

The wild inside

The wild inside is a fiction novel by Jamey Bradbury. She was born in Illinois in 1979. Then she moved to Alaska after college looking for a job as a volunteer. She is 40 years old now and she is still living in Alaska. She won the Estelle Cambell Memorial, an Award from the National society of Arts and letters, and an annual fiction contest.

Her novel is full of suspense and the characters have lots of adventures.

The main character:

Tracy Petrikoff: is a teenager who lives in Alaska, she is masculine and she does lots of typically masculines activities like training the dogs and hunting. She has a gift : when she drinks the blood of the animals she kills, she feels as if she becomes the animal, she has its knowledge of the world,
Anna: she is her mother, Tracy inherited her gift from her and she wants to protect Tracy. She is secretative, she won't tell her about it.

Bill: He is her father and he is the most important person in her life. He is a musher so he has a connection with his daughter.

Scott: He is her little brother, he is very sensitive. Tracy protects him.

Summary of the novel

The story takes place in Alaska. Tracy lives there with her parents and her younger brother. One night when Tracy is out hunting into the woods her mother's precautions don't protect her and a man attacks her. The next day she finds a oddly familiar man who appears to be injured. His wounds look like they could have been inflicted by Tracy's knife. But Tracy doesn't remember anything from that night. Was this the man who attack her ? And did she almost kill him ? Something dangerous is going on... Her family is in trouble.

Questions

Q: When did you start writing ?

A: When I was 6 years old my teacher gave us a book with blank pages where we had to write a story. And I told stories to my family.

Q: What inspired you to write this story ?

A: I read a horror novel with a man who drank blood. And I knew that I wanted a vampire twist in my story. I imagined a young woman in the place of the man. I read lots of books from inspiring authors such as Stephen King, Charlie Jacson, John Hervin...

Q: Do you identify with Tracy ? Does she resemble you ?

A: My relationship with my mother is the same as Anna's and Tracy's. My mum gave me the same rules. I like to go hiking and I'm independent.

Q: Are you writing another book ? What is it about ?

A: For the moment I have written 200 pages. It's about a woman who puts doors everywhere. And when she opens a door she timetravels and learns more about her life.