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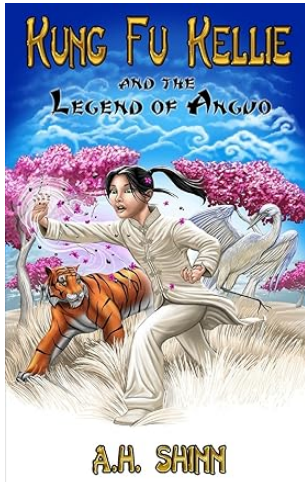
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## Book Review

**Reviewed by Katelyn Hensel for Readers' Favorite**

On a dark and stormy night, a baby was abandoned at a monastery. Well, maybe not so dark and stormy, but Kellie WAS left on the doorstep of monks as a baby and has stayed with them ever since. Flash forward and Kellie is a young girl. She's loved her life with the monks and has gotten more than a conventional knowledge of all aspects of life, particularly Kung Fu. She is very happy, but all of a sudden she is expected to just drop everything and start a new life in America with Master Chen. She tries her best to make friends and figure out the new country, but when secrets are unearthed that throw her world into a tailspin, she doesn't know who she can trust. Kung Fu Kellie and the Legend of Anguo by A.H. Shinn is a fun and intelligent ride that kids from middle grade all the way to adults will enjoy.

I absolutely love reading books that are set in other countries and with other cultures. I enjoyed the first parts of the book and when she went back home to save her family, but also enjoyed when Kellie moved to America and how the culture shock felt when seeing it first hand. I feel that fans of comic books will love how A.H. Shinn writes, in an almost campy and comic book manner with the characters while still maintaining the formatting and story depth of an actual novel. Kung Fu Kellie is a great book!



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## Author Biography



A.H. Shinn got the idea for Kung Fu Kellie while driving back and forth to her job as a post-doctoral fellow. She worked during the day in a research lab and went to the martial arts studio in the evening. She first learned taekwondo while an undergrad at the University of California, Santa Barbara. After earning her Pharm.D. and Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of the Pacific, she began training in shou shu, where she received her first degree black belt.

Her love for martial arts sparked the creation of Kellie and the mystical animals of kung fu. The story initially began as a children's picture book, but quickly evolved to a novel when Shinn realized how much she had to share. Her passion for writing fiction blossomed and plans to continue the series is underway.