

ANITA SAXENA

MIDDLE GRADE & YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR



Bio

Anita Saxena has been a competitive figure skater for most of her life and coaching for more than two decades. She enjoys ice dance, theatre on ice, showcase, and moves in the field.

Anita lives in Alabama with her husband and three cats. When she's not on the ice, she writes and is an optometrist.

Anita also enjoys playing and teaching piano. She loves hiking when the weather is mild and going to the beach for undisturbed reading time. Anita also happens to be a connoisseur of hot tea and popsicles. After graduating from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with University Honors in Philosophy and a minor in Chemistry, she then went on to receive her Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry.

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“Readers will relish this incredible sports novel that follows a young skater's journey toward her dream of being the best of her field. With Saxena's skating expertise shining through on every page, this vivid story shows what it's like to try and fail, and get up again (and again). This is no skating world of glamor and sparkle, but a realistic look at what it takes to be a competitive skater, including how much family support and self-belief—or the lack of both—play in one's success,”

—**Diane Magras**, award winning author of *Secret of the Shadow Beasts*, *The Mad Wolf's Daughter*, *The Hunt for the Mad Wolf's Daughter*

- Birthday: January 19
- Sign: Capricorn
- Favorite Season: Spring
- Favorite Color: Red
- Favorite Place to Write: on the couch with my cats
- Favorite Authors (can't pick just one): Maggie Stiefvater
Cassandra Clare
Gayle Forman
- Favorite TV shows: *Friends*, *Stranger Things*, *Manifest*, *Anything Star Wars*
- Favorite Things to Do: Ice Skating
Spending time with family & friends
Disney World
Drink tea
Eat pizza

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