

What would you do if your entire life was based on knowing the exact time and date of your death? What if that date was wrong?

On her 13th birthday — just like everyone else — Carmen Leon's date and time of death appeared on her right wrist. But Carmen receives some unexpected news: she has only 2 years left to live.

Ever since, Carmen has been preparing for her death: arranging her funeral, writing her will, going through the motions. But when the dreaded date arrives... *Carmen doesn't die.*

This should be a joyous occasion, but Carmen — now an outlaw — has a terrible choice to make: to leave the comfort of her home, or to venture out of hiding and into the unknown for a brand-new future. What will happen to Carmen and her family? Will she have to keep her existence a secret forever?

Can Carmen live a life that matters — or will she die trying to find out?



Ana Clara was born in Brazil and grew up around New York State. Throughout her 13 years of life, she has enjoyed a wide variety of activities — from soccer to basketball to knitting to sewing. Some of these came and went, but two did not: writing and reading. Ever since she could speak, she yearned to be a part of the world of letters. Her passion for writing began in elementary school and progressed onward. She currently attends middle school and is continuing to develop her writing abilities with the help of incredible teachers and friends. She lives in the Garden State with her parents, her sister, and their dog and two birds. This is her first book.



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