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PRESS RELEASE

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR CHRISTINE A. BAKER TO PUBLISH RAISING ARTEMIS, A CONTEMPORARY NOVEL OF HEALING, PURPOSE, AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE HUMAN–ANIMAL BOND

A character-driven work of women's fiction with elements of magical realism from Roundfire Books, an imprint of Collective Ink

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CONNECTICUT — March 23, 2026 — Award-winning author and screenwriter Christine A. Baker will publish her forthcoming novel, Raising Artemis, on December 15, 2026, with Roundfire Books, an imprint of Collective Ink. Blending contemporary women's fiction with elements of magical realism, the novel offers a deeply moving story of healing, loss, and renewal.

At the center of the novel is Dr. Artemis Nicche, a physician whose life unravels after years of personal loss and the emotional toll of the COVID-19 pandemic. As she steps away from medicine, Artemis is drawn to a struggling animal shelter—where a series of unexpected encounters begin to reshape her understanding of grief, purpose, and what it means to truly heal.

Narrated by Lucy, Artemis's beloved cat speaking from beyond, *Raising Artemis* introduces a distinctive yet grounded narrative perspective. Through the lives of unforgettable animal companions—including Phoebe, a rescued kitten, and Maggie and Jessie, two devoted Labradors—the novel explores how animals serve not only as companions, but as guides through life's most difficult transitions.

"Animals understand the truly fundamental things about life… and if we listen carefully, they can be our guide." — Benjamin Mee, author of We Bought a Zoo

Positioned within the contemporary fiction market with strong crossover appeal in women's fiction and magical realism, *Raising Artemis* will resonate with readers of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* and *A Dog's Purpose*, as well as audiences drawn to emotionally rich, character-driven stories of midlife transformation, resilience, and rediscovery.

Baker is the author of *Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball* (University of Nebraska Press) and an accomplished screenwriter whose work has received national recognition, including selection as a Sundance Screenwriters Institute Top 10 Finalist. Her experience across literary and cinematic storytelling informs the novel's emotional depth and broad appeal.

Raising Artemis represents Baker's most personal work to date, inspired by the real animals who have shaped her life and informed her enduring belief in the profound connection between humans and animals.

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