



Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Michelle Kane survived nine years of Catholic school to go on to a public university, Eastern Michigan, where she earned a degree in English Language and Literature. Kane also completed a masters in the Art of Teaching Reading and Language Arts at Oakland University. She is a certified Reading Specialist for grades K-12 in the state of Michigan.

Despite grumblings from friends and family, Kane relocated to the west coast to write her first novel, *DESTINATION SCOUTS*. She is currently writing a young adult novel, *KIDS OF 8 MILE HIGH*, and teaching in the Detroit area. She lives with her husband and son in southeastern Michigan. *CONFESSIONS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOLGIRL* is her second novel.

## Valerie Bernowski:



Broken-home princess  
Obsessive-compulsive perfectionist  
and... Catholic school survivor?



Valerie Bernowski hates her school, her plaid uniform skirt, and her flat feathered hair. She also hates being teased and called "pollock" so much, she tells everyone she's Swedish.

When Valerie finds out her parents are getting divorced her world turns upside down. She begins to rebel against the Catholic faith and the ones who push it on her; her mother, Sister Mary Angelina, and even Father "Fingers."

Valerie's story begins in the mid-'80s, when new wave was big and the hairstyles were even bigger. Her tales unfold through intertwining chapters of flashbacks and present day reflections. Her bumpy road to self-discovery is paved with a cynical sense of humor, a longing for love, and a struggle to find faith.

Will Valerie realize that in order to move forward, she needs to let go of the pain of the past and the fear of her future?



Confessions of a Catholic Schoolgirl



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Praise for Kane and her debut bestseller.



"An authentic work of great talent."  
--The New York Times

"A rich, genuine novel."  
-- USA Today

"A humorous and hearty tale"  
--People

"A read you won't want to put down."  
--Los Angeles Times

"Literary magic."  
--Publishers Weekly

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