



## *About the Author - Colleen Ottomano*

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*"Tennis Matches and Space Bugs"*



Colleen is a junior at Hopkinton High School. In addition to writing, she enjoys painting and drawing. At the moment she is developing her unique style of science-fiction illustration. Colleen enjoys learning; her favorite subjects are outer space and ancient cultures. She hopes to study astrophysics when she goes to college.

In her free time, Colleen loves to ride her horse, My Lucky Shamrock, and play with her dog, Holly. She also enjoys watching science-fiction television shows, which includes at the moment, *Stargate SG-1* and *Atlantis, Farscape, The X-Files, Firefly, Doctor Who, Torchwood, and Battlestar Galactica*. Often these shows inspire her to write her stories and draw her artwork. Colleen believes that it is important for everyone to do something to help the environment, even if it is just picking up trash off the side of the road. As long as people are aware of the problem and are willing to fix it, she believes it can be fixed. All people need is that extra push.

### **In her Afterword Colleen Writes:**

"In the future, we will run out of space on our beloved Earth. It's a fact.

We must be prepared to expand to the great beyond. Humankind must realize this and take the next leap into space. The lunar base that has been thought of, and might fall through in the year 2024, is one of these steps. Some people say that this money should be spent helping people around the world; it should not be spent on the fantastic idea of a lunar base. The fact is, this money will be well spent. We have to start somewhere, why not here?"