

*Life doesn't prepare you for your love story*



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# Press Release

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## **A Mark on My Soul, Jordon Greene's Debut YA Novel, to Release April 16, 2019**

CONCORD, N.C. (Jan 24, 2019) – Franklin/Kerr Press is pleased to announce the release of award-winning and Amazon bestselling author Jordon Greene's next novel, "A Mark on My Soul." The novel will be released in both paperback and eBook formats on April 16, 2019.

"A Mark on My Soul" is Jordon's first novel in the young adult market, with a contemporary LGBT coming-of-age story. He says, "*A Mark on My Soul* is a story that's been a long time in the making. I've wanted to write this one for a while. I just felt like I couldn't express this story while I was hiding who I really am from the world without outing myself." He went on to state, "I hope it will be a beacon of hope to teens in the LGBT community who desperately need to know they're not alone and that we're here for them, something I needed when I was younger."

The story is centered on Noah Andrews, a gay teenager who often prefers quotes over his own words, as he navigates life and love in suburban North Carolina. After finally mustering the courage to come out, he's surprised by an anonymous message from a boy at school who claims to like him. At first it's too much for Noah to believe, but in time their story takes off and Noah couldn't be happier. But life could never prepare Noah for his love story.

"A Mark on My Soul" releases April 16, 2019 in paperback and eBook formats, and is already available for pre-order. The paperback version will be available at \$12.99 from most major online retailers, while the eBook will be available on Amazon Kindle for \$3.99.

### **ABOUT JORDON GREENE**

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For more information about "A Mark on My Soul," or to schedule an interview please call Caleb at 704-659-3915 or e-mail Caleb at [caleb@franklinkerr.com](mailto:caleb@franklinkerr.com).



# Author Bio

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## Facts

- Born December 4, 1987
- Grew up in the NC foothills.
- Lives in Concord, North Carolina.
- BA in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2011).
- Senior Full-Stack Web Developer at SHOE SHOW, INC headquarters.
- Amazon Bestselling Horror Author of *To Watch You Bleed* and *The Reserve*.
- Decided he had to be happy for himself, not everyone else, Jordon finally came out as gay in 2018.
- Favorite Movies: *Star Trek*, *John Wick*, *Deadpool*, *The Dark Knight*, *The Strangers: Prey at Night*, and *Love, Simon*.
- Favorite Music: Bad Omens, Troye Sivan, Halsey, NF, MISSIO, K.Flay, and nothing,nowhere.
- Favorite Place: Editions Coffee Shop and Used Bookstore in Kannapolis, NC

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## Favorite Books

*History is All You Left Me* by Adam Silvera  
*They Both Die in the End* by Adam Silvera  
*Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton  
*Looking for Alaska* by John Green  
*Sigma Force Series* by James Rollins  
*The Young Elites* by Marie Lu

# Synopsis

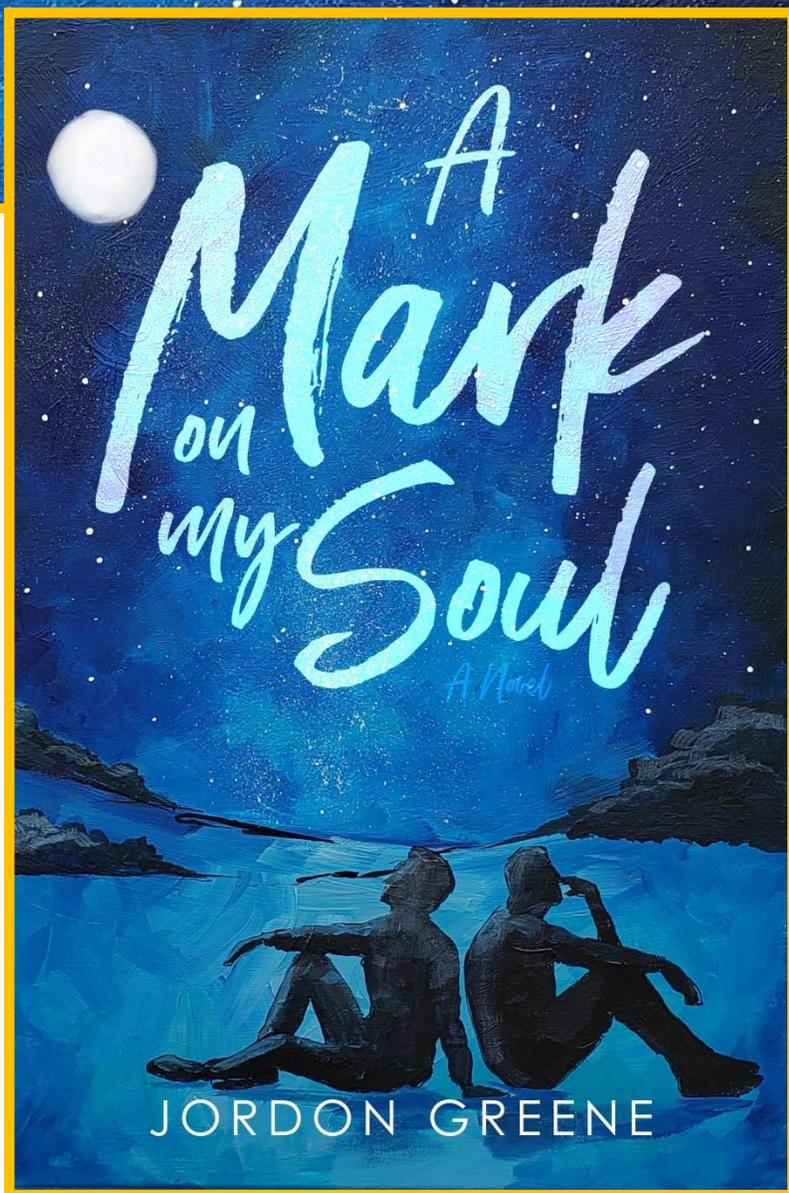
**Noah Andrews hates to lie, but that's exactly what his life is. One big lie.**

