



THE STARS UNDYING

Emery Robin's debut novel, ***THE STARS UNDYING***, is a space opera based on the life and loves of Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, and Mark Antony. A compelling reimagining of a timeless story which will move both SFF devotees and readers outside the genre, it is *A MEMORY CALLED EMPIRE* by way of Madeline Miller and Mary Renault.

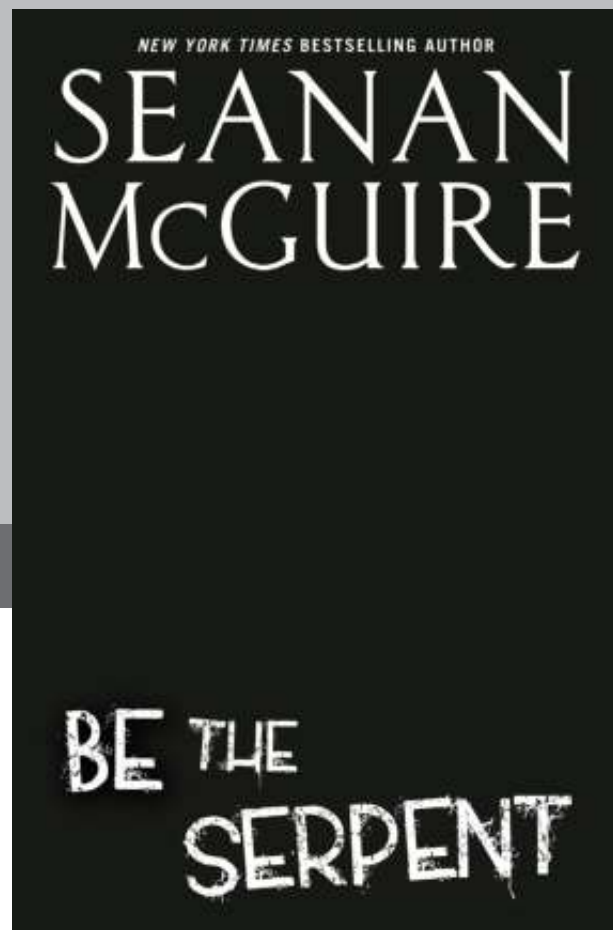
Princess Altagracia has lost everything. After a bloody civil war, her twin sister Arcelia has claimed not just the crown of their planet Szayet but the Pearl of its prophecy, a computer that contains the immortal soul of Szayet's conqueror-god. Stripped of everything she had understood as her birthright, Gracia flees the planet just as Matheus Ceilha, Commander of the interstellar Empire of Ceiao and himself the victor of a recent civil war, arrives in deadly pursuit of a former friend. When Gracia and Ceilha's paths collide, Gracia sees an opportunity to win back her planet, her god, and her throne... if she can win the Commander over first.

But talking her way into Ceilha's good graces, and his bed, is only the beginning. An alliance with the most powerful man in the galaxy is almost as dangerous as war, and Gracia must now contend with Ceiao's creeping imperialism, the judgment of her own computer-bound god, Ceilha's growing crowd of enemies, and his volatile, maddening (and alarmingly attractive) right-hand officer, Anita. For Szayet's sake, and for her own, Gracia will need to become more than a princess with a silver tongue. She will need to transform herself into a queen whose name will go down in history—even if history is almost as unreliable as Gracia herself.

Emery Robin is a paralegal, recovering Californian, and sometime student of propaganda and art history living in New York City. Robin has most recently been published in *Reckoning*, edited by Arkady Martine, and previously under other names on Tor.com and in *Spark: A Creative Anthology*.

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BE THE SERPENT

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for the October Daye series:

"October has evolved from an embittered loner into a fierce protector of her chosen family, making for a richly emotional tale filled with series-standard fare of adventure, intrigue, and blood-soaked mayhem." —Publishers Weekly

The sixteenth novel of the Hugo-nominated, New York Times-bestselling October Daye urban fantasy series.

October Daye is finally something she never expected to be: married. All the trials and turmoils and terrors of a hero's life have done very little to prepare her for the expectation that she will actually share her life with someone else, the good parts and the bad ones alike, not just allow them to dabble around the edges in the things she wants to share. But with an official break from hero duties from the Queen in the Mists, and her family wholly on board with this new version of "normal," she's doing her best to adjust.

It isn't always easy, but she's a hero, right? She's done harder. ...Until an old friend and ally turns out to have been an enemy in disguise for this entire time, and October's brief respite turns into a battle for her life, her community, and everything she has ever believed to be true.

The debts of the Broken Ride are coming due, and whether she incurred them or not, she's going to be the one who has to pay.

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Into the Riverlands

NGHI VO



Praise for The Empress of Salt and Fortune:

"Dangerous, subtle, unexpected and familiar, angry and ferocious and hopeful... The Empress of Salt and Fortune is a remarkable accomplishment of storytelling." -NPR

"The subtlety and nuance of Vo's evocative storytelling lend the novella an epic, timeless feel. Equal parts love and rage, this masterfully told story is sure to impress." -Publishers Weekly

Wandering cleric Chih of the Singing Hills travels to the riverlands to record tales of the notorious near-immortal martial artists who haunt the region. On the road to Betony Docks, they fall in with a pair of young women far from home, and an older couple who are more than they seem. As Chih runs headlong into an ancient feud, they find themselves far more entangled in the history of the riverlands than they ever expected to be.

Accompanied by Almost Brilliant, a talking bird with an indelible memory, Chih confronts old legends and new dangers alike as they learn that every story—beautiful, ugly, kind, or cruel—bears more than one face.



Nghi Vo was born in central Illinois, and she retains a healthy respect of and love for corn mazes, scarecrows, and fifty-year floods. These days, she lives on the shores of Lake Michigan, which is less a lake than an inland sea that she is sure is just biding its time. Her short fiction has appeared in *Strange Horizons*, *Uncanny Magazine*, *PodCastle*, *Lightspeed*, and *Fireside*. Her short story, "Neither Witch nor Fairy" made the 2014 *Otherwise* (formerly *Tiptree*) Award Honor List. Nghi mostly writes about food, death, and family, but sometimes detours into blood, love, and rhetoric. She believes in the ritual of lipstick, the power of stories, and the right to change your mind.

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SIREN QUEEN

NGHI VO

**FROM AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR NGHI VO
COMES A DAZZLING NEW NOVEL WHERE IMMORTALITY
IS JUST A CASTING CALL AWAY**

It was magic. In every world, it was a kind of magic.

"No maids, no funny talking, no fainting flowers." Luli Wei is beautiful, talented, and desperate to be a star. Coming of age in pre-Code Hollywood, she knows how dangerous the movie business is and how limited the roles are for a Chinese American girl from Hungarian Hill—but she doesn't care. She'd rather play a monster than a maid.

But in Luli's world, the worst monsters in Hollywood are not the ones on screen. The studios want to own everything from her face to her name to the women she loves, and they run on a system of bargains made in blood and ancient magic, powered by the endless sacrifice of unlucky starlets like her. For those who do survive to earn their fame, success comes with a steep price. Luli is willing to do whatever it takes—even if that means becoming the monster herself.

Siren Queen offers up an enthralling exploration of an outsider achieving stardom on her own terms, in a fantastical Hollywood where the monsters are real and the magic of the silver screen illuminates every page.

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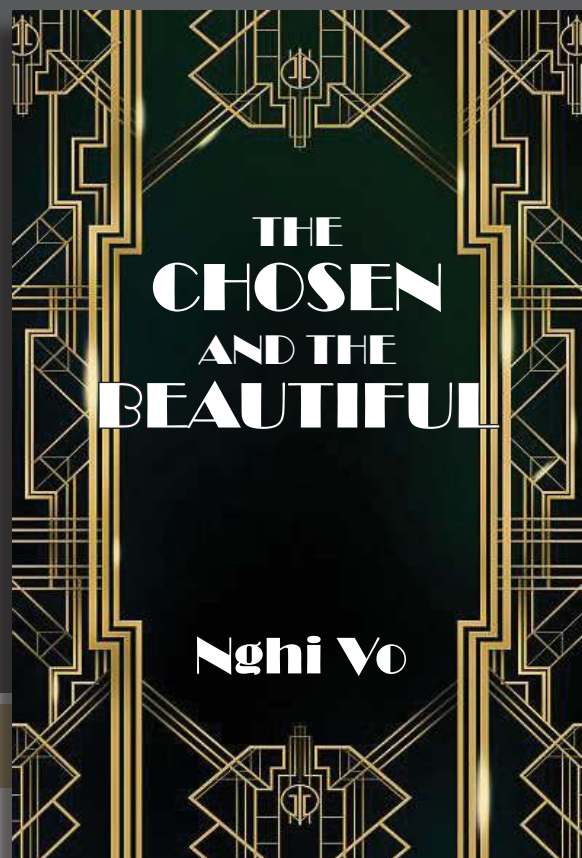
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THE CHOSEN AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Nghi Vo



Immigrant. Socialite. Magician.

Jordan Baker grows up in the most rarefied circles of 1920s American society—she has money, education, a killer golf handicap, and invitations to some of the most exclusive parties of the Jazz Age. She’s also queer, Asian, adopted, and treated as an exotic attraction by her peers, while the most important doors remain closed to her.

But the world is full of wonders: infernal pacts and dazzling illusions, lost ghosts and elemental mysteries. In all paper is fire, and Jordan can burn the cut paper heart out of a man. She just has to learn how.

Nghi Vo’s debut novel reinvents this classic of the American canon as a coming-of-age story full of magic, mystery, and glittering excess, and introduces a major new literary voice.

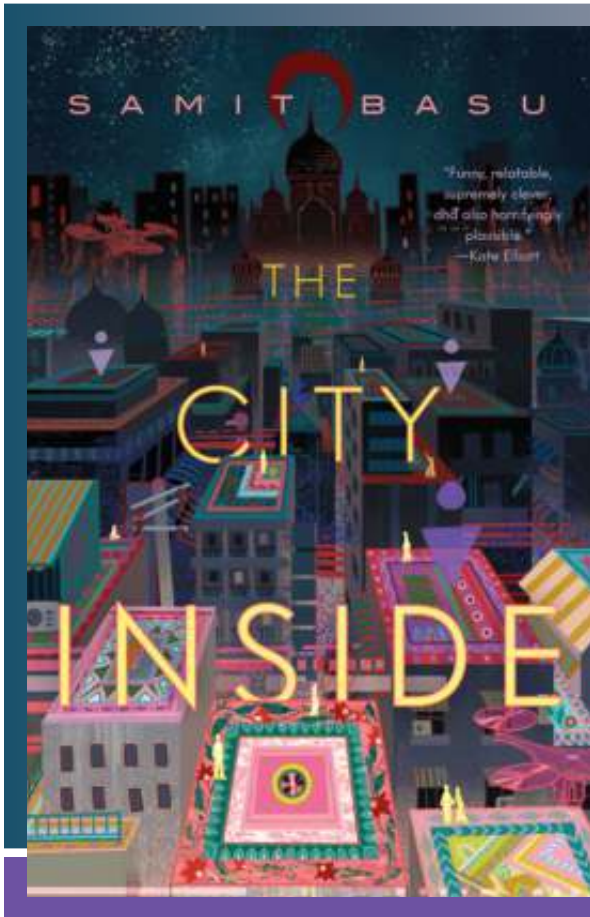


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THE CITY INSIDE

SAMIT BASU

Joey is a Reality Controller in near future Delhi. Her job is to supervise the multimedia multi-reality lives-treams of Indi, one of South Asia's fastest rising online celebrities—who also happens to be her college ex. Joey's job gives her considerable culture-power, but she's too caught up in day-to-day crisis-handling to see this, or to figure out what she wants from her life.

Rudra is a recluse estranged from his wealthy and powerful family, fled to an impoverished immigrant neighborhood where he loses himself in video games and his neighbors' lives. When his father's death pulls him back into his family's orbit, an impulsive job offer from Joey becomes his only escape from the life he never wanted.

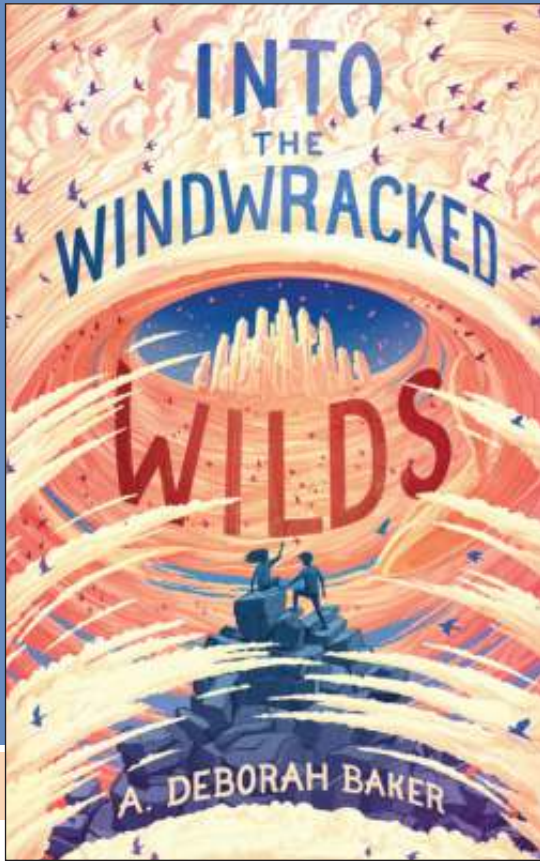
But no good deed goes unpunished. As Joey and Rudra become enmeshed in multiple conspiracies, their lives start to spin out of control, complicated by dysfunctional relationships, corporate loyalty, and the never-ending pressures of surveillance capitalism. When a bigger picture begins to unfold around them, they must each decide how to do the right thing in a shadowy world where simply maintaining the status quo feels like an accomplishment. Ultimately, resistance will not—cannot—take the same shape for these two very different people.

Samit Basu is an Indian novelist. He's published several novels in a range of speculative genres, all critically acclaimed and bestselling in India, beginning with *The Simoqin Prophecies* (2003). His latest novel, *The City Inside*, is set in an anti-dystopian near-future Delhi and was shortlisted (as *Chosen Spirits*) for the JCB Prize, India's biggest lit award. He also works as a director-screenwriter, a comics writer, and columnist. He lives in Delhi, Mumbai, and on the internet.

