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Author of the acclaimed young adult novels *This Girl is Different* and *The Theory of Everything*, J.J. Johnson graduated from Binghamton University and has a Master of Education in Adolescent Risk and Prevention from Harvard. She has worked as a counselor and has coordinated programs such as The Learning Web and Youth Advocacy. J.J. grew up in a small town, but small-mindedness drives her crazy. She lives with her family in Durham, NC, where she is working on her next novel... when she's not procrastinating by dancing, hiking, or eating cookie dough.

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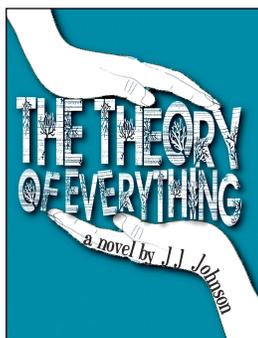
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**About *This Girl is Different*:**

“Offering a thorough examination of the pitfalls of protest and revolution in terms teens will understand, this smart first novel will likely spark discussions about authority abuse and crossing boundaries. Rather than judging Evie’s methods of precipitating change, Johnson reveals a broad spectrum of perspectives through her characters’ differing sentiments, motivations, and opinions. Authority figures, who Evie initially despises, make astute points throughout the novel.” — *Publisher’s Weekly*

- 2011 Parent’s Choice Foundation Silver Award
- 2012 ALA Amelia Bloomer List
- 2012 Bankstreet Best Children’s Books of the Year
- Publication in Croatia, South Korea, and France



**About *The Theory of Everything*:**

“★ Readers will easily relate to Sarah’s use of cynicism as a defense mechanism—her sharp-witted voice sets the tone for a story that’s truly tragicomic.” —*Publisher’s Weekly, Starred Review*

“Johnson deftly blends humor and grief in this story of a teenager’s struggles to make sense of her best friend’s death. ... [M]ain character Sarah’s pitch-perfect voice make *The Theory of Everything* compulsively readable.” -- Kendall Kulper, *Blogging for YA*

- 2012 American Booksellers Association - 100 Best Books for Children
- 2012 Cooperative Children’s Book Center Best Books
- CYBILS Award finalist – Young Adult Fiction
- Publication in Spain and Brazil

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- Topics related to your class discussions and themes, including: *CIVICS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, BULLYING, GRIEF, SARCASM AS A WRITING TOOL, WRITING FOR PUBLICATION, LIFE AS A NOVELIST*, and many more.
- Book readings and signings, with question-and-answer sessions
- Skype classroom visits
- Study guides and discussion questions for *This Girl is Different* and *The Theory of Everything*

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