At least that's how he feels as a nerdy, closeted, gay high school senior in a suburban North Carolina town.

But after months of fretting and hiding behind his quotes, Noah finally does it. He comes out to the world, and realizes he had nothing to fear after all. With his lies behind him Noah is ready to take on his new future.

On the same night Noah gets a message from an anonymous boy with a crush on him, and all his dreams begin to come true.

**But is Noah truly ready for what life has planned for him?**



# Book Info

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**Author:** Jordon Greene

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# Book Excerpt

Well it's another day, another day in my cowardly closeted life.

I'm in the lunch line with, of all people, Camila. Nothing unusual there, except I'm horrified she's going to ask what I wanted to tell her yesterday. I still can't believe I chickened out.

Now it's the last thing I want to talk about. I mean, yeah, I want to tell her, but last night's epic failure is sort of eclipsing that want.

"You should have come with us last night," Cam says, throwing her hand in the air and almost toppling her tray to the floor. I grab my tray instinctively, just in case. "We had so much fun, but I think it would've been better if you'd been there. They all like you anyway."

"Like me?" I ask without turning. I pay for my food and lead Camila to our table. "What do you mean 'like me?'"

"Like, like-like you. Like, think you're cute, like you. Well, some of them, at least." She smirks.

I cringe. "What? Why? I mean seriously, I'm a nerd, like maybe a four out of ten," I tell her. It's only half defensive. I really am a nerd, I own it.

"Really?" She shoots me this crazed look. "I mean, don't get me wrong, I'm your friend. I don't like you like that, but you're super cute. You're at least a solid six, maybe even a seven."

"Sure." I don't know what else to say. I prefer this train to stop right here—no, better yet, I'd rather it derail and die a fiery death so it never comes back up. Lucky for me Parker appears and takes his seat next to Cam. "Hey, Park!"

"Hey, man!" He stuffs a chicken nugget in his mouth and doesn't wait to finish chewing before talking again. "Is your car out of the shop yet?"

"Nah." I have to work at keeping my eyes up. His shirt is a little snug today. The contours of his chest and the ball shape of his shoulders tug at the fabric. He's not ripped, but he's fit. "It's fixed though. Dad's taking me to pick it up after school."

"Did they ever figure out what was wrong?" he asks.

"Yeah, that's how they fixed it." Cam gives him the you-dumb-fuck look before I can react, and I cough out a laugh.

"You know what I mean." Parker grins.

"Yeah, but it was a stupid question," she says.

"Whatever." Parker waves her off.

**Q: Where are you from, and where do you live now?**

**A:** I was born in Beaufort, SC while my dad served in the US Marine Corps, but our family moved back to their original hometown of Lenoir, NC, located in the foothills when I was around three, so I grew up there. After graduating high school, I attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and then ended up moving permanently to Concord, NC when I took a job at the SHOE SHOW, INC. headquarters as a full-stack web developer.

**Q: How long have you been writing? How did you start writing?**

**A:** I've actually been writing since middle school, but I didn't publish anything until I started working on my first thriller in 2012. I've always enjoyed writing, but it was a writing competition my fifth grade year with a friend that got the ball rolling. I didn't even write the story, I illustrated it (which I suck at now by the way), but something about it got me wanting to write. I just never stopped.

**Q: What is your writing process?**

**A:** Plan, plan, and actually maybe a little more planning. I outline everything. The thought of just sitting down with an idea and writing from page one, or even skipping around without a solid plan scares the hell out of me. Basically I get an idea, write a blurb, detail my characters and create a step-by-step timeline of events. Then, after all of that's done and I'm happy with it, I begin writing.

**Q: What do you find to be the most difficult part of the writing process?**

**A:** I feel like the answer to this changes depending on what part of the writing process I'm currently in. Editing is always hard because I feel like I could make changes every time I read my work. But, I'd probably have to go with writing a synopsis or blurb for the book. It's hard for me to step back and summarize what I've wrote in 70,000 to 100,000 words into 100 to 200 instead.