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INTO THE WINDWRACKED WILDS

A. DEBORAH BAKER

Praise for the Up-And-Under Series:

"With lyrical prose and deep stores of emotion, this grown-up fairy tale works on every level."
-Publishers Weekly starred review

"A peculiar but often profound piece of metafiction whose emotional landscape offers more riches than its physical one." -Kirkus Reviews

Be sure to soar among the marvels that can be found Into the Windwrecked Wilds.

When the improbable road leaves Avery and Zib in the land of Air and at the mercy of the Queen of Swords, escape without becoming monsters may be impossible. But with the aid of the Queen's son, the unpredictable Jack Daw, they may emerge with enough of their humanity to someday make it home. Their journey is not yet over; the dangers are no less great.

A. DEBORAH BAKER is a pen-name of SEANAN McGUIRE, the author of Middlegame, the Hugo, Nebula, Alex and Locus Award-winning Wayward Children series, the October Daye series, the InCryptid series, and other works. She also writes darker fiction as Mira Grant. Seanan lives in Seattle with her cats, a vast collection of creepy dolls, horror movies, and sufficient books to qualify her as a fire hazard.

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SPELUNKING THROUGH HELL

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Love, noun:

1. *An intense feeling of deep affection; may be romantic, filial or platonic.*

Passion, noun:

1. *A strong or barely controllable emotion.*
2. *Enthusiasm, interest, desire.*
3. *See also "obsession."*

It's been fifty years since the crossroads caused the disappearance of Thomas Price, and his wife, Alice, has been trying to find him and bring him home ever since, despite the increasing probability that he's no longer alive for her to find. Now that the crossroads have been destroyed, she's redoubling her efforts. It's time to bring him home, dead or alive.

Preferably alive, of course, but she's tired, and at this point, she's not that picky. It's a pan-dimensional crash course in chaos, as Alice tries to find the rabbit hole she's been missing for all these decades—the one that will take her to the man she loves.

Who are her allies? Who are her enemies? And if she manages to find him, will he even remember her at this point? ...It's a lot for one cryptozoologist to handle.

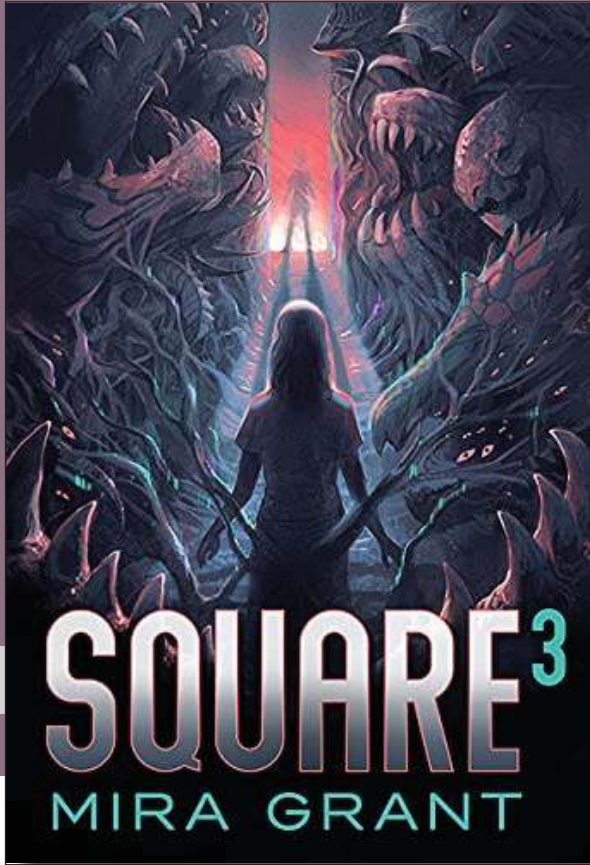
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SQUARE³

MIRA GRANT

We think we understand the laws of physics. We think reality is an immutable monolith, consistent from one end of the universe to the next. We think the square cube law has actual relevance. We think a lot of things. It was perhaps inevitable that some of them would turn out to be wrong.

When the great incursion occurred, no one was prepared. How could they have been? Of all the things physicists had predicted, the fabric of reality might rip open and giant monsters could come pouring through had not made the list. But somehow, on a fine morning in May, that was precisely what happened. For sisters Susan and Katharine Black, the day of the incursion was the day they lost everything. Their home, their parents, their sense of normalcy and each other, because when the rift opened, Susan was on one side and Katharine was on the other, and each sister was stranded in a separate form of reality.

For Susan, it was science and study and the struggle to solve the mystery of the altered physics inside the zones transformed by the incursion. For Katharine, it was monsters and mayhem and the fight to stay alive in a world unlike the world of her birth. The world has changed. The laws of physics have changed. The girls have changed. And the one universal truth of all states of changed matter is that nothing can be completely restored to what it was originally, no matter how much you might wish it could be. Nothing goes back.

Mira Grant lives in California, sleeps with a machete under her bed and highly suggests you do the same. Mira Grant is the open pseudonym of Seanan McGuire, a successful fantasy writer and the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

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THE HAUNTING OF KINNAWE HOUSE

STEVEN RIGOLOSI

The Haunting of Kinnawe House is a ghost story that spans two eras in American history.

Matthew Rollins, an aspiring singer/songwriter, takes a job as caretaker of Kinnawe House in Agamenticus, Maine. The haunting begins immediately upon Matthew's arrival, when the ghost of his mother appears. Threatening, ghostly strangers stalk the property. The cellar is filled with mysterious, foul-smelling casks. And with each day, Matthew's insomnia gets worse.

The story alternates between the present, as Matthew struggles with failing health and increasingly violent hallucinations, and the 1740s, as a dark preacher populates his town with a community willing to sell their souls for a comfortable life. Past and present come together as Matthew learns, little by little, of his family's ties to Kinnawe House—and why the house will not rest until Matthew has taken his own life.

Destined to become a classic of the haunted-house genre, *The Haunting of Kinnawe House* traces the destruction wrought by the preacher, Parthalán Kinnawe, over multiple generations. It also tells the story of a haunted young man who learns that, at his weakest, he is also at his strongest.

Steve Rigolosi is the editor-in-chief of Cambria & Calibri, an editorial services firm, where he specializes in editing psychology, economics, and business books. His published fiction includes four mysteries, including *Who Gets the Apartment?* and *The Outsmarting of Criminals*. Both received the David Award for the Best Mystery of the Year, and Oprah's editors selected *The Outsmarting of Criminals* as one of the best mysteries of its publication year. He lives in Northern New Jersey, where he plays classical flute with the Ramsey Wind Symphony. He rereads *The Haunting of Hill House*, *Hell House*, *The Shining*, and *The Little Stranger* at least once a year. His other books include *Circle of Assassins* and *The Ocelot Chronicles*.

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SEASONAL FEARS

SEANAN MCGUIRE

From New York Times bestselling author Seanan McGuire, Seasonal Fears is the extraordinary companion novel to Middlegame.

The king of winter and the queen of summer are dead. The fight for their crowns begins!

Melanie has a destiny, though it isn't the one everyone assumes it to be. She's delicate; she's fragile; she's dying. Now, truly, is the winter of her soul.

Harry doesn't want to believe in destiny, because that means accepting the loss of the one person who gives his life meaning, who brings summer to his world.

So, when a new road is laid out in front of them—a road that will lead through untold dangers toward a possible lifetime together—walking down it seems to be the only option.

But others are following behind, with violence in their hearts.

It looks like Destiny has a plan for them, after all...

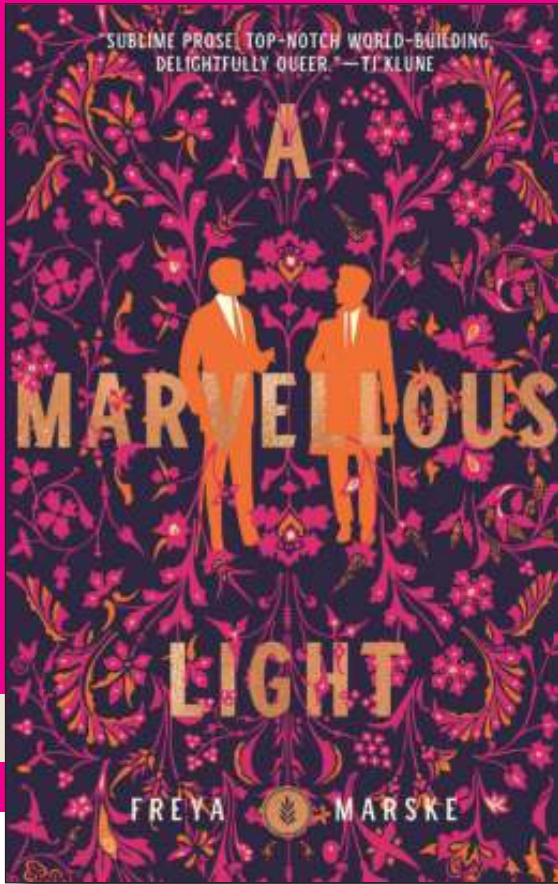
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A MARVELLOUS LIGHT

FREYA MARSKE

*"Marske's debut is a delightful blend of Edwardian fantasy and romance, with enough twists and questions to have readers clamoring for the next in the planned series." -Library Journal, *Starred Review**

"A charming, lovingly crafted adventure full of peril, romance and wit, illuminated by sparkling turns of phrase and a pervasive sense of humour." -A. K. Larkwood, author of The Unspoken Name

Red White & Royal Blue meets Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell in debut author Freya Marske's A Marvellous Light, featuring an Edwardian England full of magic, contracts, and conspiracies.

Robin Blyth has more than enough bother in his life. He's struggling to be a good older brother, a responsible employer, and the harried baronet of a seat gutted by his late parents' excesses. When an administrative mistake sees him named the civil service liaison to a hidden magical society, he discovers what's been operating beneath the unextraordinary reality he's always known.

Now Robin must contend with the beauty and danger of magic, an excruciating deadly curse, and the alarming visions of the future that come with it—not to mention Edwin Courcay, his cold and prickly counterpart in the magical bureaucracy, who clearly wishes Robin were anyone and anywhere else.

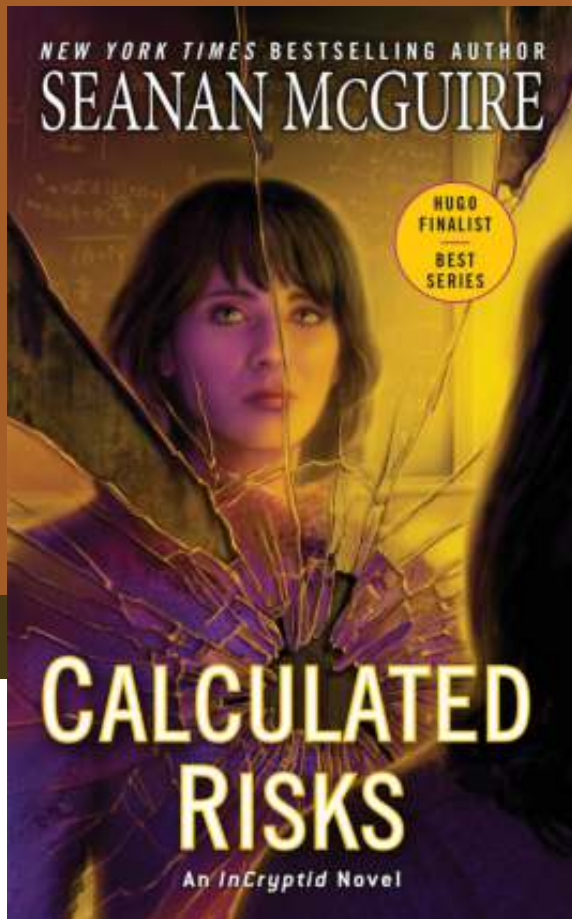
Robin's predecessor has disappeared, and the mystery of what happened to him reveals unsettling truths about the very oldest stories they've been told about the land they live on and what binds it. Thrown together and facing unexpected dangers, Robin and Edwin discover a plot that threatens every magician in the British Isles—and a secret that more than one person has already died to keep.

Freya Marske is one of the co-hosts of Be the Serpent, a Hugo-nominated podcast about SF, fandom and literary tropes, and her work has sold to Analog and been shortlisted for Best Fantasy Short Story in the Aurealis Awards. She lives in Australia

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CALCULATED RISKS

SEANAN MCGUIRE

The tenth book in the fast-paced InCryptid urban fantasy series returns to the mishaps of the Price family, eccentric cryptozoologists who safeguard the world of magical creatures living in secret among humans.

Just when Sarah Zellaby, adopted Price cousin and telepathic ambush predator, thought that things couldn't get worse, she's had to go and prove herself wrong. After being kidnapped and manipulated by her birth family, she has undergone a transformation called an instar, reaching back to her Apocritic origins to metamorphize. While externally the same, she is internally much more powerful, and much more difficult to control.

Even by herself. After years of denial, the fact that she will always be a cuckoo has become impossible to deny.

Now stranded in another dimension with a handful of allies who seem to have no idea who she is--including her cousin Annie and her maybe-boyfriend Artie, both of whom have forgotten their relationship--and a bunch of cuckoos with good reason to want her dead, Sarah must figure out not only how to contend with her situation, but with the new realities of her future. What is she now? Who is she now? Is that person someone she can live with?

And when all is said and done, will she be able to get the people she loves, whether or not they've forgotten her, safely home?

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WHERE THE DROWNED GIRLS GO

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"One of the most extraordinary stories I've ever read." -V. E. Schwab

"This gothic charmer is a love letter to anyone who's ever felt out of place." -Publishers Weekly

In *Where the Drowned Girls Go*, the next addition to Seanan McGuire's beloved Wayward Children series, students at an anti-magical school rebel against the oppressive faculty.

"Welcome to the Whitethorn Institute. The first step is always admitting you need help, and you've already taken that step by requesting a transfer into our company."

There is another school for children who fall through doors and fall back out again. It isn't as friendly as Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. ...And it isn't as safe.

When Eleanor West decided to open her school, her sanctuary, her "Home for Wayward Children," she knew from the beginning that there would be children she couldn't save; when Cora decides she needs a different direction, a different fate, a different prophecy, Miss West reluctantly agrees to transfer her to the other school, where things are run very differently by Whitethorn, the Headmaster.

She will soon discover that not all doors are welcoming...

