

the **EDGE** of **ANYTHING**

by Nora Shalaway Carpenter

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Len is a loner teen photographer haunted by a past that's stagnated her work and left her terrified she's losing her mind. Sage is a high school volleyball star desperate to find a way around her sudden medical disqualification. Both girls need college scholarships. After a chance encounter, the two develop an unlikely friendship.

But both Len and Sage are keeping secrets that, left hidden, could cost them everything, maybe even their lives.

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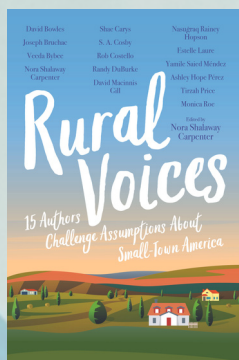
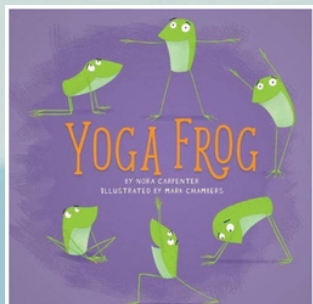
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Nora Shalaway Carpenter lives and writes in the mountains of North Carolina. Her novels and anthologies have been named "Best of the Year" by NPR, *Kirkus Reviews*, Bank Street Books, and *A Mighty Girl*, and have won accolades including the Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection, the Whippoorwill Award for authentic rural fiction, and the Nautilus Award championing "better books for a better world." She holds an MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts and serves as faculty for Highlights Foundation's Whole Novel Workshop and Intro to Short Fiction class. A dynamic speaker, she has presented all across the country, including at NCTE, ALA, and YALSA.

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