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FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS

Astoria-raised author, TV writer releases second book

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When Britta Lundin graduated from Astoria High School in 2003 and began school at Reed College, she intended to go into politics. It didn't take long before she decided there was a better way for her to make an impact by crafting words and characters for the entertainment industry.

"I was extremely into the show 'The West Wing,'" Lundin said.

Upon deeper reflection, she realized, "I'd rather write for 'The West Wing' than work in the West Wing."

The Astoria native eventually secured jobs in Los Angeles as a television writer for CW's "Riverdale" and HBO's "Betty." Now, she is writing for a new show, "The Big Leap," a FOX-produced comedy-drama that airs in September.

Lundin is also a published author. After securing her second book deal with Disney, Lundin's newest book, "Like Other Girls," is set to publish on Tuesday. Lundin's first book, "Ship It," was published by Disney in 2018.

Balancing stories

During her time with "Riverdale," she recalls waking up and seeing tweets from viewers around the world, especially young people. They were acutely invested in the characters and plot line, and Lundin saw firsthand how television can have an outside influence on a person's life.

"You don't want to take that lightly," she said, adding that it requires balancing a desire "to honor the people who care about the story you're writing" with wanting "to tell the best story that's honest about these characters."

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'THESE BOOKS CAN REALLY BE A WINDOW INTO OTHER WORLDS, AND THAT WAS VERY NECESSARY FOR ME. I'M ALWAYS WRITING FOR THOSE KIDS WHO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE LIBRARY.'

Britta Lundin | TV writer in Los Angeles and Astoria High School graduate



TOP: Britta Lundin on the set of CW's 'Riverdale,' a popular teen TV show she worked for as a writer.

ABOVE: Lundin always enjoyed playing sports growing up, a love she's incorporated in her new novel 'Like Other Girls.'

RIGHT: The cover of Lundin's book, 'Like Other Girls.'

BOTTOM: Lundin has written for a number of TV shows.

