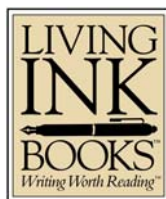


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What People Are Saying About

The ARK, the REED, & the FIRE CLOUD

"Jenny's story line is pure genius. I love how she developed the characters. I especially feel a kinship to Al. She has incorporated Al into the story so well, that I feel like he is my own cat." Jenny Keeton, 4th Grade Teacher, Mount Pisgah Christian School, Alpharetta, GA

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Comments from Montgomery Elementary Third Grade Class (8-9 year olds), Atlanta, GA:

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"I really enjoyed your characters. I like Max. You'll probably win a giant award!" Emelia

"I liked your book. I liked the part where there is an avalanche." Harry

"The book was super! I can't wait for the book and movie to come out." Josette

"Al was my favorite character. I hope your book turns into an award-winning children's book." Ethan

"I can't wait to buy the book, read it, and then watch the movie." Coen

"I think your book is going to become really popular like *Harry Potter*." Jacob

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"The Amazing Tales of Max and Liz is a delight. I applaud Cote for her masterful job. The depth of her characters and powerful story line will propel readers to want more." Bernard Kears, American Children's Authors Guild, Radio Show Host and Author of *The Bethany Adventures*

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"The Ark, The Reed, and The Fire Cloud is nothing short of magical!" Lisa, 45

"The Ark, The Reed, and The Fire Cloud has a good story line, with lots of great morals and lessons. It's really heartwarming." Alex, age 12

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"I loved this book! I found myself actually reading extra fast to see what was going to happen next." Katherine, age 16

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"A surreal adventure through time. I felt like I was another passenger on the voyage." Richard, age 45

About the Author

Jenny L. COTE



Jenny L. Cote developed an early passion for God, history and young people, and beautifully blends these passions together in her new fantasy fiction series, *The Amazing Tales of Max and Liz*.™ The series will take heroes Max and Liz through pivotal points in Biblical and world history. Jenny is currently working with a movie studio to bring book one to the big screen and also is writing book two, *The Dreamer, The Schemer and The Robe*, about Joseph. She also is researching for book four, *The Voice, The Revolution and the Jewel*, where Max and Liz will help Patrick Henry and the Marquis de Lafayette with the Revolutionary War. Jenny holds two marketing degrees from UGA (BA) and Ga. State University (MS). Her career has focused on strategic planning and marketing, and she loved working for kids at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for nine years. She now writes and speaks full time and lives in Roswell, Georgia, with her husband Casey, son Alex, and of course, the REAL Max and Liz. Jenny works with students at Dunwoody Baptist Church, and enjoys reading, research, museums, travel, meeting new people, fitness and finding any excuse she can to get to the beach.

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