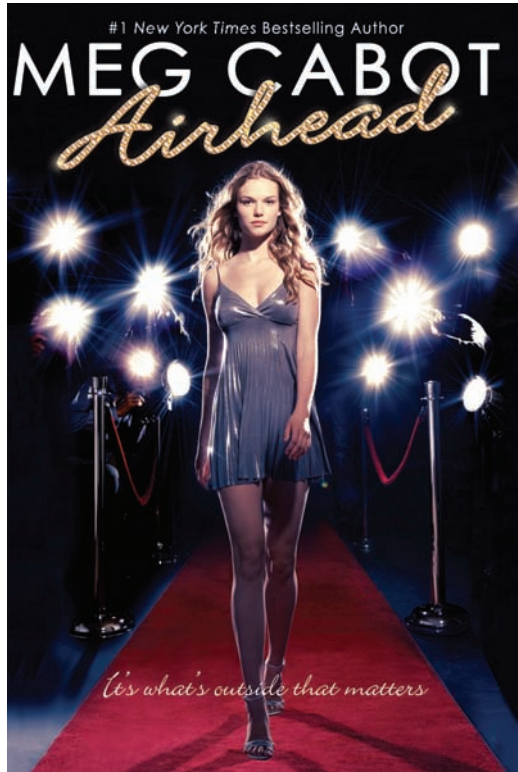


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Airhead

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Emerson Watts isn't your average sixteen-year-old. She's a straight-A student with a male best friend, Christopher, and couldn't care less about her less-than-supermodel-esque looks. But when she's involved in a bizarre accident, Emerson—always the tomboy, never the party princess—is no longer herself. Literally. How could this have happened? Who was behind it? And will Em ever get Christopher to realize she's the same person inside?

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“When I was a teenager, as you can see from the photo, I had theatrical aspirations. I wanted to be the next Brooke Shields. Only not model Brooke Shields from the Calvin Klein jeans ads, but actress Brooke Shields from the movie *The Blue Lagoon*, in which Brooke played a schoolgirl stranded on a desert island with HOT, HOT, HOT Christopher Atkins. The only problem was that I didn't look like Brooke Shields. So I was thwarted in my dream. With *Airhead*, I hope to allow young girls everywhere to vicariously live the dream of which I was deprived. Minus the desert island. And the acting vehicle. But I have supplied plenty of hot Christopher Atkins stand-ins!”—Meg Cabot



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MEG CABOT

Meg Cabot is the author of more than fifty books for both adults and teens. Her books have sold over fifteen million copies worldwide, many of which have been #1 *New York Times* bestsellers. The most notable of these is *The Princess Diaries* series, which is currently being published in over 38 countries, and was made into two hit movies by Disney. In addition, Meg wrote the *All American Girl*, *Mediator*, and *1-800-Where-R-You* series

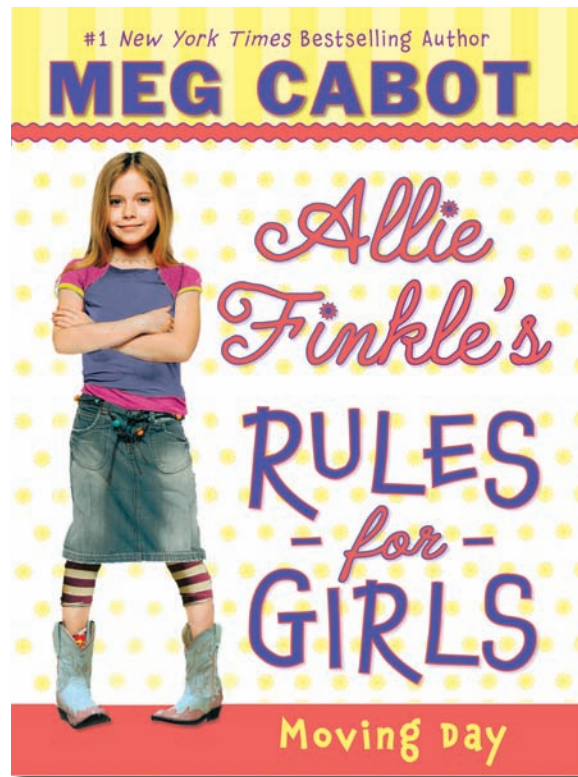
(on which the television series, *Missing*, was based). She is now writing a new middle grade series called *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls*, as well as an edgy new young adult series, *Airhead*.

