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*The first installment in an unforgettable new middle grade series by  
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# Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)

By Alison McGhee  
with Pictures by Drazen Kozjan

New York Times bestselling author Alison McGhee brings nine-year old Julia Gillian to life in **Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)**, the first book in a new series for middle grade readers.

Julia Gillian is a girl of many accomplishments. Among others, she is skilled in the Art of Knowing—about her quirky neighbors, her Minneapolis neighborhood. She even knows exactly what her Saint Bernard, Bigfoot, is saying (even though he doesn't speak human). Unfortunately, the one skill Julia Gillian doesn't have is knowing how the book she's reading is going to end; it doesn't seem as if it's going to have a happy ending, and that frightens her. But being afraid teaches her something new: that having good friends and family around you makes life a bit less scary—and much more fun.

Alison McGhee understands this small Minneapolis neighborhood as only a local can, and Drazen Kozjan depicts Julia Gillian's world with delightfully simple illustrations. This unique combination makes *Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)* an unforgettable story that is sure to capture the hearts of readers.

**Alison McGhee** is the author of numerous books for both adults and young readers, including the *New York Times* bestselling picture books *Someday* and *A Very Brave Witch*. She lives with her family in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where (like Julia Gillian) she is known to frequent the Quang Restaurant and enjoy egg rolls and strawberry bubble tea. You can learn more about Alison at [www.alisonmcghee.com](http://www.alisonmcghee.com).

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