

## A Major Name to Remember.

Fifth-year Literature and Creative writing student Olivia Murphy-Major, here to satisfy your coming-of-age cravings.

Olivia Murphy-Major is a fifth-year Undergraduate student at Concordia University. She majors in English Literature and Creative Writing and minors in Professional Writing. She finds herself involved in her program through her position as web content manager for Soliloquies Anthology, Concordia's undergraduate literary journal, as well as her involvement in Pixie Literary Magazine.

Having grown up in both Texas and Vermont, Olivia has her Canadian citizenship and has lived in Montreal for three years now. With rock climbing and Jiu Jitsu being some of her favourite active hobbies, she enjoys more tame activities as well such as curling up with a book from her favourite short fiction authors Raymond Carver and Lory Moore.

With both her fiction and non-fiction works having been published in *Yolk*, a Montreal-based literary journal and *Catamaran Literary Reader*, a California magazine, she is on the right track to having her pieces being published on their own. She loves to edit alongside peers, because she feels it brings a social aspect to the quite solitary world of a writer. Olivia categorizes her works as being "subtle" and "coming-of-age", often surrounding the topic of girlhood.

Olivia wishes to continue her studies in creative writing at the graduate level at Syracuse University, in hopes of being taught by George Saunders, an American writer whose work she enjoys. "My main inspiration in my life is my mom, who is an English professor and poetry writer", Olivia confesses. If one day she too becomes an established professor and author of a handful of books, she will be able to say that she's 'made it'.

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