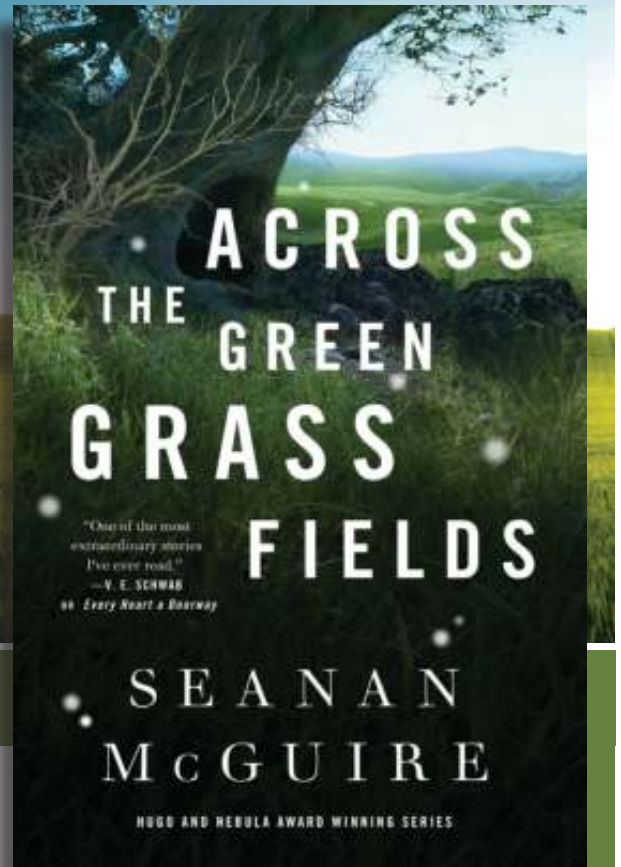


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A young girl discovers a portal to a land filled with centaurs and unicorns in Seanan McGuire's *Across the Green Grass Fields*, a standalone tale in the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Wayward Children series.

"Welcome to the Hooflands. We're happy to have you, even if you being here means something's coming."

Regan loves, and is loved, though her school-friend situation has become complicated, of late.

When she suddenly finds herself thrust through a doorway that asks her to "Be Sure" before swallowing her whole, Regan must learn to live in a world filled with centaurs, kelpies, and other magical equines—a world that expects its human visitors to step up and be heroes.

But after embracing her time with the herd, Regan discovers that not all forms of heroism are equal, and not all quests are as they seem...



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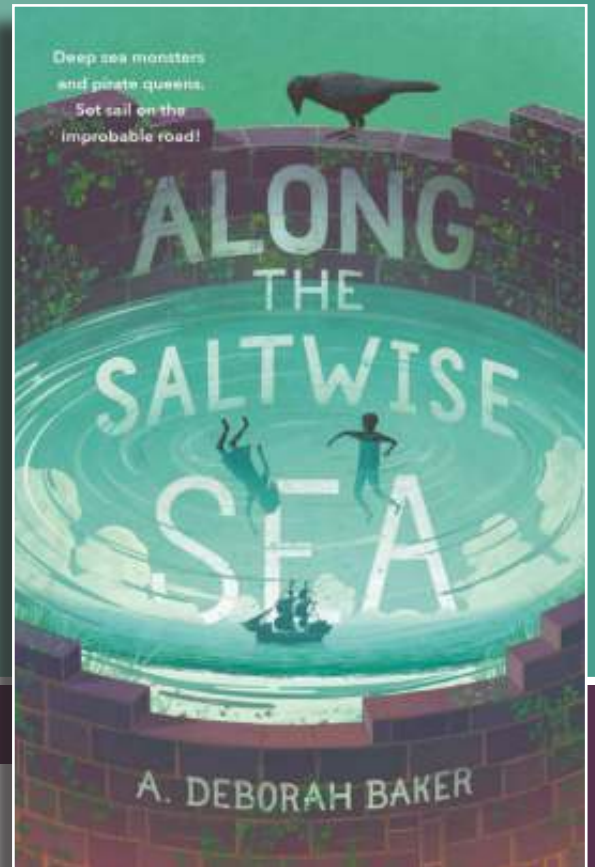
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ALONG THE SALTWISE SEA

A. DEBORAH BAKER



Writing as A. Deborah Baker, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Seanan McGuire introduces readers to a world of talking trees and sarcastic owls, of dangerous mermaids and captivating queens in *Over the Woodward Wall*, an exceptional tale for readers who are young at heart.

Be sure to explore the myriad wonders that can be found Along the Saltwise Sea.

After climbing Over the Woodward Wall and making their way across the forest, Avery and Zib found themselves acquiring some extraordinary friends in their journey through the Up-and-Under.

After staying the night, uninvited, at a pirate queen's cottage in the woods, the companions find themselves accountable to its owner, and reluctantly agree to work off their debt as her ship sets sail, bound for lands unknown. But the queen and her crew are not the only ones on board, and the monsters at sea aren't all underwater.

The friends will need to navigate the stormy seas of obligation and honor on their continuing journey along the improbable road



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WHEN SORROWS COME

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for the October Daye series:

"October has evolved from an embittered loner into a fierce protector of her chosen family, making for a richly emotional tale filled with series-standard fare of adventure, intrigue, and blood-soaked mayhem." —Publishers Weekly

2021 Hugo Award Finalist for Best Series

Toby's getting married! Now in hardcover, the fifteenth novel of the Hugo-nominated, New York Times-bestselling October Daye urban fantasy series.

It's hard to be a hero. There's always something needing October "Toby" Daye's attention, and her own desires tend to fall by the wayside in favor of solving the Kingdom's problems. That includes the desire to marry her long-time suitor and current fiancé, Tybalt, San Francisco's King of Cats. She doesn't mean to keep delaying the wedding, it just sort of...happens. And that's why her closest friends have taken the choice out of her hands, ambushing her with a court wedding at the High Court in Toronto. Once the High King gets involved, there's not much even Toby can do to delay things...

...except for getting involved in stopping a plot to overthrow the High Throne itself, destabilizing the Westlands entirely, and keeping her from getting married through nothing more than the sheer volume of chaos it would cause. Can Toby save the Westlands and make it to her own wedding on time? Or is she going to have to choose one over the other?

Seanan McGuire lives and works in Washington State, where she shares her somewhat idiosyncratic home with her collection of books, creepy dolls, and enormous blue cats. When not writing—which is fairly rare—she enjoys travel, and can regularly be found any place where there are cornfields, haunted houses, or frogs. A Campbell, Hugo, and Nebula Award-winning author, Seanan's first book (Rosemary and Rue, the beginning of the October Daye series) was released in 2009, with more than twenty books across various series following since. Seanan doesn't sleep much.



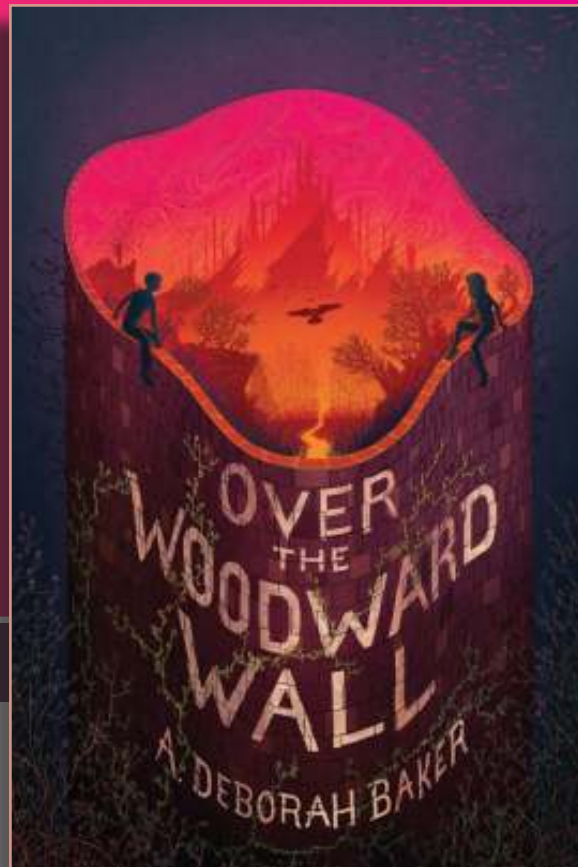
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OVER THE WOODWARD WALL

A. DEBORAH BAKER



Writing as A. Deborah Baker, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Seanan McGuire introduces readers to a world of talking trees and sarcastic owls, of dangerous mermaids and captivating queens in *Over the Woodward Wall*, an exceptional tale for readers who are young at heart.

If you trust her you'll never make it home...

Avery is an exceptional child. Everything he does is precise, from the way he washes his face in the morning, to the way he completes his homework – without complaint, without fuss, without prompt.

Zib is also an exceptional child, because all children are, in their own way. But where everything Avery does and is can be measured, nothing Zib does can possibly be predicted, except for the fact that she can always be relied upon to be unpredictable.

They live on the same street ... They live in different worlds.

On an unplanned detour from home to school one morning, Avery and Zib find themselves climbing over a stone wall into the Up and Under – an impossible land filled with mystery, adventure and the strangest creatures.

And they must find themselves and each other if they are to also find their way out and back to their own lives.



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FLOWERS FOR THE SEA

ZIN E. ROCKLYN

Flowers For The Sea is a dark fantasy about Iraxi, a Black pregnant woman trapped on a boat with the last of humanity, who faces off against dangerous creatures that threaten to kill them all. After she gives birth, she realizes that the baby may be something other than human.

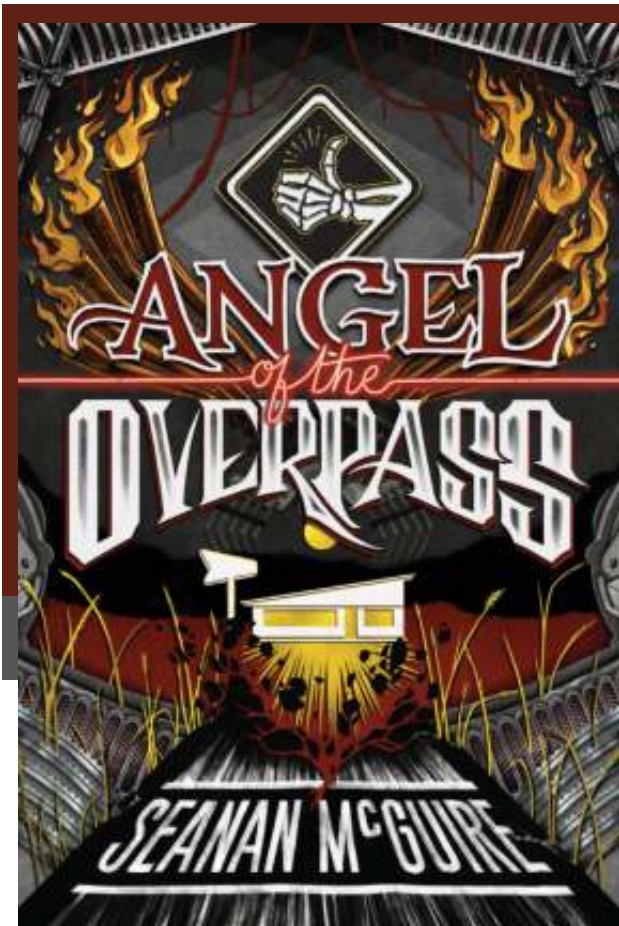
ZIN E. ROCKLYN is a contributor to several anthologies, including Bram Stoker-nominated *Nox Pareidolia* and *Sycorax's Daughters*, *Kaiju Rising II: Reign of Monsters*, *Brigands: A Blackguards Anthology*, and *Forever Vacancy*. Zin contributed the nonfiction essay "My Genre Makes a Monster of Me" to *Uncanny Magazine's* Hugo Award-winning *Disabled People Destroy Science Fiction*. Their short story "The Night Sun" was published on *Tor.com*. Zin is a 2017 VONA and 2018 Viable Paradise graduate and a 2021 Clarion West candidate.



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ANGEL *of the* OVERPASS

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Lady of shadows, keeper of changes, plant the seeds of faith within me, that I might grow and flourish, that I might find my way through danger and uncertainty to the safety of your garden. Let my roots grow strong and my skin grow thick, that I might stand fast against all who would destroy me. Grant to me your favor, grant to me your grace, and when my time is done, grant to me the wisdom to lay my burdens down and rest beside you, one more flower in a sea of blooms, where nothing shall ever trouble me again.

Rose Marshall died when she was sixteen years old and on her way to her high school prom. She hasn't been resting easy since then—Bobby Cross, the man who killed her, got away clean after running her off the road, and she's not the kind of girl who can let something like that slide. She's been looking for a way to stop him since before they put her body in the ground.

But things have changed in the twilight world where the spirits of the restless dead continue their "lives." The crossroads have been destroyed, and Bobby's protections are gone. For the first time, it might be possible for Rose to defeat him.

Not alone, though. She'll need every friend she's managed to make and every favor she's managed to add to her account if she wants to stand a chance...and this may be her last chance to be avenged, since what is Bobby Cross without the crossroads?

Everything Rose knows is about to change."

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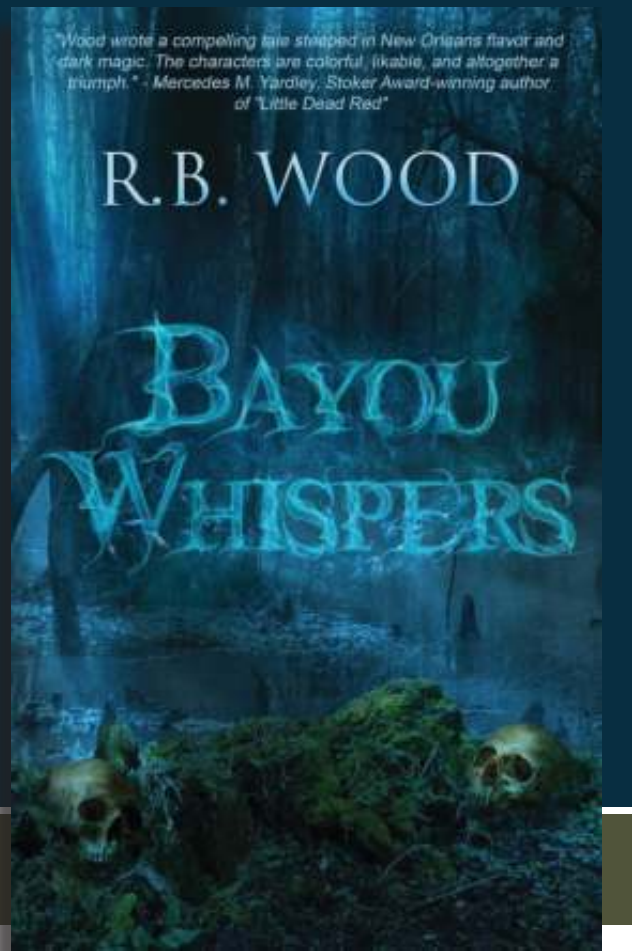
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BAYOU WHISPERS

R.B. WOOD



"Wood's Bayou Whispers is a sublime cocktail of horror, supernatural thriller, and urban fantasy, where the mythos of voodoo clashes with the modern day. Fans of Jim Butcher and the Marvel Cinematic Universe will love this." -Todd Keisling, author of Devil's Creek

Bayou Whispers, the latest thriller from horror writer R.B. Wood is the story of no-nonsense New Orleans native, Jeannine LaRue, the sole survivor of her family after the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath of the storm, she believed she'd been saved, but soon found herself held hostage and sexually exploited, rescued months later by sheriff's deputy Curtis Jones.

