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Luan was born in Glasgow and grew up in Hackney with her mother and two brothers. One of her most cherished memories was when her mother read to her before bedtime. As a child, Luan listened to Winnie The Pooh on cassette tape and read Disney books. She would always find a book to borrow at Hackney library on Mare Street and her childhood home was full of books. At secondary school, Luan and her friend invented stories using some of their favourite celebrities as characters.

Luan studied print journalism at University. For seven years, she wrote many articles about business and social media, until she decided to become a primary school teacher.

Since relocating to East Ham, Luan discovered the Newham bookshop a short walk from her house. She bought many children's books for her daughter and her students aged five to six years old. Luan loves novels and literary fiction. She is also interested in books which uplift people and made them recognise the importance of community.

Luan took an evening writing course and started to write her first novel. However, the novel was rejected by publishers multiple times. When her book called *Nightingale Point* was finally published the book launch happened at the Newham Bookshop. Luan still finds it strange to introduce herself as a writer.

Her favourite part about writing is the characters. She advises young writers to write constantly and find a writers' group to help them. Luan believes that stories need to represent everybody in the UK and not be stereotypical. It is important for her to show an array of different people and experiences in her writing.