



## ANGIE SMIBERT

Born in Blacksburg, a once sleepy college town in the mountains of Southwest Virginia, Angie Smibert grew up thinking she wanted to be a veterinarian. Organic chemistry had other ideas. But she always had stories in her head. Eventually, after a few degrees (BS in biology from Virginia Tech, MA in liberal studies from Hollins University) and a few cool jobs—including a 10-year stint at NASA's Kennedy Space Center—she wrote some of those stories down.

Angie is the author of several young adult books, including the Memento Nora trilogy from Skyscape: ***MEMENTO NORA*** (2011), ***THE FORGETTING CURVE*** (2012), and ***THE MEME PLAGUE*** (2013). She has also published many short stories, for both adults and teens, and is a frequent contributor to *Odyssey* magazine; *Memento Nora* began as one of those stories.

Previously, Angie worked at NASA's Kennedy Space Center for more than a decade, writing videos, designing online training, and developing websites. She also worked at Virginia Tech, where she wrote, among other things, publications for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Angie lives in Virginia and when she's not writing (...or reading), she enjoys yoga and playing on a local trivia quiz team. Her all time favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* – in her office she even has a framed photo of Scout and Atticus, signed by actress Mary Badham (who played Scout). Other surrounding inspirations while writing include a Tank Girl poster, as well as Futurama and Tim Burton toys. Angie is also a contributing member of the League of Extraordinary Writers, a blog of debut young adult dystopian writers:  
<http://leaguewriters.blogspot.com>.