

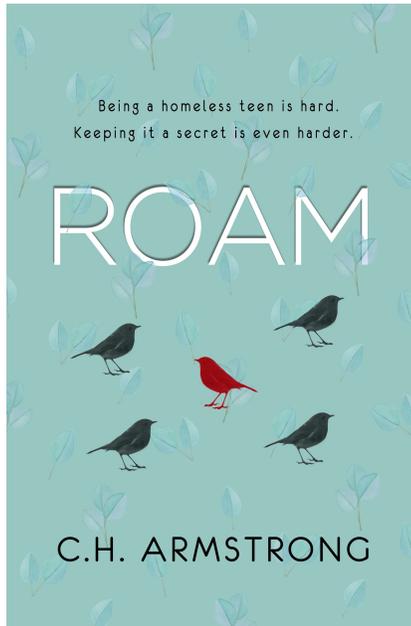
ROAM

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In a market looking for diversity in characters and situations, *Roam* addresses circumstance-driven poverty that can happen to normal families. It seamlessly takes the normal teen issues of friends, romance and college and puts them against a backdrop of homelessness and the need for community social safety nets.



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AUTHOR	C.H. ARMSTRONG
MARKETING & PUBLICITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goodreads & Amazon giveaways• Print & e-galley trade review campaign• NetGalley & Edelweiss ARC distribution & advertising• Extensive Social media campaign• Compared to: <i>A Tragic Kind of Wonderful</i>; <i>Paperweight</i>; <i>When We Collided</i>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Seventeen year-old Abby Lunde and her family are living on the streets. They had a normal life back in Omaha but, thanks to her mother's awful mistake, they had to leave what little they had behind for a new start in Rochester. Abby tries to be an average teenager—fitting into school, buoyed by dreams of a boyfriend, college and a career in music. But Minnesota winters are unforgiving, and so are many teenagers.</p> <p>Her stepdad promises to put a roof over their heads, but times are tough for everyone and Abby is doing everything she can to keep her shameful secret from her new friends. The divide between rich and poor in high school is painfully obvious, and the stress of never knowing where they're sleeping or where they'll find their next meal is taking its toll on the whole family.</p> <p>As secrets are exposed and the hope for a home fades, Abby knows she must trust those around her to help. But will her friends let her down the same way they did back home, or will they rise to the challenge to help them find a normal life?</p>
AUTHOR	C.H. Armstrong writes issue-driven young adult and women's fiction, and freelances part time as a columnist for a local magazine. A 2015 assignment to cover the 20-year anniversary of a soup kitchen piqued her interest in her local homeless community. After meeting the organizer, volunteers and "guests" at the soup kitchen, the inspiration for <i>Roam</i> was born.
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