

THE GIRL WHO NAMED PLUTO: The Story of Venetia Burney

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When Venetia Burney's grandfather reads aloud from the newspaper about a new discovery--a "ninth major planet" that has yet to be named--her eleven-year-old mind starts whirring. She is studying the planets in school and loves Roman mythology. "It might be called Pluto," she says, thinking of the dark underworld. Grandfather loves the idea and contacts his friend at London's Royal Astronomical Society, who writes to scientists at the Lowell Observatory in Massachusetts, where Pluto was discovered. After a vote, the scientists agree unanimously: Pluto is the perfect name for the dark, cold planet.

Available May 2019, *The Girl Who Named Pluto* is an empowering, inspiring, and accessible nonfiction picture book perfect for all children—particularly girls—who have ever dreamed of becoming a scientist.

Already an accomplished author, Alice McGinty is the award-winning author of over forty books for children, including *Darwin*, an Orbis Pictus Honor Book and one of *Booklist's* Top 10 Biographies for Youth. It received three starred reviews and was called "exquisite and enlightening" by *Kirkus Reviews*. Her most recent picture book, *Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons*, was named a Sydney Taylor Notable Book.

For *The Girl Who Named Pluto*, she is joined by Elizabeth Haidle, who serves as the creative director of and regular contributor to *Illustoria* magazine, as well as a collaborator at Mascot Press, an independent comics press. She has illustrated a graphic novel, *I, Parrot*, written by Deb Olin Unferth, and has several nonfiction comics series in the works. We hope you enjoy Venetia's unique and incredible story.



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