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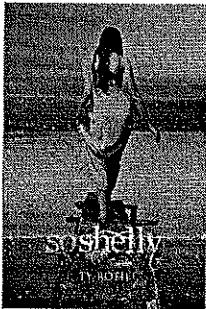
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IN THIS GRIPPING DEBUT NOVEL FROM A PROMISING NEW TALENT,  
CELEBRATED ROMANTIC POETS ARE REIMAGINED AS MODERN-DAY  
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## so shelly

by Ty Roth



Delacorte Press Books for Young Readers is thrilled to introduce a masterful first novel by Ty Roth, **SO SHELLY** (On sale February 8, 2011 / \$17.99 / Ages 14 up). This inspired young adult novel begs the question: if Lord Byron, John Keats, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Mary Shelley were living adolescents today, how would their literary talents, notorious personas, and known fates collide?

George Gordon Byron has just sold his first novel to easy acclaim. He's brooding, narcissistic, and completely careless with his childhood best friend Shelley's burning feelings for him. John Keats is an orphaned loner whose writing abilities remain unnoticed, much like Keats himself. During their time on staff with Shelley at their high school's literary magazine *The Beacon*, Byron and Keats rarely interact. But when the unlikely duo is brought together by Mary Shelley's sudden death, they embark on a mission to steal her ashes from Trinity Catholic High School and spread them near the Lake Erie Island, where Shelley's body washed ashore.

As Byron and Keats struggle to understand Shelley's "accidental" drowning, readers will be drawn into the fascinating backstories of each character's coming-of-age battle. Byron faces down an unorthodox relationship with his sister and an early obsession with sexual intimacy that leaves him callous; Keats grapples with devastating family illness and poverty; while Shelley's story of parental abuse and unwanted pregnancy leads readers to her devastating conclusion.

Sophisticated and edgy, **SO SHELLY** is laced with themes that characterized the Romantic Era—high emotions, revolutionary ideas, and tragedy. An afterword explains the historical facts behind the characters and events described. In his imaginative debut, Ty Roth establishes himself as a sharp new voice to watch in the sphere of young adult literature.

**Ty Roth** teaches literature and composition at both the high school and university level. He has studied the Romantic poets and enjoys teaching his students about them. He holds a sociology degree from Xavier University and a Masters of English Literature from the University of Toledo. He lives with his family in Sandusky, Ohio, along the shores of his much-loved Lake Erie. This is his first novel.

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