



**Book:** *Raising Artemis* (forthcoming, Roundfire Books 2026)

**Genre:** Literary Fiction with Magical Realism

**Themes:** Animals, Healing, Resilience, Rediscovery

### About Christine

Christine Baker is the author of *Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball* (University of Nebraska Press) and the forthcoming novel *Raising Artemis* (Roundfire Books). A seasoned speaker and marketing professional, Christine blends storytelling with real-world insight, drawing audiences into heartfelt conversations about resilience, self-discovery, and the extraordinary bond between humans and animals.

She has nearly three decades of experience as a writer, speaker, and program specialist, and her talks combine warmth, humor, and wisdom that resonate with readers, animal lovers, and community groups alike.

Christine lives in Connecticut and is currently booking speaking engagements across New England and the Tri-State area in anticipation of *Raising Artemis*'s release in 10–12 months (2026).

### Talk Topics

Christine can tailor each session to your audience. Popular topics include:

- *Behind the Book:* The story that inspired *Raising Artemis*
- *Animals as Healers:* The wisdom and companionship of cats and dogs
- *Leaving Medicine for Meaning:* A journey of rediscovery during Covid
- *Building Community Through Storytelling:* Why books bring us together

### Event Formats

- Book Salons — host an intimate conversation in your home with 25+ guests
- Libraries & Community Centers — engaging author talks and Q&A
- Clubs & Organizations — tailored sessions for book clubs, animal groups, and more
- Virtual Events — Zoom or livestream sessions available

### Booking Now

Christine is scheduling events now for 2026, leading up to and following the release of *Raising Artemis*.

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## ***Raising Artemis* Q&A Guide**

### **About the Book**

Q: What inspired you to write *Raising Artemis* during the pandemic?

Q: How do your own animals show up in the story, and why was it important to honor them in fiction?

Q: The novel features a wise Birman cat as narrator. Why did you choose to tell parts of the story through an animal's perspective?

Q: The oak tree is a recurring symbol in the book — what does it represent to Artemis, and to you as the author?

### **Themes of Animals and Healing**

Q: Many readers will see themselves in the bond between Artemis and her animals. Why do you think pets are such powerful healers in times of loss or change?

Q: What do you hope readers will take away about resilience and the wisdom animals bring into our lives?

Q: Can you share a personal story about how one of your animals guided or comforted you in a pivotal moment?

### **Life, Career & Transformation**

Q: Artemis begins the story as a doctor during Covid but eventually chooses a new path. Why was it important to explore leaving one profession to find another calling?

Q: How much of Artemis's journey mirrors your own search for purpose?

Q: What role does community — both human and animal — play in her transformation?

### **Broader Connections**

Q: *Raising Artemis* has been compared to books like *A Dog's Purpose* and *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. What sets it apart?

Q: How does spirituality and magical realism deepen the story beyond a traditional "animal novel"?

Q: What do you hope book clubs, libraries, and readers will talk about after finishing *Raising Artemis*?