

About Malayna

Malayna Evans spent ten years in the Chicago media market, another ten in academia, and the last decade as an entrepreneur. Years after earning her Ph.D. in Egyptology from the University of Chicago, her son, then nine, suggested she write a story about a kid, who looked like him, lost in ancient Egypt.

Excited both by the idea of sharing her passion for ancient history with today's middle graders and pursuing her dream of becoming a published author, she jumped into the project with abandon. Her debut novel, *Jagger Jones and the Mummy's Ankh*, will be released in May of 2019.

A single mom with two kids, one rescue dog, and a hamster, Malayna lives in Oak Park, IL. She spends much of her time writing—and balancing her writing with kids and career—but she's "mature" enough to have wandered through Havana with her kids, shopped the souks of Bangkok and Istanbul, eaten her way through Italy, enjoyed deep sea diving in Bermuda, and, of course, trekked the ruins of Egypt. She loves (e)meeting new people so reach out to her on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [Goodreads](#) or visit her at www.malaynaevans.com

Malayna enjoys interviews, book signings and class visits so email her here to schedule.

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