Twelve years after Katrina, Jeannine is a new attorney who returns to New Orleans to save her old friend Curtis Jones-now a local thief and trafficker of stolen goods-after he is arrested for the murder of Jeannine's captors, whose bodies have recently been found. But Jeannine discovers more than she bargained for when she uncovers a family history of dark voodoo magic and an unholy alliance with an ancient evil Haitian god.

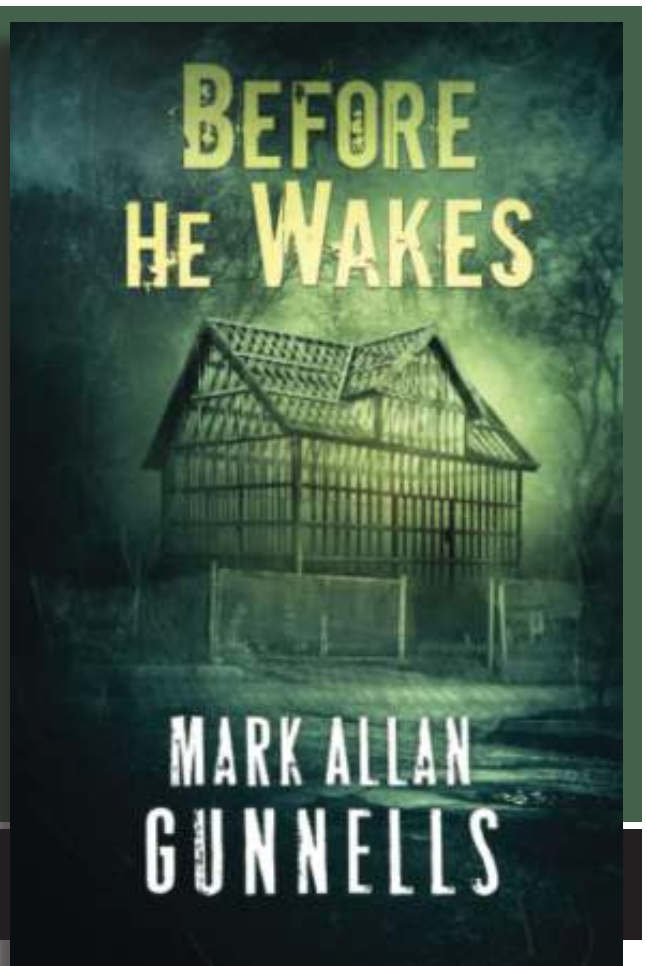
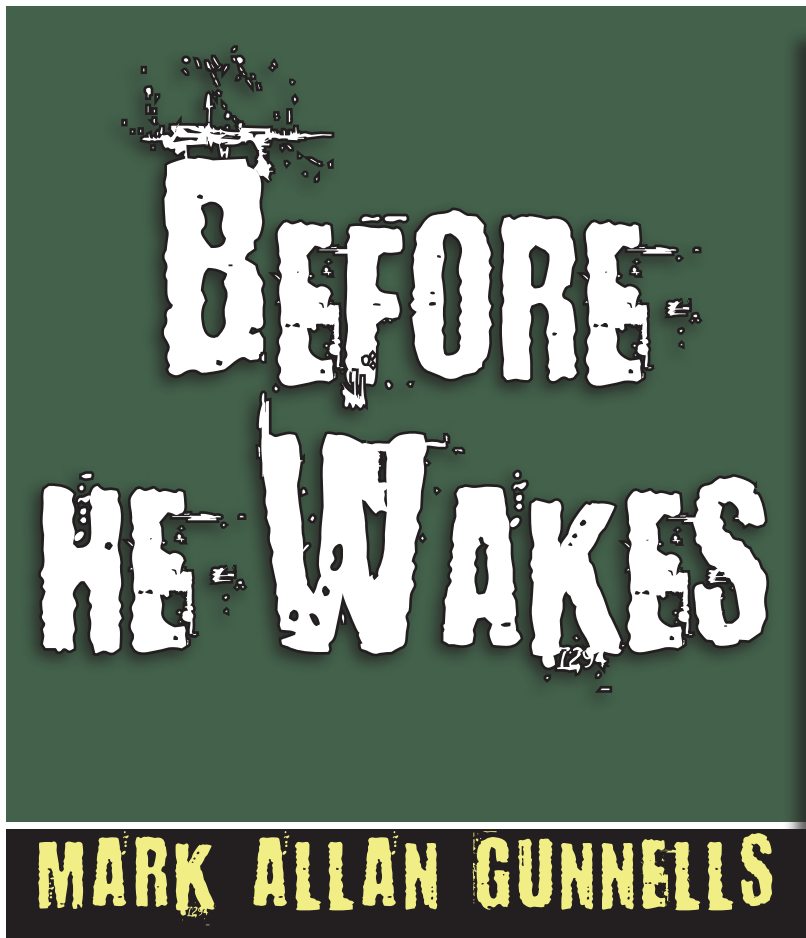


R. B. Wood is a recent MFA graduate of Emerson College and a writer of speculative and dark thrillers. Mr. Wood recently has appeared in Crystal Lake Publishing's Shallow Water's anthology, as well as online via SickLit Magazine & HorrorAddicts.net, and in the award-winning anthology "Offbeat: Nine Spins on Song" from Wicked Ink Books. Along with his writing passion, R. B. is the host of The Word Count Podcast--a show of original flash fiction. R. B. currently lives in Boston with his partner Tina.

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Patrick and Clare wake up trapped in a basement, a thin wall separating their cells. Their captor is mysteriously absent, which at first seems like a blessing. As more time passes with no food or water, they begin to realize a clock is ticking for their survival.

Combining their intelligence and determination, the two begin plotting an escape from their shared prison. Overcoming each obstacle only presents another obstacle standing in the way of their freedom. It will take all of their ingenuity and strength to find their way out of this mess.

They know their captor is still out there, and it is only a matter of time before he returns.

Before He Wakes is a fast-paced and tense thriller that ratchets up the suspense and tension before the thrilling conclusion.

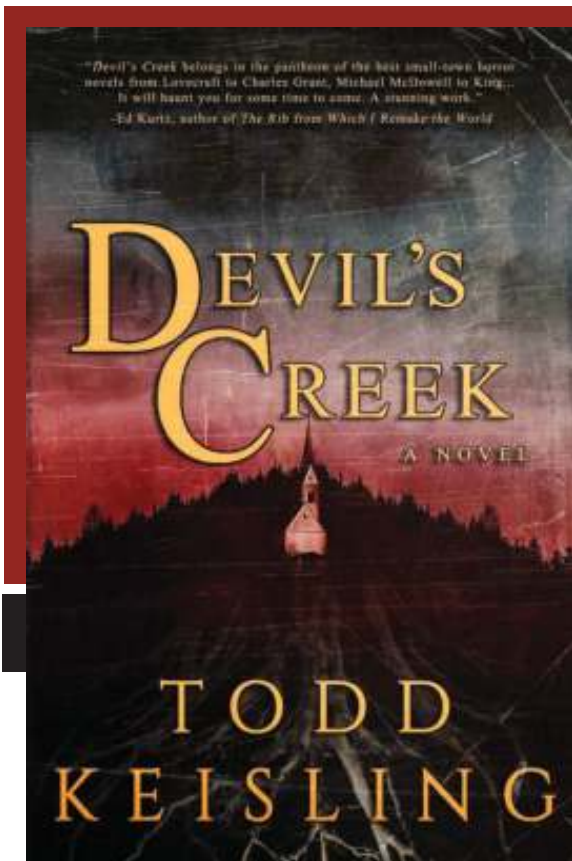


Mark Allan Gunnells loves to tell stories. He has since he was a kid, penning one-page tales that were Twilight Zone knockoffs. He likes to think he has gotten a little better since then. He loves reader feedback, and above all he loves telling stories. He lives in Greer, SC, with his husband Craig A. Metcalf.

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DEVIL'S CREEK

TODD KEISLING

*****2020 Bram Stoker Award Nominee for Best Novel*****

“Brimming with dread and rooted deeply in the legacy of great American weird fiction, Devil’s Creek belongs in the pantheon of the best small-town horror novels from Lovecraft to Charles Grant, Michael McDowell to King. ... it will haunt you for some time to come. A stunning work.” -Ed Kurtz, author of The Rib from Which I Remake the World

About fifteen miles west of Staufford, Kentucky lies Devil’s Creek. According to local legend, there used to be a church out there, home to the Lord’s Church of Holy Voices—a death cult where Jacob Masters preached the gospel of a nameless god. ...And like most legends, there’s truth buried among the roots and bones.

In 1983, the church burned to the ground following a mass suicide. Among the survivors were Jacob’s six children and their grandparents, who banded together to defy their former minister. Dubbed the “Staufford Six,” these children grew up amid scrutiny and ridicule, but their infamy has faded over the last thirty years.

Now their ordeal is all but forgotten, and Jacob Masters is nothing more than a scary story told around campfires.

For Jack Tremly, one of the Six, memories of that fateful night have fueled a successful art career—and a lifetime of nightmares. When his grandmother Imogene dies, Jack returns to Staufford to settle her estate. What he finds waiting for him are secrets Imogene kept in his youth, secrets about his father and the church. Secrets that can no longer stay buried.

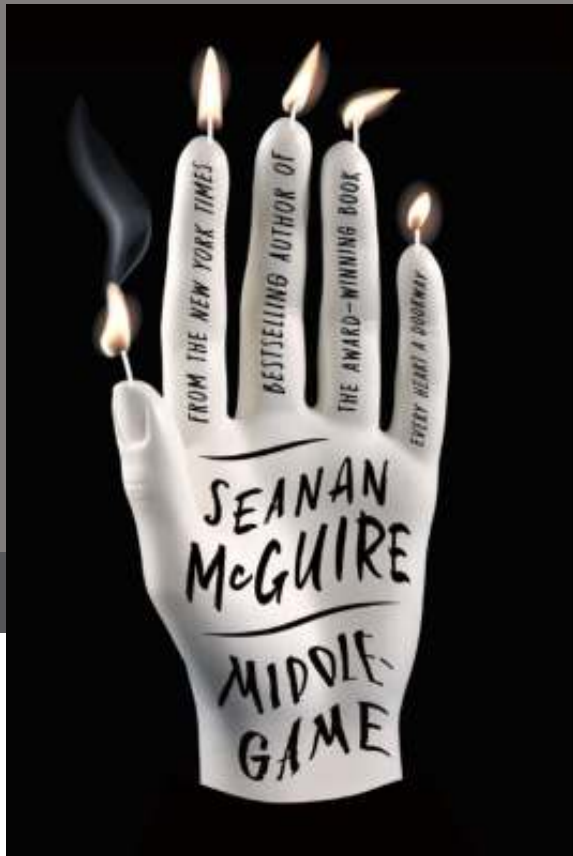
The roots of Jacob’s buried god run deep, and within the heart of Devil’s Creek, something is beginning to stir..

TODD KEISLING is the Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of Devil’s Creek. His other works include The Final Reconciliation, Scanlines, and The Monochrome Trilogy, among several shorter works. He lives somewhere in the wilds of Pennsylvania with his family where he is at work on his next novel.

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MIDDLE GAME

SEANAN MCGUIRE

"Satisfying on all levels of the reading experience: thrilling, emotionally resonant, and cerebral." -Kirkus, starred review

"This is a fascinating novel by an author of consummate skill." -Publishers Weekly, starred review

"McGuire sets a high bar for alchemy-based stories in this new stand-alone, twisting themes of time and space as seen through the eyes of children. . . . This singular work keeps readers thinking long after the final page."
-Library Journal

Meet Roger. Skilled with words, languages come easily to him. He instinctively understands how the world works through the power of story.

Meet Dodger, his twin. Numbers are her world, her obsession, her everything. All she understands, she does so through the power of math.

Roger and Dodger aren't exactly human, though they don't realise it. They aren't exactly gods, either. Not entirely. Not yet.

Meet Reed, skilled in the alchemical arts like his progenitor before him. Reed created Dodger and her brother. He's not their father. Not quite. But he has a plan: to raise the twins to the highest power, to ascend with them and claim their authority as his own.

Godhood is attainable. Pray it isn't attained.

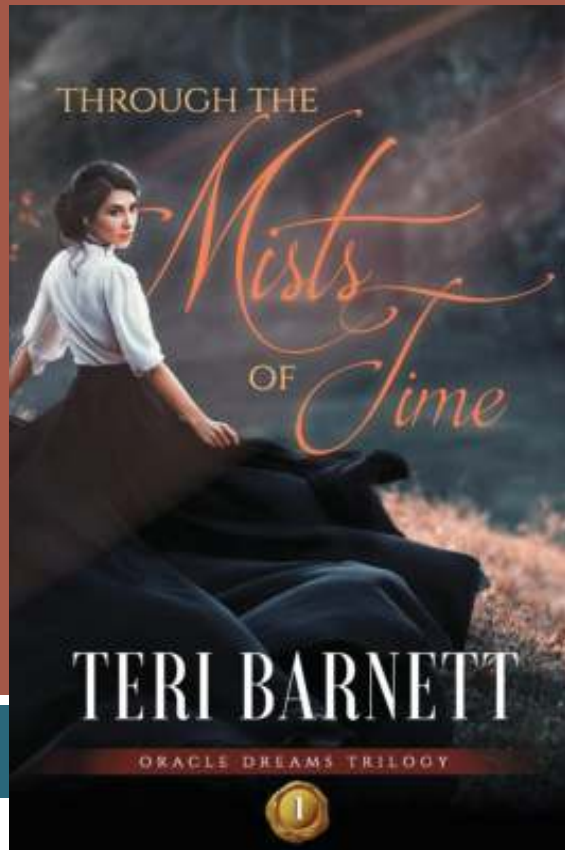
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THROUGH THE *Mists* OF *Time*

TERI BARNETT

London 1865

Valerie Sherwood Brooks has lived her entire life vicariously through books.

