

## About the Author

On July 4, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Deborah McTiernan was born into a family of avid readers. At the age of 4, she spent hours in her grandmother's attic typing on a portable typewriter she found in an old steamer trunk. While pretending to write exciting stories of magical heroes and heroines, the keys of that typewriter ignited her imagination.

Her family transferred from the East Coast to the Midwest and they settled in the rural village of Orion, Illinois (Archer's Bow, Illinois in her story, "Lilly Noble & Actual Magic"). While living in Orion, Deborah became a life long fan of fairy tales, myth, and magic. Summers off from school gave her lots of time to haunt the town library, read her favorite stories on the front porch, and hone her skills as a storyteller.

Deborah's story, "Lilly Noble & Actual Magic" is a pleasant twist to the beloved and enduring fairy tale genre, and in the hands of this author, this might just be the beginning.

Deborah lives in Arizona.