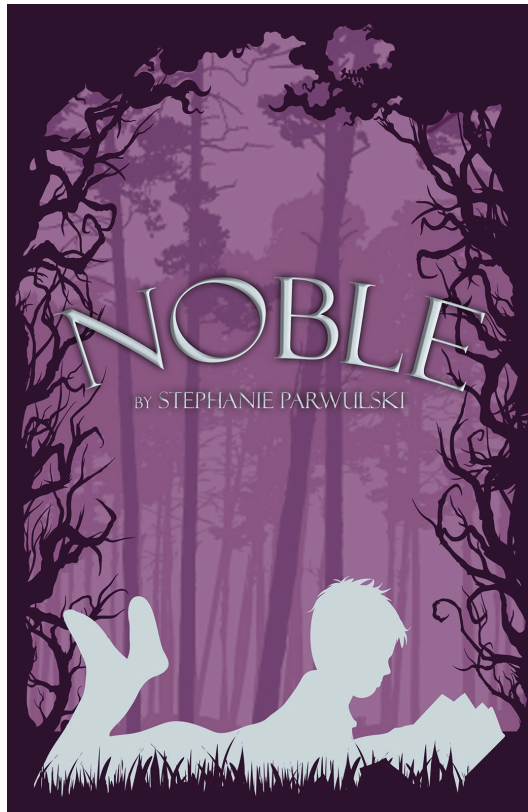


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Every town in the kingdom of Ansel has a storyteller, a man who weaves threads of magic into stories to share with the men of the community—and only the men, for in Ansel, women are forbidden from learning to read.

Elbon doesn't know why Storyteller chose him as an apprentice. After all, he has no family, no friends, and not much talent for hearing the words woven into the colorful threads strung on Storyteller's magic harp. Still, Elbon does his best to make his teacher proud . . . even if he doesn't feel confident that he can.

But when Elbon meets a frightened boy named Freddie who claims to be running away from home—and when agents from the royal palace arrive not long after in search of a missing princess—Elbon and his new friend must work together to uncover the secrets that have shaped both their lives . . . and maybe right a few ancient wrongs along the way.



About the Author

Stephanie Parwulski is a children's book author and mental health advocate, whose two picture books, *Beatrice and the Sunflower Gift* and *Gloria's Hope Tree*, champion messages of kindness, the healing power of love, and the importance of bringing our invisible stories to light. Stephanie is living her dream in creating stories for children and "kids at heart" to enjoy. In addition to her love of writing, she has a passion for reading, singing, enjoying nature, and helping others. Stephanie cherishes spending quality time with her family and friends and going on adventures in her beloved hometown of Buffalo, NY, where she currently resides. She is also a preschool teacher, and her work with children brings her immense joy. She looks forward to writing more stories from the heart and sharing them with her readers.

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