

"I remember being born.

In fact, I remember a time before that. There was no light, but there was music: joints creaking, blood rushing, the heart's staccato lullaby, a rich symphony of indigestion. Sound enfolded me, and I was safe."

"I remember nothing more; I was a baby, however peculiar. Blood and panic meant little to me. I do not recall the horrified midwife, my father weeping, or the priest's benediction for my mother's soul."

-Seraphina

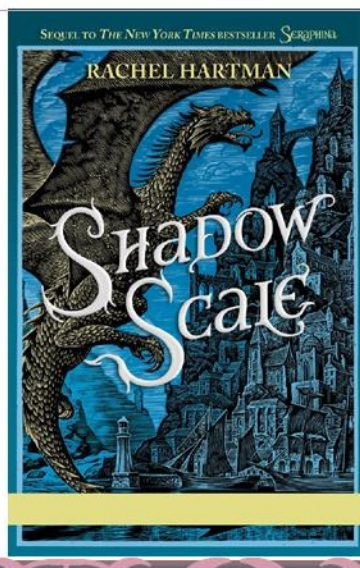
## SUMMARY

In this mysterious fantasy world, humans and dragon-kind live in a false peace together. Though the treaty between dragons and people keeps things in fair balance, there is still much suspicion, disdain and fear against the dragons. Tensions become so high, it is rumored that another war may be brewing on the horizon...

17 year-old Seraphina is the youngest and most talented music prodigy in the kingdom of Goredd, given that makes her very well known and liked by many, which is exactly the opposite of what she wanted. You see, Seraphina has a dark secret about her and her origins. A secret so horrific that if anyone was to find out, human or dragon, she would be shunned, considered grotesque, and possibly killed. But when the prince is mysteriously murdered, Seraphina puts her identity and life on the line to find the murderer and finds others with the same dark secret as her that could possibly be the key to the salvation and peace of people and dragons.

Shadow Scale, the sequel to Seraphina, is not being published until March 10th 2015 by Random House Children's Books. Here's a link to the teaser if you're too impatient to wait:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/240291548/Shadow-Scale-by-Rachel-Hartman-Chapter-Sampler>



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



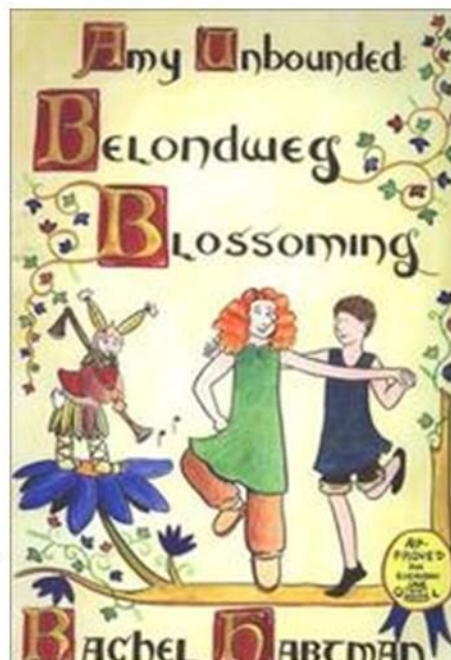
**RACHEL HARTMAN** was actually an illustrator before she wrote her first comic, Amy Unbound, and then her debut story Seraphina 9 years afterwards. She was born in Kentucky, but since then has been moving around to other places such as Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Lois, England and Japan. She currently is living in Vancouver BC with her family.

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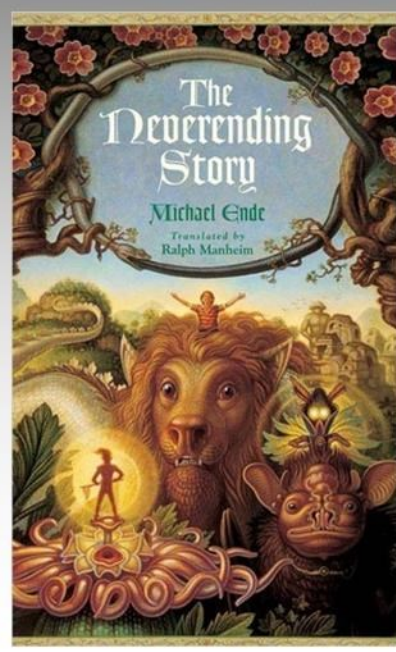
Amy Unbound is Rachel Hartman's first published comic that was both written and illustrated by her. Ten year old Amy lives in the mythical kingdom of Goredd (the same kingdom Seraphina lives in). When Amy discovers and reads the ancient book, Belondweg, a history of hero queens and great battles that she learns about makes her life seem dull and unexciting. So she decides to go on an adventure of her own, and she may discover something greater than the Belondweg.



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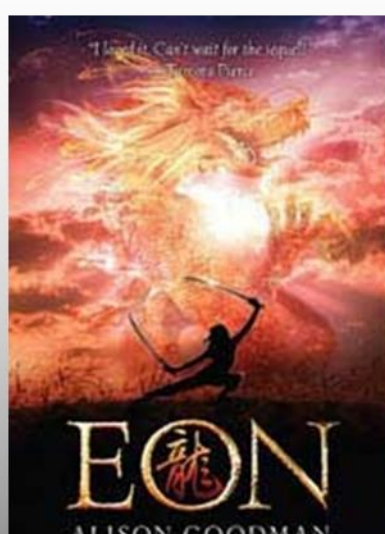
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