Meg was born on February 1, 1967, during the Chinese astrological year of the Fire Horse, a notoriously unlucky sign. Fortunately she grew up in Bloomington, Indiana, where few people were aware of the stigma of being a fire horse—at least until Meg became a teenager, when she flunked freshman Algebra twice, then decided to cut her own bangs. After six years as an undergrad at Indiana University, Meg moved to New York City to pursue a career as an illustrator, at which she failed miserably, forcing her to turn to her favorite hobby—writing novels—for emotional succor. She worked various jobs to pay the rent, including a decade-long stint as the assistant manager of a 700-bed freshmen dormitory at NYU, a position she still occasionally misses.

Meg currently divides her time between Key West, Indiana, and New York City with a primary cat (one-eyed Henrietta), various back-up cats, and her husband, who doesn't know he married a fire horse. Please don't tell him. For more information about Meg, please visit www.megcabot.com.

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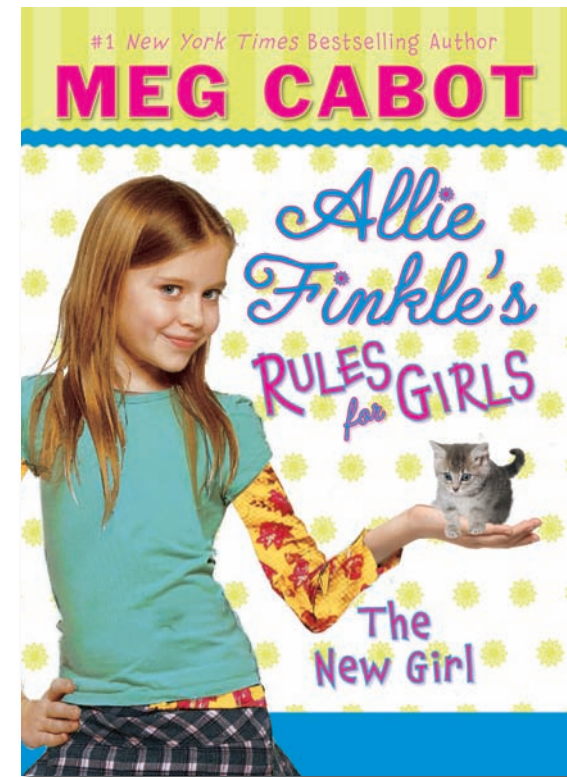
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When nine-year-old Allie Finkle's parents announce that they are moving her and her brothers from their suburban split-level into an ancient Victorian in town, Allie's sure her life is over. With a room she's half-scared to go into, the burden of being "the new girl," and her old friends all a half-hour car ride away, how will Allie ever learn to fit in?

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Book Two: The New Girl

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Allie Finkle is the new girl at Pine Heights Elementary, and she's very excited. She already loves her new fourth grade teacher Mrs. Hunter as well as classmates Erica, Caroline, and Sophie—plus, she's getting an adorable new kitten named Mewsette. There is only one fly in the ointment of Allie's perfect new life: one of the girls in Allie's new class, Rosemary, doesn't like her. In fact, Rosemary says she's going to beat Allie up after school.

Everybody around Allie has lots of their own rules for dealing with bullies. But which are the right ones to follow?

"It's really hard being nine. There are so many rules to remember—not just to carry the one in subtraction, but those all-important friendship rules that make up the battleground of fourth grade, like 'don't wipe your boogers where you sit,' and 'don't trade your grape fruit roll-up with anyone but your best friend.' I seriously don't know how I survived it—yet here I am to tell the tale. Is Allie me? Absolutely. But I think there's a little Allie in all of us—any of us who've ever broken a rule, that is. Especially a rule we made up ourselves."—Meg Cabot

