

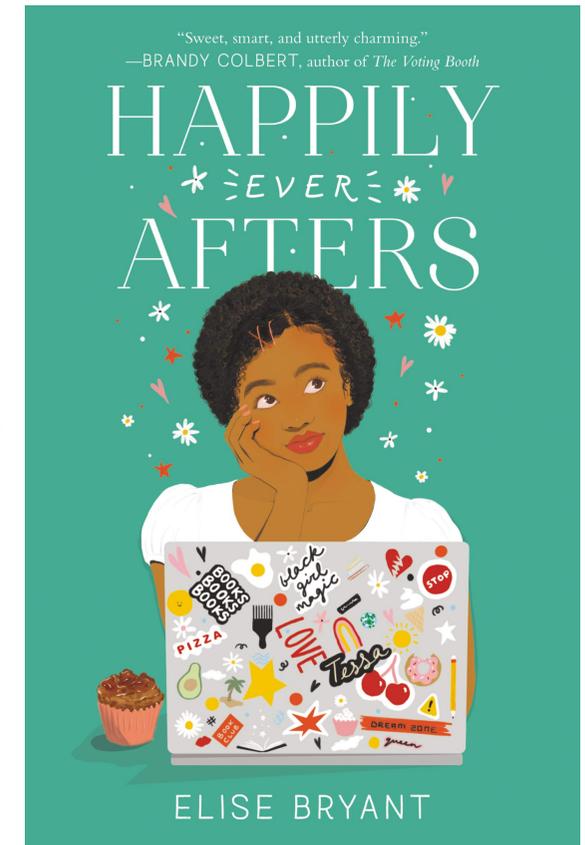


## 💖 Elise Bryant 💖

Elise Bryant is a young adult romance author best known for her debut novel 'Happily Ever Afters'. She was born and raised in California and then graduated from California State University with a bachelor in Africana Studies. For several years, she worked in South Los Angeles as a special education teacher.

A lot of the content in 'Happily Ever Afters' is inspired by Bryant's teenage experiences. She was a biracial black girl who had to live with anxiety and found an escape reading romance novels. She always longed to see someone like her represented in the swoony pink covered novels she read so religiously.

After graduating from college, Elise Bryant got a job teaching English to high school students. She loved her job but always had trouble finding books she thought were suitable for her students, who she thought could not relate to what was available. Most of the works focused on police violence or trauma but all she wanted was to present a character that looked like them. In her free time, she began writing. She found it dreamy and fun, and it was not long before she finished writing the manuscript for her swoony and fluffy young adult romance novel. She sent it out to agents for fun and was surprised when one emailed her back within an hour. Soon after, she was entertaining several offers. Bryant sold the novel to Harper Collins and after a lot of success she decided to leave teaching and become a full time author. Getting published was something she never expected and she still does not believe she got her childhood dream and career she always wanted.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bookseriesinorder.com/elise-bryant/>