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Allison Marchetti teaches high school English in Richmond, VA. On a school day, she can be found kneeling beside students' desks conferring about writing, hovering over her robin's egg blue writer's notebook, thumbing the spines of books in her classroom library for the next book talk, or eating lunch with her co-writer and partner-in-crime, Rebekah O'Dell. On the weekends, she loves walking her dog, and taking her son to the playground.

Hanging above her classroom library is a Penny Kittle quote printed on bright green card stock: Find answers to questions you didn't even know you were asking. She is extremely grateful to have been awarded a Book Love Foundation grant because it increased the number of books in her classroom library exponentially, giving her students access to incredible stories and possibilities and answers to the questions, both

felt and not yet felt, in their heads and hearts.

The Book Love Foundation also landed her an invitation to the Donald Graves breakfast in 2015, where Tom Newkirk invited the next generation of teachers to step forward. Inspired by his message, Allison co-founded the blog movingwriters.org and co-published her first book *Writing with Mentors* (Heinemann). Her second Heinemann book is due out in January 2018 (*Exploring Analysis*).