



JESSAMYN VIOLET'S DEBUT YA LGBTQTA+ NOVEL SECRET RULES TO BEING A ROCKSTAR OUT APRIL 18TH, 2023



"Jessamyn Violet is a real rocker and a real writer. You will love her as much as I do."

—Alice Hoffman, NYT bestselling author

"*Secret Rules to Being a Rockstar* immerses the reader in the near-dystopian dreamscape of the music industry in 1990s Los Angeles—and I know because I lived it."

—Eva Gardner, bassist for P!NK, Cher, Tegan & Sarah

THE STORY THAT BREAKS ALL THE RULES...

Eighteen-year-old Kyla Bell lives to one day become a professional musician. Her dreams are answered in the form of sexy rocker Ruby Sky, the magnetic and manipulative front woman of Kyla's favorite band. Ruby asks Kyla to join her band for their upcoming tour, prompting Kyla to drop out of high school and move across the country to live with an erratic producer who has agreed to put her through "rock star boot camp" so she'll fit the part in time for the tour. Dysfunction, drama, and coming-of-age confusion ensues in this 90s Los Angeles tale of having to battle everyone else's demons while also battling your own.

This edgy debut from writer and drummer Jessamyn Violet has a real rock 'n' roll story behind it. "Writing this book was a reawakening," Jessamyn says. "I realized that I didn't just want to be writing about musicians, I wanted to be in the musical conversation as well." Originally from Boston, Jessamyn went to Emerson College, earning her BFA from the Writing, Literature and Publishing program. She then moved to Los Angeles to write for magazines and meet her heroes. She began work on this novel while earning her MFA in Creative Writing at California College of the Arts. Writing about musicians inspired her to pick up the drum sticks and start playing in bands. By the time she earned her MFA she was drumming in several projects and has continued to pursue music alongside the publishing world, earning international press with her current band, Movie Club. Editor Kat Georges at Three Rooms Press out of New York City was the perfect editorial fit for the novel; Georges is a veteran of the 90s SoCal music scene herself, and co-founder of the fierce indie press that publishes daringly Queer Young Adult novels and books about music by musician authors. *Secret Rules to Being a Rockstar* will be released April 18th, 2023 with a combination book/band tour in the works that will include both readings and rock shows in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, New Orleans, New York and Boston. Details to be announced early next year.

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