



## OMG... Am I a Witch?!

Talia Aikens-Nunez

April Appleton is so annoyed at her older brother that she searches the Internet for a spell to turn him into a dog. When the spell works, April realizes she has more powers than she ever dreamed of! Now she has to figure out how to turn him back to normal before her parents find out.

She has little time, but with help from her friends Grace and Eve she finds a book of magic that will hopefully reverse the spell. Will it work, and will April's newfound magic save the day?

A silver winner of the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards, *OMG... Am I a Witch?!* is sure to please young readers.

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"OMG...Am I A Witch?! is an easy to read, well-balanced, chapter book that will satisfy young readers, fuel their imaginations, and entertain." ~ *Project Mayhem*

"Highly recommended for the little girls in your life!" ~ *A Chick Who Reads*

**Talia Aikens-Nunez** wanted to be a meteorologist, a politician and a lawyer. It was raising her bilingual children that inspired Talia to write multicultural children's books. Her family loves nature so much that she and her husband vowed that they will always try to live close to water, so now they live on a river in Connecticut.



## **Interview with Talia Aikens-Nunez**

### ***Where do you write? Can you describe your writing space?***

I like to write in a comfy chair in my house with the laptop on my lap. Sometimes I will move to the bedroom or in front of the fireplace but I have to be in a comfortable chair or space.

### ***When and how did you know you wanted to be a writer?***

It was after my first child was born in 2008. She is multicultural so I wanted to buy books for her that reflected her background and exposed her to other cultures. I wanted books that spoke specifically to culture and others that just had multicultural characters but universal topics. I found it to be difficult to find the latter. So, I started to write them!

### ***April Googles a spell. How many searches do you think your story might prompt, even just in fun?***

I hope there are tons of google searches...in their imagination. I truly hope that this book, and future books I write encourage children to play in the land of make-believe. I really enjoy writing magical realism for middle grade readers. I feel like children that age are learning to like reading, they still allow themselves to be kids and can get lost in magically realistic books.

### ***April is just getting into her potential by the end of the book. Will we get to see more of what she can do? And what about Eve and her family?***

I hope so! I would love to make a series out of April's 'gift' and a little fun with her friends. And, I would love to delve deeper into why April has this 'gift', how Eve's grandmother plays into this and if Eve also has a 'gift' or two.

### ***What are you reading now? What are some of your favorite childhood books?***

Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* is my all time favorite book. And, I also love Magic Treehouse books.

### ***What advice would you give young writers?***

Keep writing! Join critic groups, online and in person. And, keep writing. Edit your work. And, keep writing! Do you notice the pattern? Yeah, sometimes it takes a little while to find the right publisher or the right agent but you must keep writing until the stars align and they fall right into your lap.

### ***What's your favorite animal and why?***

My favorite animal is a giraffe. No two giraffes have the same size and pattern of spots. Each one is different and unique. Their spots are like our finger prints. But, they do have one similarity. As they age their spots become darker. So, even though they are all different they are in some ways the same, like humans of different races.

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## MAKE YOUR OWN STORY!

Write a short scene of what might have happened when April turned Austin into a dog.

## TREASURE HUNT

1. Where did April find the spell to turn Austin into a dog? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Mrs. Appleton start sneezing? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What color are April's glasses? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the nickname that Grace's father calls her? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where is Eve originally from? What is Eve's hometown? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is April's favorite juice? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is Eve's and April's favorite color? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did April imagine Austin was when he was floating off the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What word is written in French on the front of the spell book? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is Austin's favorite drink? \_\_\_\_\_

## WORD SEARCH

Y B R E U R X L A W C T B P R  
N L V C T C O M P U T E R H I  
B S X I R A J G F S D R O O U  
O R X G O T L L L E L F T N G  
C A L R X S O O K A R F H E A  
T I D E R A C S C I S G E R L  
L X T L T I U M E O N S R S I  
U W Z L N V H N A I H U E H R  
Q O O A T J D C S G B C X S P  
D Y J R X S P S N I I Y K E A  
V Z J B G E E Y R E L C R Z F  
N E E W O L L A H L R Y A O S  
X H H K B N Q Z E L L F B D F  
T W I T C H J P S S O R G U A  
J Y F Q B G S J F N W W Z N A

ALLERGIC  
APRIL  
BARK  
BLESSING  
BROTHER  
CHOCOLATE  
COMPUTER  
FLOAT  
FRENCH  
FRIENDS  
GLASSES  
GROSS  
GROWL  
HALLOWEEN  
MAGIC  
PHONE  
SCARED  
SPELL  
TEXT  
WITCH