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About the Author

Mary Buckham is the author of the *USA Today* bestselling *Invisible Recruits* series, which has been touted for its unique voice, high action, and rich emotion. Mary lives in Washington State with her husband and, when not crafting a new novel of her own, she travels the country researching settings and teaching other writers.

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