Due to a childhood accident, which left her with a permanent limp, Valerie has grown up under the watchful eye of her protective parents. When her banker father announces he's taking the family to Italy to look into an investment opportunity, Valerie is overjoyed at the prospect of leaving London for the excitement of exploring the ancient ruins of Pompeii. But the romantic young woman who yearns for adventure is unprepared when an earthquake shatters their visit to the old city.

Valerie is flung back in time to 79 A.D. where she's thrust into a world of intrigue and danger in the grand home of the darkly handsome, Christos Marcellus. As Valerie tries to keep her wits about her, she is torn between her growing and complicated feelings for Christos and the impending doom of the coming eruption of Vesuvius—knowing it will bring death and destruction.

Teri Barnett is a bestselling author, award-winning artist, and commercial interior designer who brings a lifetime of learning and exploration to her writing, workshops, and art. She currently lives in Indianapolis with a bossy black cat who's earned her own hashtag, #blackcatlou. When Teri isn't busy working on her next book or redesigning the world, you can find her doing the artist thing in her studio, fighting the good fight, or riding through the corn tunnels of Indiana on her motorcycle.



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THE CITY OF THE STARS

Francis Carsac

An envoy from Earth, Tankar Holroy, Lieutenant in the Revolutionary Guard, is sent into space with a message, but his ship is sabotaged. When it explodes, he spins unconscious through the stars with only hours to live. Miraculously, rescued by a city/ship, the Tilsin, he is told by The Teknor that Tankar is now among the People of the Stars who had lived on Earth, but abandoned it centuries ago when faced with the escalating repression, violence and cruelty of the Empire.

The Teknor hands Tankar a Card A to furnish his room and board and recommends he head for the library and read THE HISTORY OF INTERPLANETARY CIVILIZATION. Tankar learns of the cast of refugees: the Pilgrims who fled religious persecution much like the Huguenots; the scientists and tech workers who started over on an uninhabited planet only to be tracked down by Imperial troops who chased them through space for another 23 years until the people of the stars found the first of the city ships and established a social structure without a military class.

But the people of the stars are now threatened by a new enemy and a non-human species, the Mpfifis, who are attacking and destroying city ships. Only Tankar can build and share technology for a tracking device to defend The Tilsin, but will he do it? Or will he use his knowledge to bargain his way back to Earth? Only Tankar has the military ability to lead an advance force on the enemy ship and build and plant a bomb, destroying the attacking Mpfifis.

Never before translated into English, Francis Carsac is considered to be, along with Jules Verne and JH Rosney Aine, one of France's top classic scifi authors. He is listed in the prime directory of major literary authors for French literature Lagarde et Michard XXthC.

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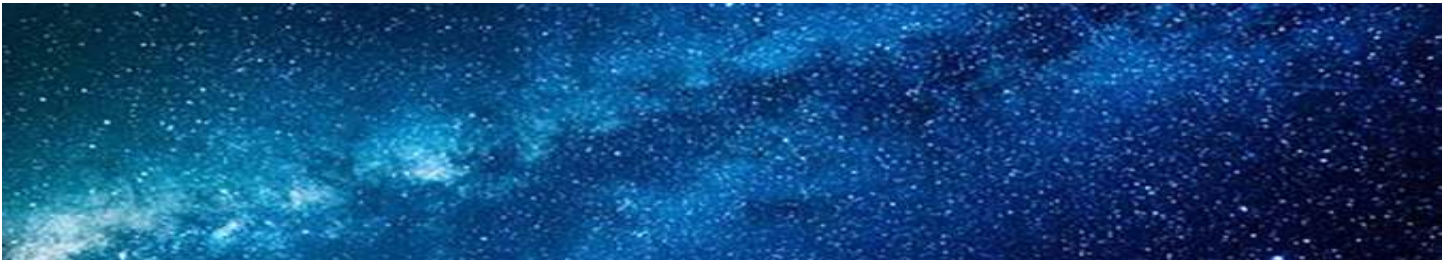


THE NOVELS OF FRANCIS CARSAC

TERRE EN FUITE (Earth Escapes): Two hundred thousand years from now, when our sun enters its death cycle, a brilliant young scientist, Haurk, puts into action a plan to save humanity by turning earth itself into a spaceship! He and his team successfully move earth and Mercury out of the sun's orbit and then fly both of the planets out of our solar system into a galaxy-wide search for a new sun. Haurk and his team face dangers both internal and external in pursuit of saving the peoples and cultures that have endured for 200 millennia.

CEUX DE NULLE PART (Those from Nowhere): A young doctor, Clair, stumbles upon a crashed spaceship and saves its crew. In return, the crew, comprised of people called the Hiss, invites him to return with them to their home planet. They extend this normally forbidden invitation because they discover that red blood runs through veins of their human rescuer rather than the green blood that flows through their own. This discovery leads them to believe that Clair may be their best hope to save all humanities from a common and implacable enemy: the Misliks.

CE MONDE EST NOTRE (This World is OURS): Akki-Kler, a descendent of Dr. Clair of "Ceux de Nulle Part," and his Hiss friend Hassil find themselves on the planet Nerat, a world with three warring factions, only one of which can remain on the planet all three call home. The two men, sent to arbitrate a resolution, instead find themselves in the middle of a war in which they are forbidden to take sides. However, when one of the factions targets both of Akki-Kler and Hassil, the usual protocol must be set aside, even though the leader of the principal warring party has targeted Akki-Kler for personal reasons...



LES ROBINSONS DU COSMOS (*The Robinsons of the Universe*): A planet from a parallel universe intersects with earth and scoops up a handful of communities only to deposit them on an uninhabited planet in a foreign galaxy. Cut off from everyone and everything they know, the people must work together in order to survive. However, the odds of survival dim when a man accustomed to power and influence attempts to dominate life in this strange new land. The struggle amongst themselves leaves everyone vulnerable to attacks from the strange and dangerous life forms that have long populated the unfamiliar terrain.

POUR PATRIE L'ESPACE (*My Country, Space*): On an urgent mission on behalf of earth's empire, Tinkar Holroy, a young officer, loses his one-man ship to sabotage and is left to die in space. Rescued by an enormous ship, the Tilsin, built by humans who long ago left earth, he struggles to integrate. The residents of the Tilsin, who refer to themselves as "the star people," have nothing but contempt for men from earth. Tinkar's resentment sets in, a petty, whiny resentment that puts those who saved him at great risk.

LA VERMINE DU LION (*The Lion's Vermin*): This novel, first published in 1967, powerfully resonates in the world of today with story and theme interweaving issues of racism and greed as white men strive to take over a world rich with gems and minerals but heavily populated by an indigenous people that the outsiders are determined to enslave or exterminate. Standing in their way: mixed-race Terai Laprade – European/Cree/Chinese/Polynesian – and his only friend, Leo, a "paralion" genetically engineered by Terai's father to have the intelligence of a seven-year-old human and the only one of his kind because religious fundamentalists burned the Laprade lab to the ground killing Terai's parents and Leo's parents and siblings. Confronting and defeating power-and-wealth-hungry white men? For Terai and Leo, it's a privilege and a pleasure!



Francis Carsac, a pseudonym for world-renowned prehistorian Francois Bordes, wrote and published six novels during the golden age of science fiction. Never before published in English, these novels resonate with timely issues ranging from climate control to racism and greed and tell the stories of characters whose challenges and triumphs clearly relate to many of the problems we encounter today.



THE NIGHT WEAVER

MONIQUE SNYMAN

"Simultaneously refreshing and deeply unsettling, The Night Weaver weaves together small-town horror with an intricate otherworldly fairy tale to deliver a blend of horror and fantasy that captures the essence of young adult terror seasoned with the stuff of grown-up nightmares." -The Nerd Daily

SHADOW GROVE IS A PERFECTLY PLEASANT TOWN ...

Shadow Grove isn't a typical town. Bad things happen here. Children disappear, one after the other, and nobody is doing anything about it. Parents don't grieve, missing posters don't line the streets, and the sheriff seems unconcerned.

Seventeen-year-old Rachel Cleary lives on the outskirts of Shadow Grove, next to the creepy forest everyone pretends doesn't exist. Usually the forest is filled with an eerie calm, an unmistakable graveyard solemnity. But the trees have started whispering, forgotten creatures are stirring, and the nights feel darker than ever.

Something is stalking the residents of Shadow Grove, changing them into brain-dead caricatures of themselves. It's up to Rachel to stop the devouring of her hometown before all is destroyed and everyone she loves is forever lost.

Monique Snyman's mind is a confusing bedlam of glitter and death, where candy-coated gore is found in abundance and homicidal unicorns thrive. Sorting out the mess in her head is particularly irksome before she's ingested a specific amount of coffee, which is equal to half the recommended intake of water for humans per day. When she's not playing referee to her imaginary friends or trying to overdose on caffeine, she's doing something with words—be it writing, reading, or fixing all the words.

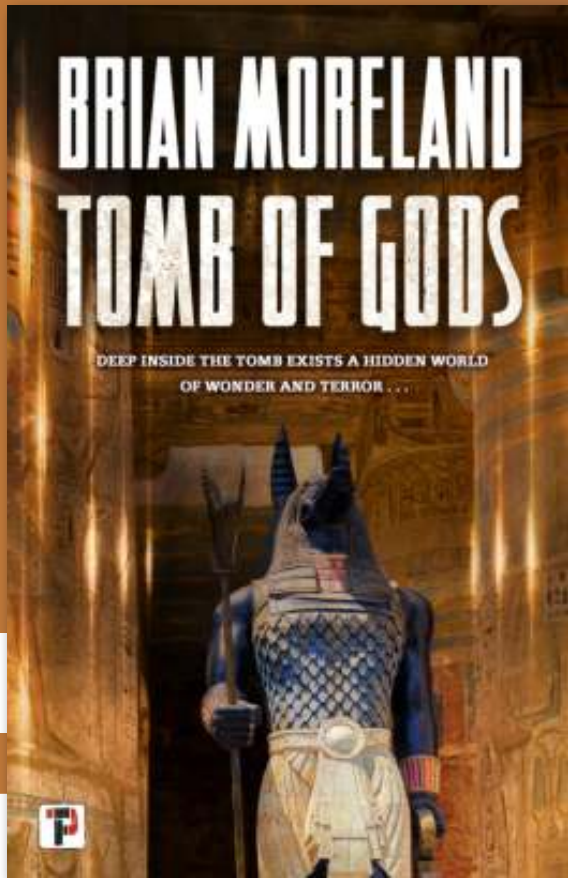


Monique Snyman lives outside Johannesburg, South Africa, with her husband and an adorable Chihuahua. She's the author of MUTI NATION, a horror novel set in South Africa, and Bram Stoker Award® nominated novel, THE NIGHT WEAVER, which is the first installment in a dark fantasy series for young adults.

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TOMB OF GODS

BRIAN MORELAND

Praise for Brian Moreland:

"Moreland has assembled a masterpiece that I cannot recommend enough. The thin line between horror and beauty in this story is one that must be read. Upon first reading, this is easily one of my favorite horror releases of the year." -Horror Underground

Deep inside the tomb exists a hidden world of wonder and terror . . .

In 1935, a team of British archaeologists entered an Egyptian cave tomb and vanished. A year later, only one man returned covered in mysterious scars.

Egyptologist Imogen Riley desperately wants to know what happened to the ill-fated expedition team, and why her grandfather left her a diary with strange codes. On a quest for answers, she joins a second team of archeologists in the Egyptian desert. Inside a mountain tomb, they've found a technologically advanced relic and a maze of endless tunnels. Dr. Nathan Trummel believes this tomb leads to the most guarded secrets of the pharaohs. When the explorers venture deep into the caves, they discover a realm inhabited by their darkest fears. As they struggle to survive, Imogen, Dr. Trummel, and the rest of their team soon learn why so many before them have disappeared forever.

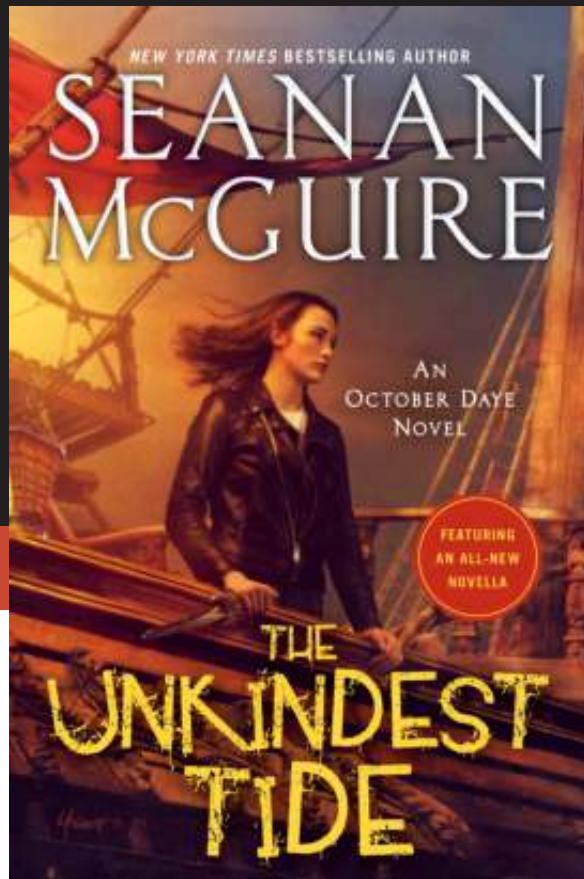
Brian Moreland writes dark suspense, thrillers, and horror. His books include DEAD OF WINTER, SHADOWS IN THE MIST, THE WITCHING HOUSE, THE DEVIL'S WOODS, THE SEEKERS, DARKNESS RISING, and TOMB OF GODS. A native Texan now living in Nashville, Tennessee, Brian is enjoying life and writing new thrilling fiction.



