

APPENDIX

APPENDIX I

BIOGRAPHY OF AUTHOR

1. Biography of Axie Oh

Axie Oh, she is a Korean-American author born in New York City and raised in New Jersey. She pursued her undergraduate studies at the University of California, San Diego, majoring in Korean history and creative writing, and later earned an MFA in Writing for Young People from Lesley University. Axie Oh is also a New York Times bestselling novelist known for writing heartfelt YA fiction that blends fantasy, folklore, and contemporary romance. Her published works include: *Rebel Seoul* (2017) and its sci-fi sequel *Rogue Heart* (2019), *XOXO* (2021) its a K-pop-infused romantic YA set partly in Seoul that followed by its companion novel *ASAP* (2024), *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* (2022) its a feminist retelling of a Korean folktale, and *The Floating World* (2025) its upcoming sequel *The Demon and the Light* that inspired by Korean myths and blending fantasy worldbuilding with modern sensibilities. Her storytelling draws heavily on Korean folklore, anime, K-pop, Ghibli, and video games, creating vibrant worlds with strong emotional cores.

For personal interests and whereabouts, Axie is passionate about K-pop, anime, stationery, milk tea, and JRPGs. She frequently travels to Seoul, drawing on her experiences for her fiction, and currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, with her dogs Toro and Leila. Her writing career began in college with flash fiction shared online. Her breakthrough came after winning the New Visions Award from Lee & Low Books, which led to publication of *Rebel Seoul*. Since then, she's become known for weaving diverse cultural elements into relatable YA narratives.

APPENDIX II

SYNOPSIS OF THE GIRL WHO FELL BENEATH THE SEA

2. Synopsis of The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea

The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea is a captivating retelling of the Korean folktale Shim Cheong, blending mythology, adventure, and romance. The story follows Mina, a brave sixteen-year-old girl who sacrifices herself to become the Sea God's bride in place of Shim Cheong, the village's chosen bride and the love of Mina's brother, Joon. Determined to save her family and end the devastating storms plaguing her people, Mina leaps into the sea and is transported to the Spirit Realm, a mystical world of gods, spirits, and ancient curses.

Upon arriving, Mina discovers that the Sea God is not the vengeful deity she imagined but a slumbering boy trapped in an enchanted sleep. To break the curse and awaken him, she must navigate the treacherous politics of the Spirit Realm, where powerful houses vie for control in the Sea God's absence. Her journey is complicated when Shin, the enigmatic lord of Lotus House, severs her Red String of Fate—a bond tying her soul to the Sea God—and transforms her voice into a magpie. Shin believes humans are unworthy of the gods' protection and seeks to prevent Mina from reaching the Sea God, fearing her failure could destabilize the realm.

As Mina fights to reclaim her soul and fulfill her destiny, she forms unexpected alliances with spirits like Mask, Dai, and Miki, who help her navigate the city's dangers. She also learns that Shin's motives are more complex than they seem; he is bound by duty to protect the Sea God and harbors his own secrets, including the shocking revelation that he lacks a soul. Despite their initial hostility, Mina and Shin develop a reluctant partnership, further complicated when their fates become entwined by a new Red String of Fate, invisible to others but binding them together.

The novel explores themes of sacrifice, love, and self-determination. Mina's determination to challenge fate and save her people mirrors the struggles of the brides who came before her, including Hyeri, a former bride now wed to a death god. Through encounters with deities like the fox goddess and the cruel Goddess of Women and Children, Mina

uncovers the truth behind the Sea God's curse and the broken connection between the human and spirit worlds.

As Mina and Shin grow closer, they confront their shared destiny and the possibility that their bond might hold the key to breaking the curse. The story culminates in a race against time, as Mina must awaken the Sea God before her thirty days in the Spirit Realm expire, or risk becoming a spirit herself.

Rich with lyrical prose and vivid world-building, *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea* is a tale of courage and love, where myths come alive, and the power to change fate lies in one's hands. Mina's journey challenges the boundaries between gods and humans, proving that even the smallest voice can alter the course of destiny.



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