



About the Author - Alison Crandall



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"Summer Rain"

I'm Alison Crandall, I'm sixteen and in my sophomore year in LMHS. I enjoy reading, writing, drawing, playing flute, video games, and computer animation in my spare time. I currently live with my mother, brother, grandparents, and aunt in Otis.

I also live with my pet lovebird named Sunshine.

In her Afterword Alison writes:

I've learned a lot about the environment and energy in the world, in my school, and in the news.

I was particularly interested and concerned about the current problems with choosing an alternative energy source and the effects on the environment from what's going on while the world decides what to do. I've also learned and know that solar energy is a reliable source, though expensive to put into place. Also, in a program I watched on TV, I saw that some places are growing plants to create some energy for the building from their extracts.

I used those two sources in combination to create a new world-wide "housing plan" in which every house would be fitted with solar-panel roof tiles and have a greenhouse in order to produce environmentally safe energy for the building. And with a clean energy source, the environment is cleaner, which the children in the story interact with, and appreciate.

The current war in Iraq also brought the oil aspect into my story as I asked myself what would happen if oil *was* replaced, and the effects that would have on the countries and people that produced and relied on oil. My story was based upon this and the like I have for my own house and the woods that surround it, which is the setting for the story.