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## Award-winning YA author signs *Mammoth* with Turner Publishing

January 24, 2018 (Nashville, TN) – Jill Baguchinsky, winner of the 2011 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, is teaming up with Turner Publishing for *Mammoth*, a body-positive YA novel with a memorable heroine.

*Mammoth* (11/6/18) is the story of paleontology geek Natalie Page, a high schooler who lands a coveted internship at an Ice Age dig site near Austin, Texas. Natalie, who's also a plus-size fashion blogger, depends on the retro style and persona she developed to shield herself from her former bullies, but vintage dresses and designer heels aren't compatible with digging for fossils. But nothing can dampen her spirit for long! She's exactly where she wants to be, and gets to work with her hero, the host of the most popular paleontology podcast in the world. And then there's Chase the intern, who's seriously cute, and Cody, a local boy who'd be even cuter if he were less of a grouch.

It's a summer that promises to be about more than just mammoths.

Until it isn't.

When Natalie's paleontologist hero turns out to be anything but, and steals the credit for one of her accomplishments, she has to unearth the confidence she needs to stand out in a field dominated by men. To do this, she'll have to let her true self shine, even if that means defying the rules and risking her life for the sake of a major discovery. While sifting through dirt, she finds more than fossils – she finds out that she is truly *awesome*.

### About Jill Baguchinsky

Jill Baguchinsky remembers staring down the bones of prehistoric beasts during a trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City when she was six. That visit spurred a lifelong fondness for paleontology that inspired the first draft of *Mammoth*. While writing *Mammoth*, Jill worked with several paleontologists and trained at the Waco Mammoth National Monument, learning how to dig and prospect for fossils. Born in New York and raised on Florida, Jill attended Florida Gulf Coast University and goofed off at Walt Disney World as often as possible. She spent several years in the Augusta, Georgia area, where she was forgiven for being a Yankee, but right now she's back in southwestern

Florida, living with a couple of very strange cats. If she's not writing, she's probably selling stuffed monsters on Etsy, procrastinating by playing Minecraft, pretending she can knit, or teaching others how to pronounce her last name.

But let's not kid ourselves. She's most likely writing.

Jill's first novel, *Spookygirl: Paranormal Investigator*, won the 2011 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award.

*Mammoth*

By Jill Baguchinsky

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