

# GRACE SMITHWICK

## Managing Editor

“When not writing, Grace Smithwick leads an elite team of assassins for hire. You pay, they slay. Known in many circles for her willingness to fight anything. If seen, approach with caution. Or with coffee.”

**Grace Smithwick** received her undergraduate degree in theatre arts at the University of South Florida before making the big move to the Windy City. This is her first year as an MFA Fiction candidate, and she is incredibly excited to be working with the staff of *Hair Trigger* for its 40th anniversary addition.

### **What is your favorite book?**

*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.*

### **What's the last show you binge-watched?**

*The 100.*

### **Briefly describe how you got into writing.**

I feel as though I've always been writing, but I know that isn't technically correct. I read so much that, eventually, I started jotting down my own ideas and characters. Things snowballed from there.

### **Which fictional character do you wish was your best friend?**

Leslie Knope! I feel like we could all use a best friend like Leslie Knope.

### **Are you a coffee, tea, or juice person? Why?**

Coffee, because it is delicious and because without caffeine I find it hard to see the point of pretty much anything.

### **What do you wish you were doing right now?**

Sitting in Millennium Park with a big cup of coffee. Or at Disney World with a big cup of coffee.

### **What's your ideal reading (or writing) spot?**

For reading, at home in my room. For writing, somewhere loud and busy.

### **Whose music are you listening to these days?**

Elle King, Pink Floyd, and The Smiths, mainly.

### **Name one random fact about yourself.**

My favorite superhero is Captain America!