the lettering she left on her grandmother's picture books sometimes contained a reverse capital R. She won awards for poetry and short stories in high school, and in college was an editor for the school newspaper.

With nothing but a degree in Communication Arts and a desire to go to the ends of the earth, in 1985 Smith accepted a job teaching English in China. Though she had an idea for a novel or a memoir way back then, the only writing she managed to produce were the many letters home detailing her exploits to friends and relatives.

After China, Smith spent years teaching in private and public schools, filling hoards of notebooks with her writing, this time mostly lesson plans.

Along the way, she has written essays, newspaper articles, children's books, and poetry—very little of which she bothered to publish.

Smith currently devotes more time to her writing, resulting in four published novels (the *Seed Savers* series), poetry, short stories, and more on the way.

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