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THE UNKINDEST TIDE

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Praise for the October Daye series:

"McGuire has never lacked for courage in her writing... The phenomenally inventive October Daye series showcases her narrative daring and ingenuity beautifully." –RT Reviews

Hundreds of years ago, the Selkies made a deal with the sea witch: they would have the sea for as long as she allowed it, and when the time came, she would call in all their debts at once. Many people assumed that day would never come. Those people were wrong.

When the Luidaeg—October "Toby" Daye's oldest and most dangerous ally—tells her the time has come for the Selkies to fulfill their side of the bargain, and that Toby must be a part of the process, Toby can't refuse. Literally. The Selkies aren't the only ones in debt to the Luidaeg, and Toby has to pay what she owes like anyone else. They will travel to the fabled Duchy of Ships and call a convocation of the Selkies, telling them to come and meet the Luidaeg's price...or face the consequences.

Of course, nothing is that simple. When Dianda Lorden's brother appears to arrest Dianda for treason against the Undersea, when a Selkie woman is stripped of her skin and then murdered, when everything is falling apart, that's when Toby will have to answer the real question of the hour.

Is she going to sink? Or is she going to swim?

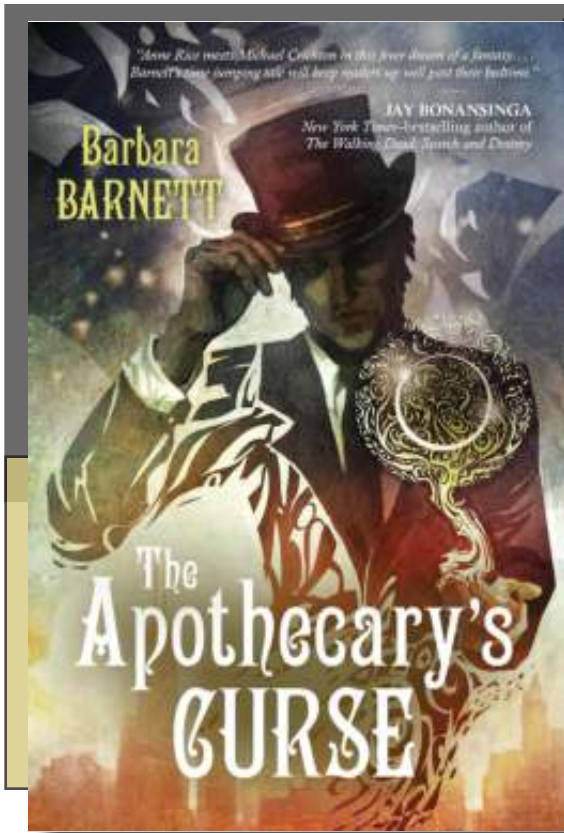
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THE Apothecary's CURSE

Barbara BARNETT

A 2017 Bram Stoker Award nominee, *The Apothecary's Curse* is an alchemist's brew of historical fantasy and cutting edge genetics as a physician Simon Bell and apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune race against time to recover the ancient book that made them immortal centuries ago.

In Victorian London, the fates of physician Simon Bell and apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune entwine when Simon gives his wife an elixir created by Gaelan from an ancient manuscript. Meant to cure her cancer, it kills her. Suicidal, Simon swallows the remainder--only to find he cannot die. Years later, hearing rumors of a Bedlam inmate with regenerative powers like his own, Simon is shocked to discover it's Gaelan.

Two centuries later, a modern-day pharmaceutical company unearths diaries describing the torture of Bedlam inmates, and the company's scientists suspect a link between Gaelan and an unnamed inmate. But when Gaelan and Transdiff Genomics geneticist Anne Shawe are powerfully drawn to each other, her family connection to his manuscript leads to a stunning revelation. Will it bring ruin or redemption?

Always a pop-culture and sci-fi geek, Barbara was raised on a steady diet of TV, but she always found her way to the tragic antiheroes and misunderstood champions, whether on TV, in the movies or in literature. It was inevitable that she would have to someday create one of her own.



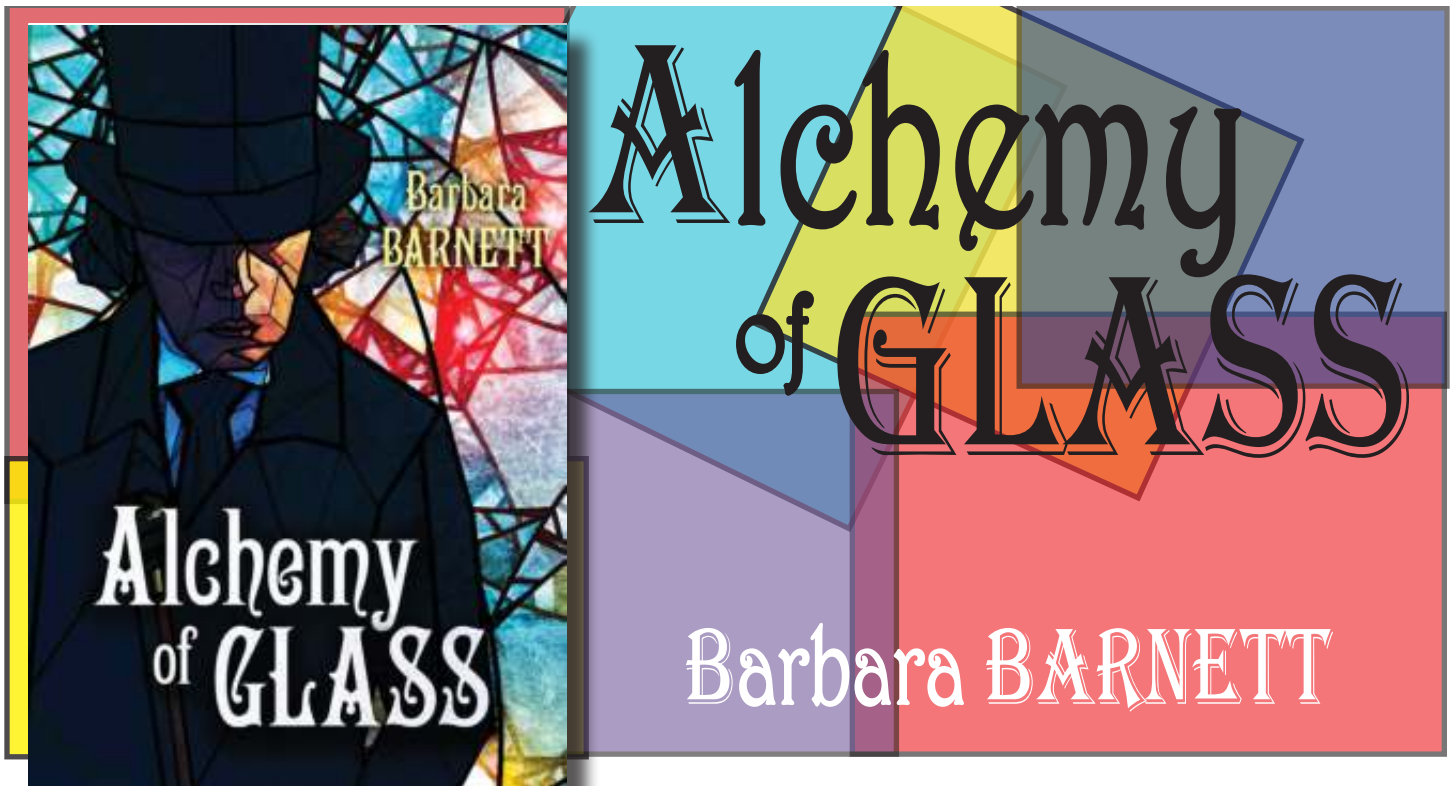
She's a professional member of both the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America and the Horror Writers Association.

A life-long resident of the Chicago area, she lives with her husband Phil not far from the beautiful Lake Michigan coast of Chicago's North Shore that serves as the modern-day setting for 'The Apothecary's Curse'. She is the proud mother of Shoshanna and Adam, and the loving savta of Ari.

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"Myth, medicine, and immortality, braided together like the border of an illuminated manuscript."
-Doris Egan, screenwriter, novelist, and writer and co-executive producer of House,M.D.

"Anne Rice meets Michael Crichton in this fever dream of a fantasy. Richly textured, terrifying, and somehow timely, Barbara Barnett's time-jumping tale will keep readers up well past their bedtime. Highly recommended!" -Jay Bonansinga, New York Times–bestselling author of *The Walking Dead: Search and Destroy* and *Self Storage*

The *Alchemy of Glass* weaves a tale magical as spun glass and terrifying as a shattered mirror, drawing upon cutting edge science and the most ancient of Celtic mythology, intertwining the magic of fairy lore and the harsh reality of difficult choices, returning us to the world of immortal apothecary Gaelan Erceldoune, as his past, present and future collide, in an attempt to prevent a catastrophic future.

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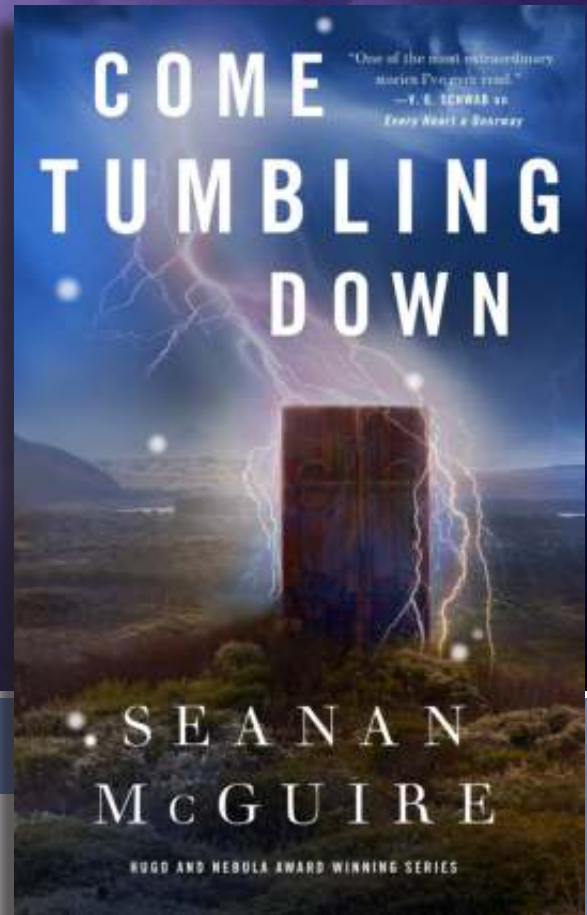
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COME TUMBLING DOWN

SEANAN McGUIRE



The fifth installment in New York Times bestselling author Seanan McGuire's award-winning Wayward Children series, *Come Tumbling Down* picks up the threads left dangling by *Every Heart a Doorway* and *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*

When Jack left Eleanor West's School for Wayward Children she was carrying the body of her deliciously deranged sister—whom she had recently murdered in a fit of righteous justice—back to their home on the Moors.

But death in their adopted world isn't always as permanent as it is here, and when Jack is herself carried back into the school, it becomes clear that something has happened to her. Something terrible. Something of which only the maddest of scientists could conceive. Something only her friends are equipped to help her overcome.

Eleanor West's "No Quests" rule is about to be broken.

Again.



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SEANAN MCGUIRE



Praise for Every Heart a Doorway:

"With Every Heart a Doorway, McGuire has created her own mini-masterpiece of portal fantasy - a jewel of a book that deserves to be shelved with Lewis Carroll's and C. S. Lewis' classics, even as it carves its own precocious space between them." -NPR

A stand-alone fantasy tale from Seanan McGuire's Alex award-winning Wayward Children series, which began in the Alex, Hugo, Nebula, and Locus Award-winning, World Fantasy Award finalist, Tiptree Honor List Every Heart a Doorway

This fourth entry and prequel tells the story of Lundy, a very serious young girl who would rather study and dream than become a respectable housewife and live up to the expectations of the world around her. As well she should.

When she finds a doorway to a world founded on logic and reason, riddles and lies, she thinks she's found her paradise. Alas, everything costs at the goblin market, and when her time there is drawing to a close, she makes the kind of bargain that never plays out well.

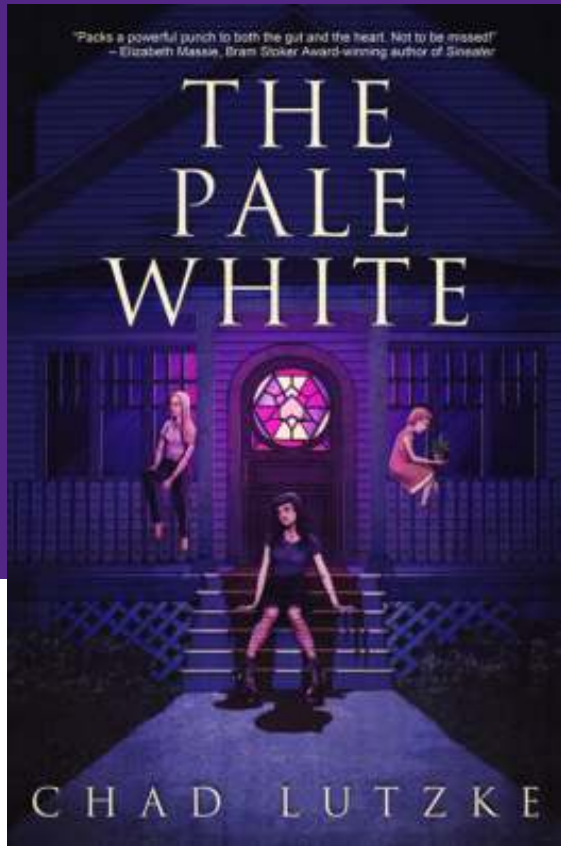


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THE PALE WHITE

CHAD LUTZKE

*"A harrowing tale of abuse, violence, and the redemptive power of love." -Tim Waggoner, author of *The Forever House**

*"Just when you thought he couldn't, Lutzke plunges the knife deeper. This one hurts good." -Matt Hayward, Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of *What Do Monsters Fear?**

*"Lutzke's *The Pale White* packs a powerful punch to both the gut and the heart. Not to be missed!" -Elizabeth Massie*

After being held against their will in a house used for trafficking, three girls plan their escape.

Alex: A hardened goth-punk who's convinced she's a vampire with a penchant for blood.

Stacia: A seventeen-year-old raised by an alcoholic mother, her fellow captives the only family she's ever truly had.

