

# Kelly Vincent, YA Author

*Telling the hard stories*



## Pronouns

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## Author Biography

Kelly Vincent wrangles data weekdays and spends the rest of their time playing with words. They grew up in Oklahoma but have moved around quite a bit, with Glasgow, Scotland being their favorite stop. They now live near Seattle with several cats who help them write their stories by strategically walking across the keyboard, with their first novel, *Finding Frances*, a fine example of this technique. Their three subsequent books, *Ugly*, *Always the New Girl*, and *Binding Off*, were released in 2022. *Finding Frances* won several indie awards and *Ugly* was selected as the Honor book for SCBWI's Spark Award in the Books for Older Readers category for 2022. Kelly has a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Oklahoma City University's Red Earth program. Find them at [kellyvincent.net](http://kellyvincent.net), @kvbooks on Instagram, and @kv\_books on TikTok.

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## Books

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**Title:** *Finding Frances*

**Author:** Kelly Vincent

**Genre:** YA Contemporary with Suspense elements

**Price:** 4.99 (ebook), 17.99 (paperback)

**# of pages:** 324

**ISBN:** 978-1-5092-2904-8 (ebook)

978-1-5092-2903-1 (paperback)

**Publication Date:** 2/3/2020

**Publisher:** The Wild Rose Press

**Available On:** Amazon (Kindle, paperback), Barnes and Noble (Nook, paperback), Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, IngramSpark (paperback)

**Territories Sold:** Global

**Synopsis:**

Retta Brooks thinks her life is on track after convincing her overprotective mom to stop home-schooling her so she can go to Buckley High. She comes home from a night out with friends to find that her whole world has changed, and now she has to figure out who she is, who she can trust, and why her mom lied.

**Reviews:**

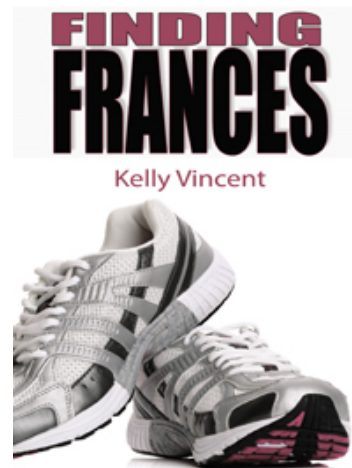
- “A page-turning coming-of-age tale that offers an offbeat spin on the YA suspense genre.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

**Awards:**

- National Excellence in Story Telling (NEST) Award, 1st Place, Young Adult Novel (2021)
- Next Generation Indie Book Award, 1st Place, First Novel (70k-90k) (2021)
- IPPY Book Award, Bronze (tie), Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction E-book (2021)

**Buy Link:** <https://books2read.com/findingfrances-kellyvincent>

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**Title:** *Always the New Girl*

**Author:** Kelly Vincent

**Genre:** YA Contemporary

**Series:** New Girl, #1

**Price:** 2.99 (ebook), 14.99 (paperback)

**# of pages:** 287

**ISBN:** 979-8-9851511-4-5 (Kindle)

979-8-9851511-5-2 (other ebook)

979-8-9851511-7-6 (paperback)

**Publication Date:** 5/10/2022

**Publisher:** KV BOOKS LLC

**Available On:** Amazon (Kindle, paperback), Barnes and Noble (Nook, paperback), Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, IngramSpark (paperback)

**Territories Sold:** Global

**Synopsis:**

After Sarah Redmond gets humiliated at a party, she finds a creative way to use her obsession with knitting to exact sweet revenge. When this leads to a lucrative business, everything seems on track. But when her deadbeat dad comes to town, Sarah starts to wonder if her rather indifferent approach to planning out her life is the right one.

**Reviews:**

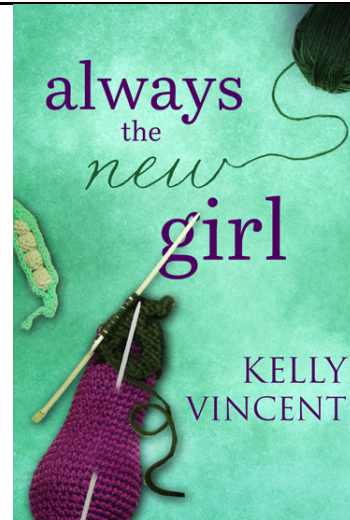
- “a carefully considered and executed coming-of-age story about a resourceful young woman” –BookLife Prize

**Awards:**

- National Excellence in Story Telling (NEST) Award, 1st Place, YA Novel (2023)
- Next Generation Indie Book Award, Finalist, Young New Adult Fiction (17+) (2023)
- Book Excellence Award, Finalist, Young Adult Fiction (2023)
- Quarterfinalist in BookLife Prize for Fiction, Young Adult and Middle Grade category (2021)

**Buy Link:** <https://books2read.com/alwayssthenewgirl>

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**Title:** *Binding Off*

**Author:** Kelly Vincent

**Genre:** YA Contemporary

**Series:** New Girl

**Price:** 1.99 (ebook), 10.99 (paperback)

**# of pages:** 75

**ISBN:** 979-8-9851511-2-1 (Kindle)

979-8-9851511-6-9 (other ebook)

