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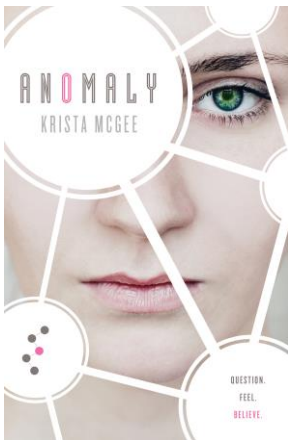


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# PRESS RELEASE

## How Much Will You Risk to Find the Truth?

*Krista McGee takes readers on riveting adventure of doubt, truth and purpose.*



**Seattle:** Have you ever felt you were different from everyone else? Were you embarrassed by these differences, so you tried to hide them? In Krista McGee's latest novel, **Anomaly** (Thomas Nelson / July 9, 2013 / ISBN: 978-1401688721 / \$9.99), Thalli must hide who she really is or face death. Follow Thalli as she searches for truth and purpose in her controlling world in the first book in this trilogy for young adults. McGee approaches the popular dystopian genre from a Christian worldview to challenge readers to question what is going on around them and find answers from the Designer — God.

Long before Thalli's birth, the world ended in a nuclear war. But all was not lost. A group of scientists, known as The Ten, found ways for life to continue deep underground. The scientists genetically engineered humans to be without emotion in hopes of preventing another war from threatening their lives.

But Thalli isn't like the others. She was born with the ability to feel and a sense of curiosity she can hardly contain. She must hide these differences in order to survive. How long will Thalli be able to contain the emotions and questions bottled inside? What will happen when The Ten find out she's been lying to them?

With the fear of annihilation looming in her future, Thalli questions all she knows. She hears rumors of someone called the Designer — someone even more powerful than The Ten. With time to think, feel and question, Thalli wonders if the parts of her that have always been an anomaly could in fact be part of a much larger plan. Could the differences she's always guarded be the answer to what she's been searching for all along?

"Christians are called the body of Christ, and the body is made up of different parts — all are necessary for a healthy body to function," McGee explains. "The rulers of Thalli's world reject such a notion, choosing to believe instead that sameness is best for mankind. But Thalli is different — an anomaly. And we find through her journey that differences really are best, and God's design is perfect."

As a teacher, McGee has a passion for teenagers and a desire to see them excited about God. This fuels her writing, and she hopes her readers will realize that, like Thalli, their differences are what make them special and have a purpose. Every person is fearfully and wonderfully made by the ultimate designer — God. He is more powerful than any government, disaster, person or idea.

*Anomaly* is the first in a trilogy of books about Thalli's journey. The second book releases in February 2014 and the conclusion in August 2014.

Learn more about Krista McGee and her books at [kristamcgeebooks.com](http://kristamcgeebooks.com).

## Advance Praise

"McGee successfully asks readers to consider both what it means to act (or not act) on human emotions and the role such emotions play in relationships with God."

~ *Publishers Weekly*

"*Anomaly* grabs the reader and refuses to let go. From the introduction to misunderstood anomaly, Thalli, to the boy she loves, one is never completely sure what is fact and what is a horrifying virtual reality. This is sure to be a favorite of teens everywhere."

~ Heather Burch, author of the critically acclaimed *Halflings Series*

"A razor-edged look at the resilience of Christian faith, *Anomaly* is taut, high-stakes dystopia that grips on the first page and twists all the way through."

~ Evan Angler, author of the *Swipe series*

"*Anomaly* is a fabulous read! Krista McGee is a fresh and gifted voice in YA apocalyptic fiction. Excellent characters and an intriguing plot provide readers with great entertainment—as well as a call to go 'outside' themselves. I can't wait for book two!"

~ Kathryn Mackel, author of *Boost*

"A beautiful story that has me wondering if I would have the strength to be an Anomaly. Fans of James Dashner's *Maze Runner* will love Krista McGee's *Anomaly*."

~ Jon Lewis, author of the *C.H.A.O.S.* trilogy

## About the Author



Krista McGee's passion to see teens excited about serving God is a driving force behind her novels. Ever since college when she spent a summer working at a youth camp, McGee knew she wanted to invest in teenagers. Since then she's been involved in a variety of youth ministries and currently teaches at a Christian school in Tampa, FL.

McGee broke into the writing world during her time in Spain. A friend encouraged her to submit an article to a Christian girls' magazine, and it got published. Once her family moved back to Tampa, she got the idea for her first novel, *First Date*, a modern take of the story of Esther. Her subsequent books, *Starring Me* and *Right Where I Belong*, are based on Rebekah and Ruth.

When Krista McGee isn't living in fictional worlds of her own creation, she spends her days as a wife, mom, teacher and coffee snob.

Learn more about Krista McGee and her books at [kristamcgeebooks.com](http://kristamcgeebooks.com). Readers can also become a fan on [Facebook](#) ([krista.a.mcgee](https://www.facebook.com/krista.a.mcgee)) or follow her on [Twitter](#) ([@KristaMcGeeYA](https://twitter.com/KristaMcGeeYA)).

## Suggested Interview Questions

- Your earlier books are modern adaptations of the biblical stories of Esther, Rebekah and Ruth. Where did you find your inspiration for *Anomaly*?
- Thalli knows her curiosity and emotions make her unique. What can teens learn from Thalli about their differences?
- How did your passion for writing teen fiction develop?

- What lessons do you hope readers take away from *Anomaly*?
- Without giving away too much, what else can you tell us about the Designer?
- How has being a teacher impacted the way you approach your novels?
- As Thalli learns more about herself and the world, she questions if there is more to life. Do you think it's OK for teens to question God and why he has made them unique?
- How does *Anomaly* compare to popular teen series, such as *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*? Will readers drawn to those books enjoy Thalli's adventure, too?
- Are there special connections from Thalli's pursuit for a greater purpose for her abilities and our different roles in the Church?
- Will *Anomaly* be part of a new series? What are you working on next?

**Krista McGee is available for interviews to promote the release of *Anomaly*. To request a review copy, schedule an interview or for more information, please contact Audra Jennings, [audra@lifusegroup.com](mailto:audra@lifusegroup.com).**