Kammie: The youngest of the three—a mute who finds solace in a houseplant.

But does life outside the house offer the freedom they'd envisioned? Or is it too late, the scars too deep?

A coming-of-age tale of revenge and survival that explores a friendship and the desperate measures taken to ensure they stay united, held together by the scars that bind them.

This contemporary Suspense Thriller / Horror novella with an all-female cast is the perfect read for fans of Robert R. McCammon, Stephen King, and Jack Ketchum.

Chad lives in Michigan with his wife and children. For over two decades, he has been a contributor to several different outlets in the independent music and film scene, offering articles, reviews, and artwork. He has written for Famous Monsters of Filmland, Rue Morgue, Cemetery Dance, and Scream magazine. He's had a few dozen stories published, and some of his books include: OF FOSTER HOMES & FLIES, WALLFLOWER, STIRRING THE SHEETS, SKULLFACE BOY, and OUT BEHIND THE BARN co-written with John Boden. Lutzke's work has been praised by authors Jack Ketchum, James Newman, Stephen Graham Jones and his own mother.



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MIRA GRANT

In the Shadow of Spindrift House

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of Spindrift House

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Nature abhors a straight line. The natural world is a place of curves and softened edges, of gentle mists and welcoming spirals. Nature remembers deviation; nature does not forgive.

For Harlowe Upton-Jones, life has never been a straight line. Shipped off to live with her paternal grandparents after a mysterious cult killed her mother and father, she has grown up chasing the question behind the curve, becoming part of a tight-knit teen detective agency. But "teen" is a limited time offer, and when her friends start looking for adult professions, it's up to Harlowe to find them one last case so that they can go out in a blaze of glory.

Welcome to Spindrift House.

The stories and legends surrounding the decrepit property are countless and contradictory, but one thing is clear: there are people willing to pay a great deal to determine the legal ownership of the house. When Harlowe and her friends agree to investigate the mystery behind the manor, they do so on the assumption that they'll be going down in history as the ones who determined who built Spindrift House--and why. The house has secrets. They have the skills. They have a plan. They have everything they need to solve the mystery.

Everything they need except for time. Because Spindrift House keeps its secrets for a reason, and it has no intention of letting them go.

Nature abhors a straight line... ***Here's where the story bends.***

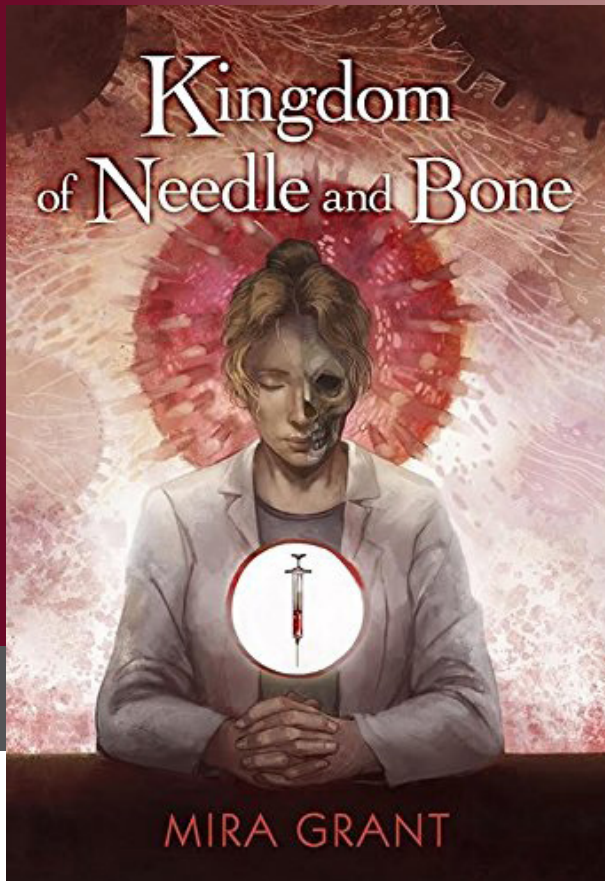
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Kingdom of Needle and Bone

MIRA GRANT

We live in an age of wonders. Modern medicine has conquered or contained many of the diseases that used to carry children away before their time, reducing mortality and improving health. Vaccination and treatment are widely available, not held in reserve for the chosen few. There are still monsters left to fight, but the old ones, the simple ones, trouble us no more. Or so we thought. For with the reduction in danger comes the erosion of memory, as pandemics fade from memory into story into fairy tale. Those old diseases can't have been so bad, people say, or we wouldn't be here to talk about them. They don't matter. They're never coming back. How wrong we could be. It begins with a fever. By the time the spots appear, it's too late: Morris's disease is loose on the world, and the bodies of the dead begin to pile high in the streets. When its terrible side consequences for the survivors become clear, something must be done, or the dying will never stop. For Dr. Isabella Gauley, whose niece was the first confirmed victim, the route forward is neither clear nor strictly ethical, but it may be the only way to save a world already in crisis. It may be the only way to atone for her part in everything that s happened. She will never be forgiven, not by herself, and not by anyone else. But she can, perhaps, do the right thing. We live in an age of monsters.

Mira Grant is a pen name for Seanan McGuire, a California-based author with a strong penchant for travel who can regularly be found just about anyplace capable of supporting human life (as well as a few places that probably aren't). Early exposure to a vast number of books left her with a lifelong affection for the written word, and led, perhaps inevitably, to her writing books of her own, starting somewhere around the age of eleven. Seanan was the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer; *Rosemary and Rue*, the first novel in the *October Daye* series, was named one of the Top 20 Paranormal Fantasy Novels of the Past Decade; and her novel *Feed*, written under the name Mira Grant, was named as one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2010. She also won a Hugo for her podcast, and is the first person to be nominated for five Hugo Awards in a single year.



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THE BRIGHTEST FELL

SEANAN MCGUIRE

"McGuire has never lacked for courage in her writing.... The phenomenally inventive October Daye series showcases her narrative daring and ingenuity beautifully." -RT Reviews

"McGuire has become extremely skilled at twisting the knife, putting her characters through emotional and physical wringers: she proves that no dangling plot thread is too obscure when it comes to terrorizing Toby. This compelling mystery with intensely personal stakes and genuine surprises is one of the strongest installments to date." -Publishers Weekly

11th book in Hugo Award winning Seanan McGuire's NYTimes bestselling Toby Daye series. Contains a bonus novella set in the Toby Daye universe, plus the new map McGuire guest of Honor at SDCC 2018 and highlighted guest at cons throughout the year

For once, everything in October "Toby" Daye's life seems to be going right. There have been no murders or declarations of war for her to deal with, and apart from the looming specter of her Fetch planning her bachelorette party, she's had no real problems for days. Maybe things are getting better. ...Maybe not.

Because suddenly Toby's mother, Amandine the Liar, appears on her doorstep and demands that Toby find her missing sister, August. But August has been missing for over a hundred years and there are no leads to follow. And Toby really doesn't owe her mother any favors.

Then Amandine starts taking hostages, and refusal ceases to be an option.

Seanan McGuire is a Hugo, Nebula and Locus award-winning author who consistently hits the NYTimes bestseller list with both the October Daye and Incriptid series. The October Daye series was a finalist for the Hugo Award for best series in 2017. She is the first person to be nominated for five Hugo Awards in a single year. She won the Hugo, Nebula and Locus Awards for her novella EVERY HEART A DOORWAY.



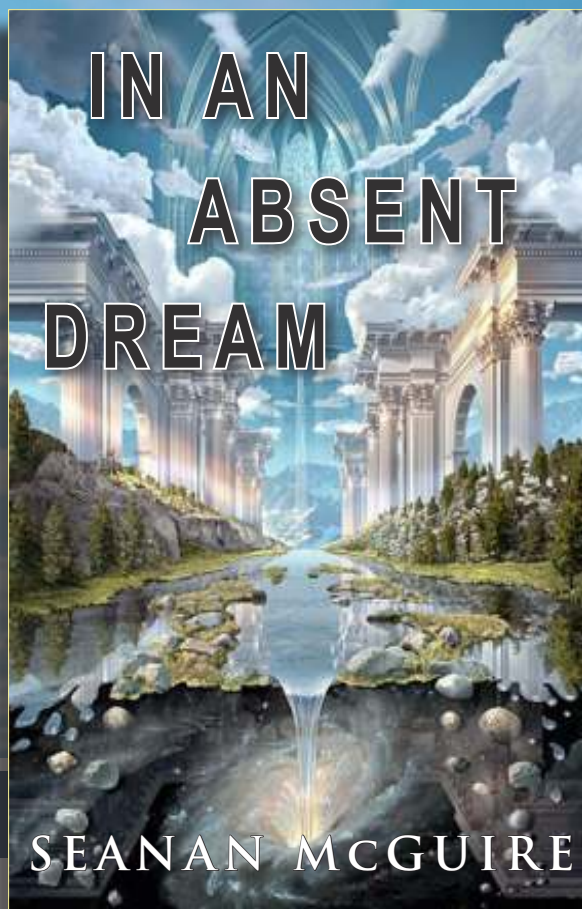
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IN AN ABSENT DREAM

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This is the story of a very serious young girl who would rather study and dream than become a respectable housewife and live up to the expectations of the world around her. As well she should.

When she finds a doorway to a world founded on logic and reason, riddles and lies, she thinks she's found her paradise. Alas, everything costs at the goblin market, and when her time there is drawing to a close, she makes the kind of bargain that never plays out well.

For anyone . . .



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BENEATH THE SUGAR SKY

SEANAN McGUIRE

Beneath the Sugar Sky, the third book in McGuire's Wayward Children series, returns to Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children in a standalone contemporary fantasy for fans of all ages. At this magical boarding school, children who have experienced fantasy adventures are reintroduced to the "real" world.

When Rini lands with a literal splash in the pond behind Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children, the last thing she expects to find is that her mother, Sumi, died years before Rini was even conceived. But Rini can't let Reality get in the way of her quest – not when she has an entire world to save! (Much more common than one would suppose.)

If she can't find a way to restore her mother, Rini will have more than a world to save: she will never have been born in the first place. And in a world without magic, she doesn't have long before Reality notices her existence and washes her away. Good thing the student body is well-acquainted with quests...

Beneath the Sugar Sky is a tale of friendship, baking, and derring-do.

Warning: May contain nuts.

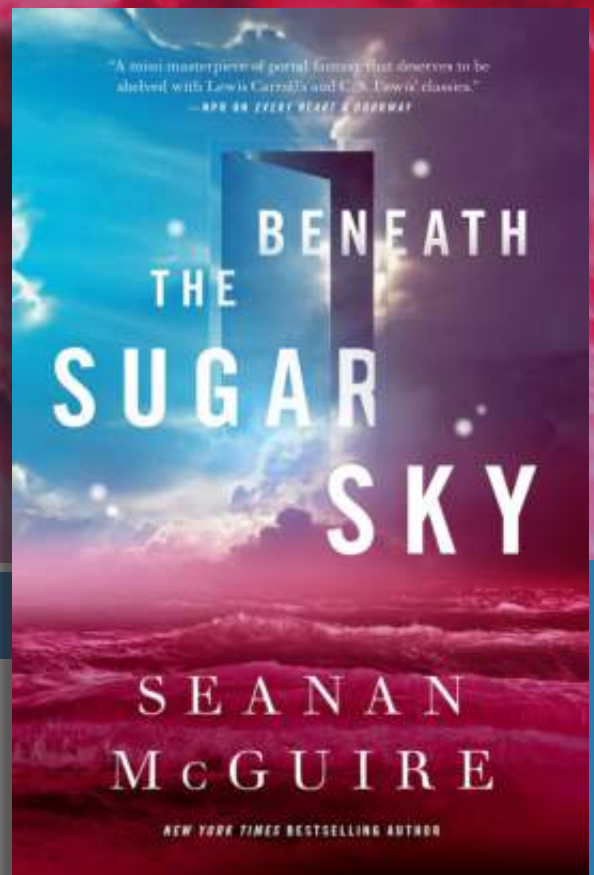


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DOWN AMONG THE STICKS AND BONES

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Seanan McGuire returns to her popular Wayward Children series with ***Down Among the Sticks and Bones***, the follow-up to the Alex Award-winning, Hugo and Nebula finalist, Tiptree Honor List *Every Heart a Doorway*

Twin sisters Jack and Jill were seventeen when they found their way home and were packed off to Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. This is the story of what happened first...

Jacqueline was her mother's perfect daughter—polite and quiet, always dressed as a princess. If her mother was sometimes a little strict, it's because crafting the perfect daughter takes discipline.

Jillian was her father's perfect daughter—adventurous, thrill-seeking, and a bit of a tom-boy. He really would have preferred a son, but you work with what you've got. They were five when they learned that grown-ups can't be trusted.

They were twelve when they walked down the impossible staircase and discovered that the pretense of love can never be enough to prepare you a life filled with magic in a land filled with mad scientists and death and choices.

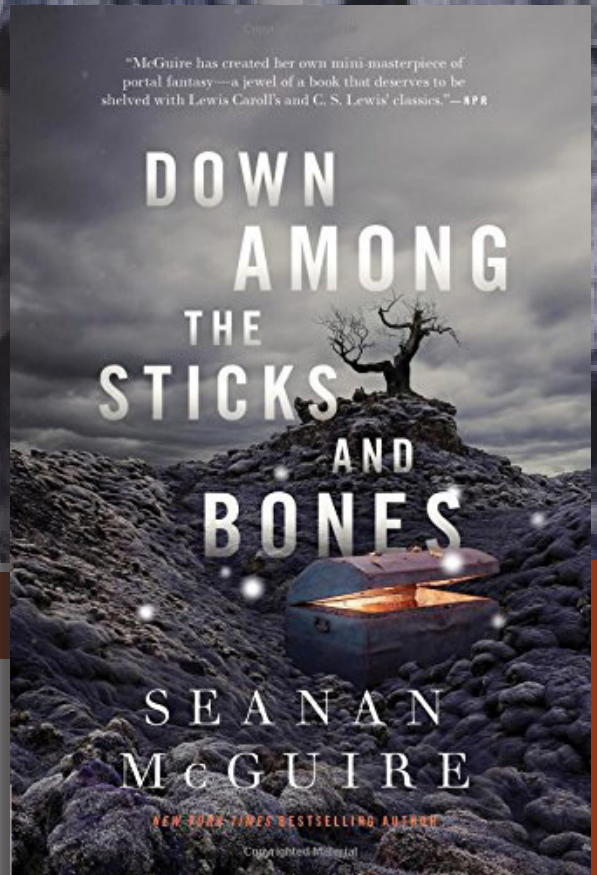


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*Winner 2017 Hugo and Nebula Award
for Best Novella*

EVERY HEART A DOORWAY

SEANAN MCGUIRE

Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children

No Solicitations...No Visitors...No Quests

Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere... else.

