

KATE MacCARTHY

Writer

GOAL

I'd love to get that "5+ years of experience" that everyone's always talking about, especially if it means creating striking video games and learning new skills as I do. If someone will set the bar high and teach me to get over it, that's even better.

PROFILE

What I really mean when I say "I have a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies" is that I love to learn. I've taken courses in anthropology, history, literature, and all sorts of weird things like forensic anthropology. I love to tell stories and connect with others, and I believe diversity is key to an interconnected world.

STYLE + TRAITS

- Grammar & style master
- Japanese & Korean language
- Problem solving prowess
- Stress? Don't know her
- Workshops are my happy place

SKILLS + TOOLS

- Microsoft Office
- Jaas + Confluence
- Windows PC
- Photoshop + paint.net
- Learning Twine + Unreal
- Audacity + Adobe Premiere
- Working knowledge of HTML

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REFERENCES

Available on request.

EXPERIENCE

DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT | KEYWORDS + EA GAMES | PRESENT

Welcome to the industry — we ship next month. Beyond bug testing, I now look for new ways to improve a franchise that's older than I am. Within my first year in the industry, I've found and logged over 100 bugs, championed diversity and inclusion changes that are live today, plus editing and writing original dialogue to be published this year.

BARISTA | STARBUCKS | 2016-2021

I'm the dreamy barista everyone looked for when they walked in, because I remembered names, regular orders, and I made it right every time. I made customers feel so welcome and appreciated that they bought me flowers before. True story.

SALES CONSULTANT | EB GAMES | 2018-2019

I sold more Super Smash bundles than most people touch in a lifetime, and had a blast chatting with customers about games and figuring out the *perfect* match for their next adventure.

SERVER | THE COVE CAFE | SUMMER 2015

Working at the mercy of the ferry schedules showed me the highs and lows of humanity, from rushing to deliver forgotten jackets and bags before the boat left to when someone ran aboard with their unfinished burger still atop our plate.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | 2016-2020

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

FOCUS IN LITERATURE, HISTORY, AND CREATIVE WRITING

I've taken so many creative writing courses that I've gone from "please, not more 'constructive criticism'," to "is it workshop day yet?" You name it, I've written it: from video game narrative to autobiographical, fiction, and poetry, each with its own technique.

LANGARA COLLEGE | 2013-2016

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

Aside from my first video game narrative course, I experimented here with Chinese, geology, and even archaeology for some reason.

AWARD

I impressed the jocks at my school so much that they awarded me the Greater Vancouver District Scholarship for Creative Writing.

ACTIVITIES + INTERESTS

- Storytelling – Tall tales and short stories
- Languages – Skip the subs
- Video Games – Better than Reality Games
- Parkour – Yeah, bouncing off walls for fun
- Character Design – All my friends are fictional
- Marketing – Not just for Runescape, I swear