Author Bios

Matt Cook

Matt Cook is a fourth year at Iowa State where he studies Graphic Design and minors in Advertising. Photography and Cinematography are his preferred avenues of design, although he enjoys drawing, painting, woodworking, and basically every other form of creation. Matt is a percussionist and a skateboarder and loves exploring new ways to apply his love of art to these interests and vice versa. He even got to design a skateboard for Crucial Skate Company, a skateboard deck maker based out of Ohio. Not only was Matt able to design a deck for a skate company, but he has also made or helped make numerous videos for different skate crews in Iowa and Illinois.

Talon Delaney

Talon Delaney is a senior pursuing a double major in English and journalism. He worked at the Iowa State Daily for two years and covered stories about local faith communities before transitioning to local and state politics. After leaving the reporting life behind, he’s been known to scribble the occasional poem or short story, and enjoys reading Melville, James Baldwin, and Albert Camus, as well as more contemporary authors.

Ruth Gladwyn-Nash

Ruth is a junior at ISU studying English Education. She grew up a voracious reader whose parents took away books instead of grounding her. Now, she still enjoys reading but has found an outlet in writing creatively to process life events through mourning and celebration. Ruth believes words are one of the most powerful ways to touch another’s soul and hopes to provide a space for others to be heard and loved while being their most authentic self.

Andre Hall

Andre Hall is a freshman at Iowa State University. He has enjoyed writing since elementary school. Notebooks filled with characters, worlds, jokes and ideas can be found scattered about his bedroom. Andre hopes to take as many writing classes as possible to improve his skills.
Alexis Harlan  
Alexis is a freshman in animal ecology with a passion for all things wild. She also has a passion for creating. She loves making music, art, photography, stories; you name it.

Madisen Leeper  
Madisen Leeper is a Junior at Iowa State University, who likes to spend her free time outside with her dog Samson.

Darius O’Tool  
Darius O’Tool is a senior at Iowa State. He enjoys the outdoors, philosophy, playing guitar, and writing.

Hannah Ryan  
Hannah Ryan is a freshman. She is majoring in English Education with a minor in Spanish.

Jennifer Shoop  
Jennifer is a senior English major and is a Sketch virgin. She has a beautiful, human-sized dog, Norman, two fish, Libra and Brazil, and two sugar gliders, Thaddeus and Theodore who keep her company while she works on her writing outside with her dog Samson.

Brooke Stanek  
Brooke is in her third year of completing her English degree at Iowa State with the hopes of becoming a technical writer. In the meantime, she enjoys creative writing and Kali Uchis’s entire discography.

Trevor Taylor  
Trevor Taylor is a graduating senior in May of 2019. He enjoys working outside, complex ideas, and writing things no one understands.