

Author Bio

CHRISTINA FARLEY

For Christina Farley, it all began when she was nine, curled under the covers, listening to her father read **Lord of the Rings** by J.R.R Tolkien. “That’s where the beauty and power of storytelling came to life for me,” Christina said.

She was so inspired she started a writing group in 4th grade. “I’ll never forget having all my friends over and we’d write stories and share them,” Christina explains. “I even made snacks!”

But then her first rejection letter came and she thought she was a terrible writer. She put writing aside and became a teacher.

It was after teaching overseas for ten years she decided to tackle her bucket list. Writing a book was on it. “I wrote that book,” Christina said. “It was awful, just as I



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suspected it'd be. But a very strange thing happened. I realized I liked writing. Finally I'd found that outlet to share all the crazy, wild stories floating in my head.”

She began to write stories to read to her students before each lesson, hoping to spark their excitement.

Always a fan of the ancient stories, she began studying Korean history and mythology. One myth in particular, Haemosu's and Princess Yuhwa's story stuck out. “I remember when I read their story. I loved how Princess Yuhwa stood up for who she was and took destiny in her own hands.”

Inspired by this myth, Christina wrote the Gilded Series and hasn't stopped writing since.

About Christina Farley

Besides writing, Christina loves cooking, running, playing light sabers with her boys, and eating dark chocolate. She's slightly obsessed with books, especially anything that has danger and adventure mixed together. Her next challenge to conquer on her bucket list is to visit all the continents.

Even Antarctica.

The Gilded Series



Praise for the Gilded Series:

"An amazing contemporary fantasy that explores the vast legends of Korea, this richly detailed novel kept me turning the pages well into the night. Jae Hwa starts off as a strong character and ends as a noble one, using both her brains and her brawn to win the day—she's exactly the kind of girl YA literature needs." ~from Beth Revis, NY Times Bestselling author of *Across the Universe* series

"Farley brings South Korea's fascinating culture and mythology into vivid detail in this shining debut, and Jae is a compelling heroine. An exotic, thrilling read, *GILDED* had me utterly entranced!" ~from Jessica Khoury, author of *ORIGIN* and *VITRO*

"The Korean setting and myths make for an interesting backdrop" ~School Library Journal (*GILDED*)

"Offering enough backstory for new readers to jump right in, *Silvern* will do well in libraries with demand for high fantasy and strong female protagonists, especially those of Asian decent. Additionally, a small side plot involving a visit to North Korea may interest those who would like to learn more about this closed-off country. Recommended." ~School Library Journal (*SILVERN*)

"Energy, adventure, and ancient Korean legends whisk the reader away to lands real and spirit bound."
—Booklist Online

