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About the Creators

Eden Railsback

Eden Railsback (Eddie, any pronouns) is a fourth-year English major with a fiction writing concentration at California Polytechnic State University. She has worked with several different on-campus publications including feminist and queer studies journal *sprinkle* from 2018 to 2021 as a copy editor and reviewer, as well as award-winning newspaper *Mustang News* in 2019 as a copy editor.

Eddie is a lover of all things artistic. She wholeheartedly believes in the power of creativity and art, and finds herself enveloped in music, reading, writing, and digital drawing. She's currently reading a mix of Tara Westover's *Educated*, Ta-Nehisi Coates's *The Water Dancer*, and Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*—all at the same time, because figuring out the next read is way too hard with so many good books in the world.

Eddie spends most of her days chaotically consuming way too much caffeine, heading to the climbing gym and hiking with her roommates, and daydreaming about being good at video games. Realistically, she spends a lot more time daydreaming about being good at video games than she's actually letting on.

Juan Vergara

Juan Vergara (he/him) is a fourth-year first-generation English and Spanish major minoring in music at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He has been an active member of the Cal Poly Debate team, primarily participating in the Spanish division. He has also been a member of the Cal Poly Percussion Ensemble for four years. Over the years at Cal Poly, he has volunteered at local elementary schools working as a tutor and teacher's assistant. Juan enjoys playing the marimba, listening to Lady Gaga's marvelous music, geeking out about linguistics, and reading books on race, identity, and social justice. During his freetime, Juan enjoys writing poetry and short stories in both English and Spanish. When he is too tired or lazy to do anything productive, he binge watches shows on Netflix and Hulu.

In the upcoming year, Juan will continue his education at Cal Poly pursuing a Single Subject English teaching credential and Bilingual Authorization certificate. In the future he hopes to eventually teach at a school in a low-income community similar to the one he was raised in. He desires to provide students with an adequate and equitable education because everyone deserves the opportunity to soar.