979-8-9851511-3-8 (paperback)

**Publication Date:** 5/10/2022

**Publisher:** KV BOOKS LLC

**Available On:** Amazon (Kindle, paperback), Barnes and Noble (Nook, paperback), Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, IngramSpark (paperback)

**Territories Sold:** Global

**Synopsis:**

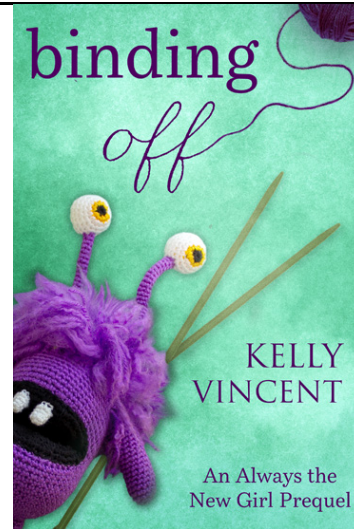
In this prequel to *Always the New Girl*, 8th-grader Sarah Redmond's mom has just gotten them kicked out of yet another boyfriend's house, which means they're going back to Grammy's house. Sarah's used to it, however, and everything seems worth it when she meets Mateo at her new school. But is she ready for where this relationship will take her?

**Awards:**

- Next Generation Indie Book Award, Finalist, Novella (2023)

**Buy Link:** <https://books2read.com/bindingoff>

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**Title:** *Ugly*

**Author:** Kelly Vincent

**Genre:** YA Contemporary, LGBTQ

**Series:** The Art of Being Ugly, #1

**Price:** 2.99 (ebook), 12.99 (paperback)

**# of pages:** 380

**ISBN:** 979-8-9851511-8-3 (Kindle)

979-8-9851511-9-0 (other ebook)

978-1-958342-00-8 (paperback)

**Publication Date:** 5/7/2022

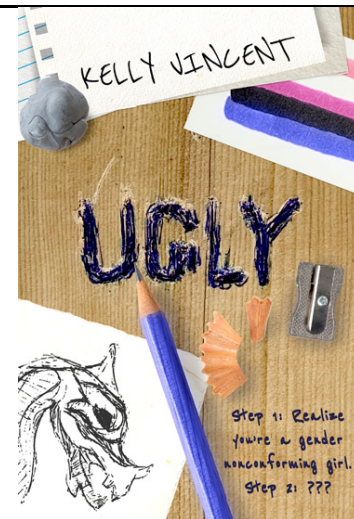
**Publisher:** KV BOOKS LLC

**Available On:** Amazon (Kindle, paperback), Barnes and Noble (Nook, paperback), Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, IngramSpark (paperback)

**Territories Sold:** Global

**Synopsis:**

Nic Summers is taunted for being an “ugly lesbian,” which is confusing because she isn't sure they're totally wrong. But then her best and only friend, Sam, announces she's moving. Nic and Sam undertake Operation Social Interaction for Nic to find her some new friends. But it's



difficult for the introverted artist, and she starts questioning everything about herself. Once she finds the term “gender nonconforming,” things start to fall into place, even if that knowledge doesn’t tell her what to do next. Then Sam is gone, and Nic has to find her own path and live her own truth.

**Reviews:**

- “Readers will rally behind fifteen-year-old Nic Summers as she navigates the pitfalls of adolescence in this moving and timely YA novel.” –BookLife Prize
- “the compelling story will resonate with young adults going on their own difficult journeys and should help them feel less alone.” –Kirkus Reviews

**Awards:**

- Honor book in SCBWI’s 2022 Spark Award in the Books for Older Readers category
- Semifinalist in 2019 BookLife Prize for Fiction, Children’s and Young Adult category

**Buy Link:** <https://books2read.com/uglythebook>

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**Title:** *Uglier*

**Author:** Kelly Vincent

**Genre:** YA Contemporary, LGBTQ

**Series:** The Art of Being Ugly, #2

**Price:** 2.99 (ebook), 12.99 (paperback)

**# of pages:** 342

**ISBN:** 978-1-958342-10-7 (ebook)

978-1-958342-12-1 (B&N paperback)

978-1-958342-11-4 (other paperback)

**Publication Date:** 8/1/2023

**Publisher:** KV BOOKS LLC

**Available On:** Amazon (Kindle, paperback), Barnes and Noble (Nook, paperback), Apple Books, Google Play, Kobo, IngramSpark (paperback)

**Territories Sold:** Global

**Synopsis:**

Oklahoma City. Nic Summers is ready for a fresh start. Entering her first semester at a boarding school far from her narrow-minded hometown, the talented teen artist hopes to continue exploring her gender identity in a safer environment. And after meeting a boy she likes, connecting with another student, and discovering a supportive teacher, she’s relieved things are looking up... until once again she faces a cruel bully. Trying to stay positive, the shy creative focuses on nurturing her fledgling friendships and honing her skills under the guidance of a kind mentor. But after Nic’s crush is vengefully outed as trans, she blurts out something awful and fears she’s ruined everything. Can she mend shattered trusts and reclaim her authentic self?

**Buy Link:** <https://books2read.com/ugliethebook>

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