**Q: Who is your favorite author?**

**A:** I'm not sure it's possible to have just one, and it also depends on the genre. My favorites are Adam Silvera and Marie Lu in young adult literature, James Rollins and Michael Crichton for techno thrillers and Dean Koontz for a good thriller or horror story.

**Q: Where are your books set? Why?**

**A:** Most of my books are set close to home. So you'll find a lot of North Carolina involved. I just like the idea of writing about places that I know, and I have to admit it's cool to me to be able to walk into a building or drive down a street and think "Hey, Noah came to this same place with his friends after that volleyball game." Plus, I don't think North Carolina gets enough recognition in literature or movies, so that's my little contribution.

**Q: Are your characters based on real people?**

**A:** I'd be lying if I said no. None are really totally based off a single real person, but some are pieces of many different people. Of course, you'll also find bits of me in some of my characters. Oftentimes it's trivial little things, maybe memories or qualities, even issues I need to work on and the negative I see in myself, that show up.

**Q: Where do the ideas for your books come from?**

**A:** There's not really one source, but I do get a lot of inspiration from the music I listen to. For instance, *A Mark on My Soul* is the title of one of my favorite songs from a Swedish metalcore band called Imminence; the story itself is personal, it's a way for me to help LGBT teens growing up in non-accepting environments see they're not alone. Then there is the story I'm working on now that, while the actual meaning of the song is unrelated to my story, the title and idea came from a song called *Nevermore* from my favorite band *nothing,nowhere*.

**Q: When you aren't writing, what do you like to do for fun?**

**A:** Until lately, writing was about all I did. In the past my spare time was spent doing freelance web development, reading, and the occasional visit to the theater. However, recently, I've found playing *Overwatch* to be quite addictive.

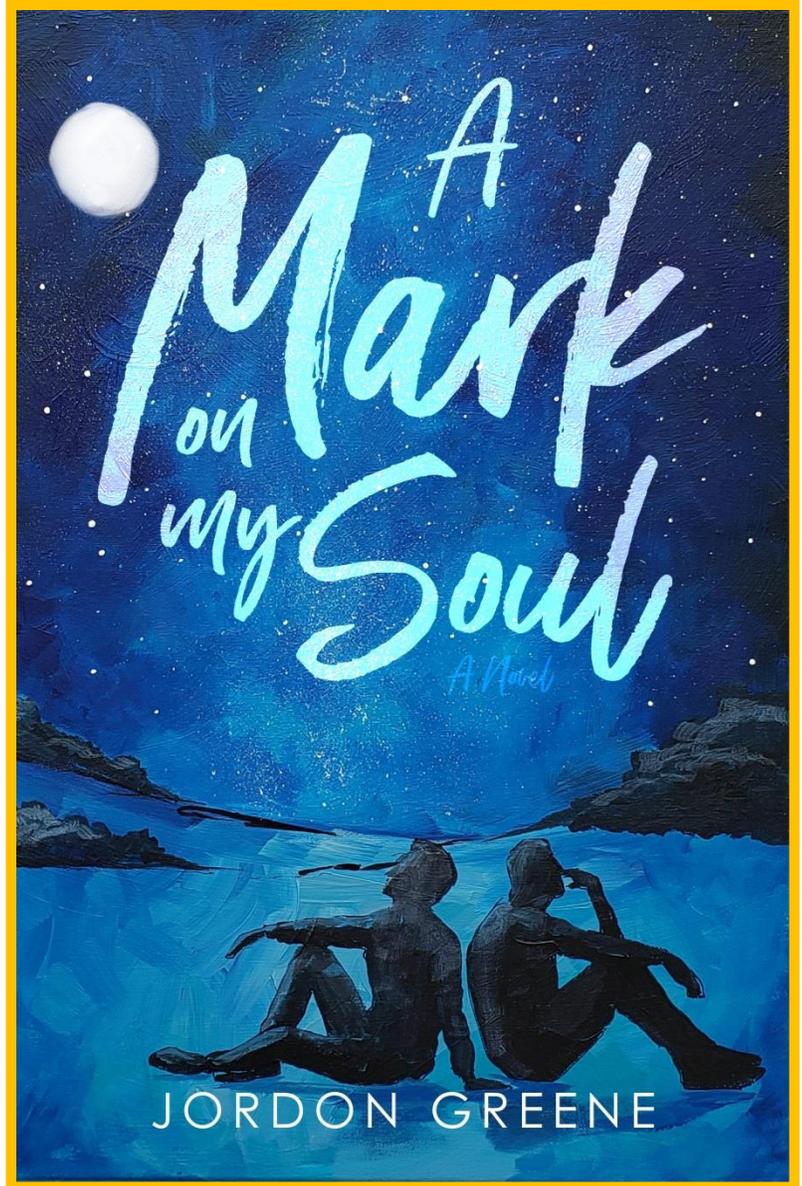
**Q: Do you do school visits?**

**A:** I do! However, I work a full-time job so my availability is limited, and depending on the location I may require some compensation. However, I try my best to do school visits without charge to support reading programs in our schools.

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