But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back. The things she's experienced... they change a person. The children under Miss West's care understand all too well. And each of them is seeking a way back to their own fantasy world.

But Nancy's arrival marks a change at the Home. There's a darkness just around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new-found schoolmates to get to the heart of the matter... No matter the cost.

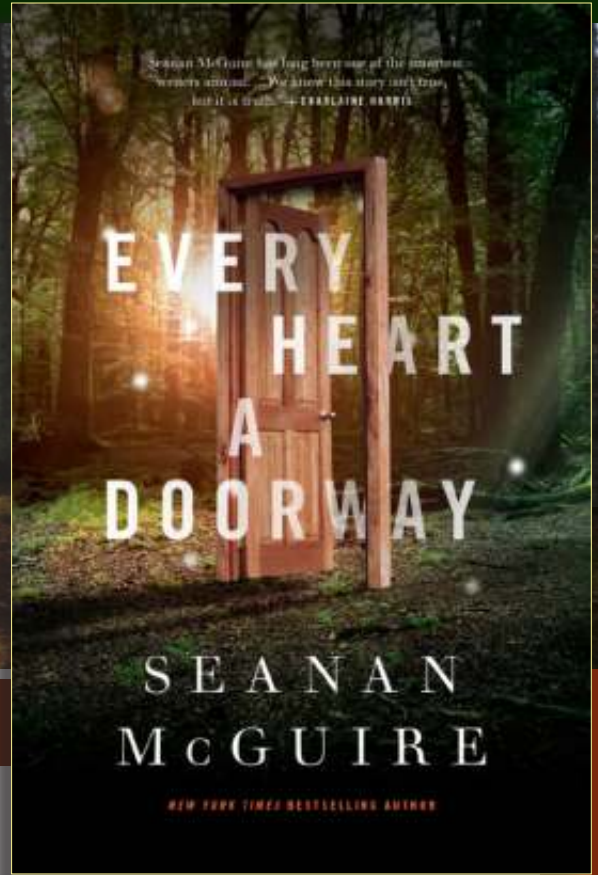


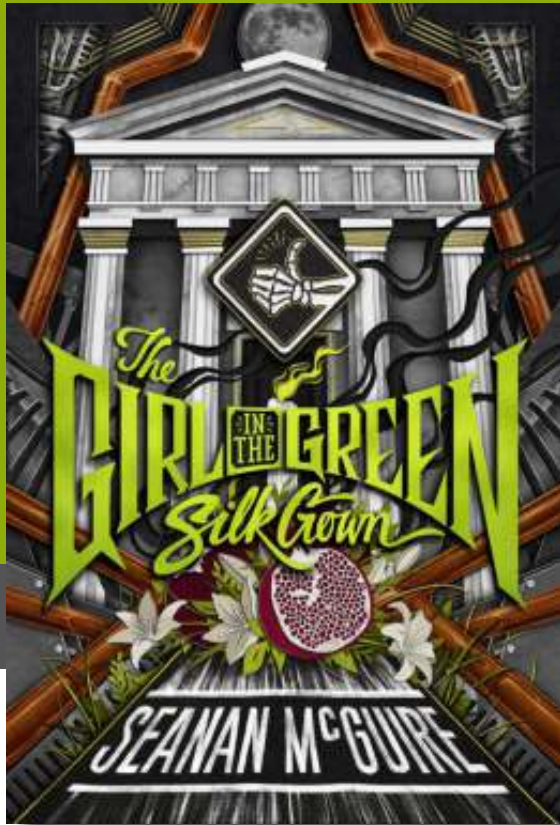
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GIRL IN THE GREEN

Silk Gown

SEANAN MCGUIRE

The second book in the Ghost Roads series returns to the highways of America, where hitchhiking ghost Rose Marshall continues her battle with her killer--the immortal Bobby Cross.

For Rose Marshall, life began when it ended. She has friends, a home, and a purpose in the strange twilight where she spends her afterlife. Sure, she's an urban legend who didn't live to see her eighteenth birthday, but she's had time to adapt, and while things could be better, she's pretty happy with her lot in death.

At least until Bobby Cross--the man who killed her in the first place--plays his ultimate card in the hole, resulting in her untimely, unwanted resurrection. Suddenly breathing and worse, suddenly mortal, Rose must find a way to solve the riddle she never wanted to contend with: how does a living dead girl make it back to the ghostroads without actually dying?

Her quest will make allies out of enemies and enemies out of allies as she runs from the lands of the living to the lands of the dead, trying to find a way safely home...and safely back to her grave.

Seanan McGuire is a California-based author with a strong penchant for travel and can regularly be found just about anyplace capable of supporting human life (as well as a few places that probably aren't). Early exposure to a vast number of books left her with a lifelong affection for the written word, and led, perhaps inevitably, to her writing books of her own, starting somewhere around the age of eleven. Seanan was the winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer; *Rosemary and Rue*, the first novel in the *October Daye* series, was named one of the Top 20 Paranormal Fantasy Novels of the Past Decade; and her novel *Feed*, written under the name Mira Grant, was named as one of Publishers Weekly's Best Books of 2010. She also won a Hugo for her podcast, and is the first person to be nominated for five Hugo Awards in a single year.



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SPARROW HILL Road

SEANAN MCGUIRE

*In a redesigned edition celebrating the release of *The Girl in the Green Silk Gown*, the first book in the Ghost Roads series follows hitchhiking ghost Rose Marshall as she haunts the highways.*

Rose Marshall died in 1952 in Buckley Township, Michigan, run off the road by a man named Bobby Cross—a man who had sold his soul to live forever, and intended to use her death to pay the price of his immortality. Trouble was, he didn't ask Rose what she thought of the idea.

It's been more than sixty years since that night, and she's still sixteen, and she's still running.

They have names for her all over the country: the Girl in the Diner. The Phantom Prom Date. The Girl in the Green Silk Gown. Mostly she just goes by "Rose," a hitchhiking ghost girl with her thumb out and her eyes fixed on the horizon, trying to outrace a man who never sleeps, never stops, and never gives up on the idea of claiming what's his. She's the angel of the overpass, she's the darling of the truck stops, and she's going to figure out a way to win her freedom. After all, it's not like it can kill her.

...You can't kill what's already dead.

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THAT AIN'T MAGIC

SEANAN MCGUIRE

The eighth book in the funny and fast-paced InCryptid urban fantasy series returns to the mishaps of the Price family, eccentric cryptozoologists who safeguard the world of magical creatures living in secret among humans.

Antimony Price has never done well without a support system. As the youngest of her generation, she has always been able to depend on her parents, siblings, and cousins to help her out--until now. After fleeing from the Covenant of St. George, she's found herself in debt to the crossroads and running for her life. No family. No mice. No way out.

Lucky for her, she's resourceful, and she's been gathering allies as she travels: Sam, fūri trapeze artist turned boyfriend; Cylia, jink roller derby captain and designated driver; Fern, sylph friend, confidant, and maker of breakfasts; even Mary, ghost babysitter to the Price family. Annie's starting to feel like they might be able to figure things out--which is probably why things start going wrong again.

New Gravesend, Maine is a nice place to raise a family...or to make a binding contract with the crossroads. For James Smith, whose best friend disappeared when she tried to do precisely that, it's also an excellent place to plot revenge. Now the crossroads want him dead and they want Annie to do the dirty deed.

And that's before Leonard Cunningham, aka, "the next leader of the Covenant," shows up...

Seanan McGuire is a Washington State-based author. The October Daye novels are her first urban fantasy series, and the InCryptid novels are her second series, both of which have put her on the New York Times bestseller list. She is the first person to be nominated for five Hugo Awards in a single year.



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Lucky for her, she's resourceful, and she's been gathering allies as she travels: Sam, fūri trapeze artist turned boyfriend; Cylia, jink roller derby captain and designated driver; Fern, sylph friend, confidant, and maker of breakfasts; even Mary, ghost babysitter to the Price family. Annie's starting to feel like they might be able to figure things out--which is probably why things start going wrong again.

New Gravesend, Maine is a nice place to raise a family...or to make a binding contract with the crossroads. For James Smith, whose best friend disappeared when she tried to do precisely that, it's also an excellent place to plot revenge. Now the crossroads want him dead and they want Annie to do the dirty deed.

And that's before Leonard Cunningham, aka, "the next leader of the Covenant," shows up...

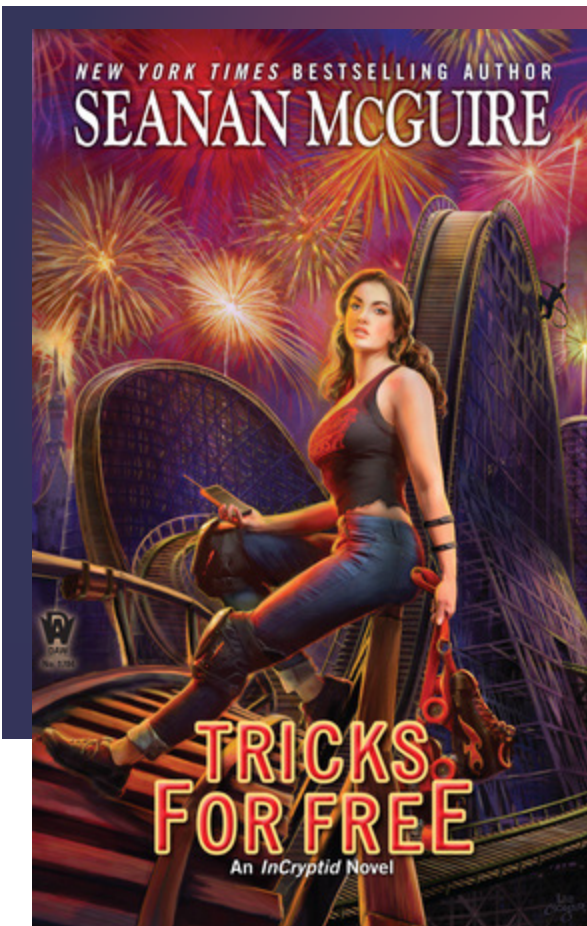
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Antimony Price is on the run. With the Covenant on her tail and her family still in danger, she needs to get far, far away from anyone who might recognize her--including her own mice. For the first time in a long time, a Price is flying without a safety net. Where do you go when you need to disappear into a crowd without worrying about attracting attention? An amusement park, of course.

Some people would call Lowryland the amusement park. It's one of the largest in Florida, the keystone of the Lowry entertainment empire...but for Annie, it's a place to hide. She's just trying to keep her head down long enough to come up with a plan that will get her home without getting anyone killed. No small order when she's rooming with gorgons and sylphs, trying to placate frustrated ghosts, and rushing to get to work on time.

Then the accidents begin. The discovery of a dead man brings Annie to the attention of the secret cabal of magic users running Lowryland from behind the scenes. They want the fire that sleeps in her fingers. They want her on their side. They want to help her--although their help, like everything else, comes with a price.

No plan. Minimal backup. No way out. Annie's about to get a crash course in the reality behind the pretty facade. If she's lucky, she'll survive the experience.

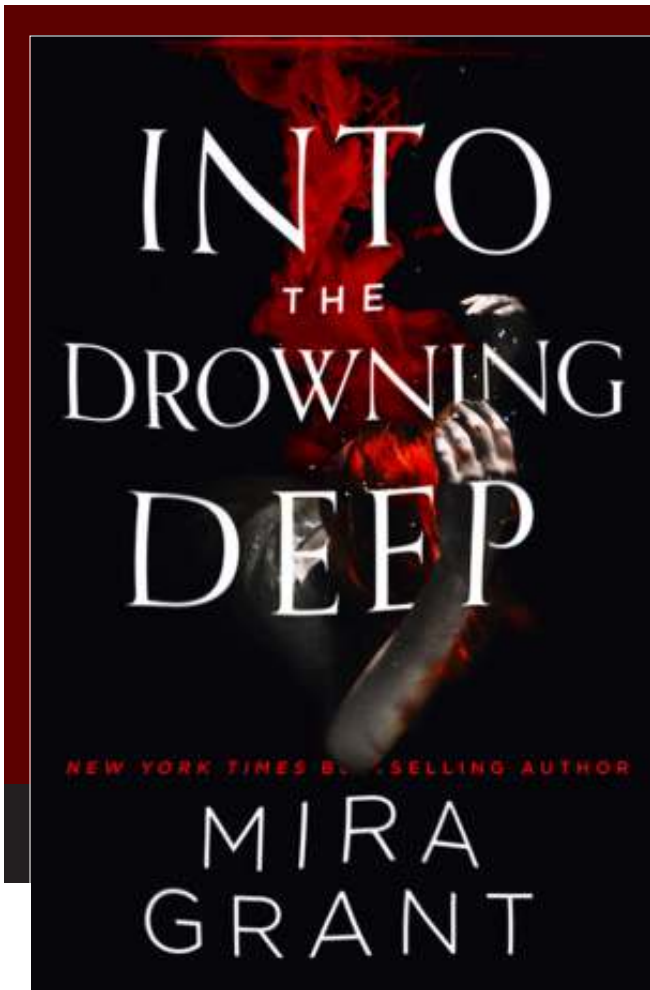
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INTO THE DROWNING DEEP

MIRA GRANT

Seven years ago, the Atargatis set off on a voyage to the Mariana Trench to film a “mockumentary” bringing to life ancient sea creatures of legend. It was lost at sea with all hands. Some have called it a hoax; others have called it a maritime tragedy.

Now, a new crew has been assembled. But this time they’re not out to entertain. Some seek to validate their life’s work. Some seek the greatest hunt of all. Some seek the truth. But for the ambitious young scientist Victoria Stewart this is a voyage to uncover the fate of the sister she lost.

Whatever the truth may be, it will only be found below the waves.

But the secrets of the deep come with a price.

Mira Grant lives in California, sleeps with a machete under her bed, and highly suggests you do the same. Mira Grant is the pseudonym of Seanan McGuire - winner of the 2010 John W. Campbell Award for best new writer. Find out more about the author at www.miragrants.com or follow her on twitter @seananmcguire.



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