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Award-winning storyteller exploring the healing bond between humans and animals.

Short Bio

Christine Baker is an award-winning author and screenwriter whose work explores the bonds between humans and animals and celebrates the strength of women. She wrote *Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball* (University of Nebraska Press) and has earned recognition including the Sundance Screenwriters Institute Top 10 Finalist. *Raising Artemis* is her most personal work yet. She lives in Connecticut with her beloved animal companions.

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Long Bio

Christine Baker is an award-winning storyteller, speaker, and lifelong animal lover. Her writing explores the quiet magic woven into everyday life – the resilience we discover in loss, and the extraordinary ways animals shape our journeys.

She is the author of *Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball* (University of Nebraska Press, 2018), a groundbreaking book that gives voice to female athletes and celebrates their passion for the game. Her work has earned recognition including the Wesleyan University Rulewater Prize and Mount Saint Mary College Distinguished Alumni Award, and she has received multiple screenplay honors including Sundance Screenwriters Institute Top 10 Finalist. As a screenwriter, her scripts have garnered festival selections and industry acclaim.

Whether writing about sports, crafting screenplays that bring strong women from history to life, or weaving tales of contemporary fiction with magical elements, Christine is drawn to stories of strength, connection, and the courage to live authentically. *Raising Artemis* is her most personal work yet, blending her love of nature, her beloved animal companions, and her belief that stories can heal.

Christine lives in Connecticut, where she can be found tending her garden, walking along the shoreline, or sharing her home with animals who always seem to have the last word.

Speaking Topics

- The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: How animals help us process grief, rediscover purpose, and reconnect with ourselves.
- Burnout, Breakdown, and Finding Your Way Home: What happens when the life you built no longer fits—and how to begin again.
- Writing the Animal Voice: Crafting emotionally resonant fiction narrated by a non-human perspective.
- Midlife Reinvention & Purpose: Why it's never too late to change direction—and how story helps us reclaim identity.

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Raising Artemis

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A novel about finding your way home — as told by the animals who lead you there.

After a COVID-era breakdown forces Dr. Artemis Nicche to leave medicine, she discovers that healing doesn't always happen in hospitals. Guided by unforgettable animal companions — including Phoebe the kitten and two devoted Labradors, Maggie and Jessie—and narrated by Lucy, her wise cat speaking from beyond, this is the story of finding your true calling among creatures who understand that love means showing up, especially when it hurts.

Magical Realism | Visionary & Metaphysical | Literary Fiction

Raising Artemis is a deeply moving novel about grief, purpose, and the profound bond between animals and people.

About the Book Extended

During the height of COVID, Dr. Artemis Nicche was fighting to save lives at Sterling Hospital in Connecticut, until watching patients die despite her best efforts shattered something inside her. But her breakdown began long before the pandemic — it started the day she watched her brother Jack fall from a tree and die when she was just eleven years old.

After leaving medicine behind, Artemis finds herself drawn to a struggling animal shelter and the companions who will reshape her understanding of love, loss, and purpose. As she transforms the small shelter into a sanctuary for thousands of creatures, she finally learns to forgive herself for the brother she couldn't save and discovers the life she was always meant to live.

Narrated by Lucy, her beloved cat speaking from beyond, this is the story of how animals don't just comfort us—they teach us to live again. From Phoebe, the tiny kitten who becomes her anchor, to Maggie and Jessie, two devoted Labradors who restore her faith in joy, each animal arrives precisely when needed.

Raising Artemis is a deeply moving novel about grief, healing, and the extraordinary ways animals guide us toward our truest selves — told with the wisdom and wit only a cat could possess.

Praise for *Raising Artemis*

"A story about how animals shape us and become part of who we are. If we listen carefully, they can be our greatest guides." — Benjamin Mee, Author of *I Bought a Zoo*

"A moving story of grief, awakening, and the animals who refuse to let us disappear. For anyone who has loved and lost a beloved companion, this novel honors the sacred, wordless bond that never truly ends." — Coleen A. Ellis, Pet Loss Pioneer, Author & Speaker

"Lucy's voice captures the deep, soulful connection we share with the animals who enter our lives as teachers and soulmates." — Elena Mannes, Author of *Soul Dog*



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Comparable Titles

A Dog's Purpose — W. Bruce Cameron
The Art of Racing in the Rain — Garth Stein
The Cat Who Saved Books — Sosuke Natsukawa

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Distributed to the trade by Simon & Schuster in the US; by Wiley & Sons in the UK
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Promotion & Publicity

Christine A. Baker has engaged Books Forward, a national book publicity firm, to lead a comprehensive launch campaign including media outreach, podcast placements, reviews, and influencer engagement.

Raising Artemis will be supported by a dedicated website (www.RaisingArtemis.com), an active social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram of 7,000+ engaged followers, and growing reader communities centered on healing and the human-animal bond.

Baker is also a seasoned communications professional with extensive experience in strategic marketing and platform development.

For press materials, interviews, or review requests related to Raising Artemis, contact:

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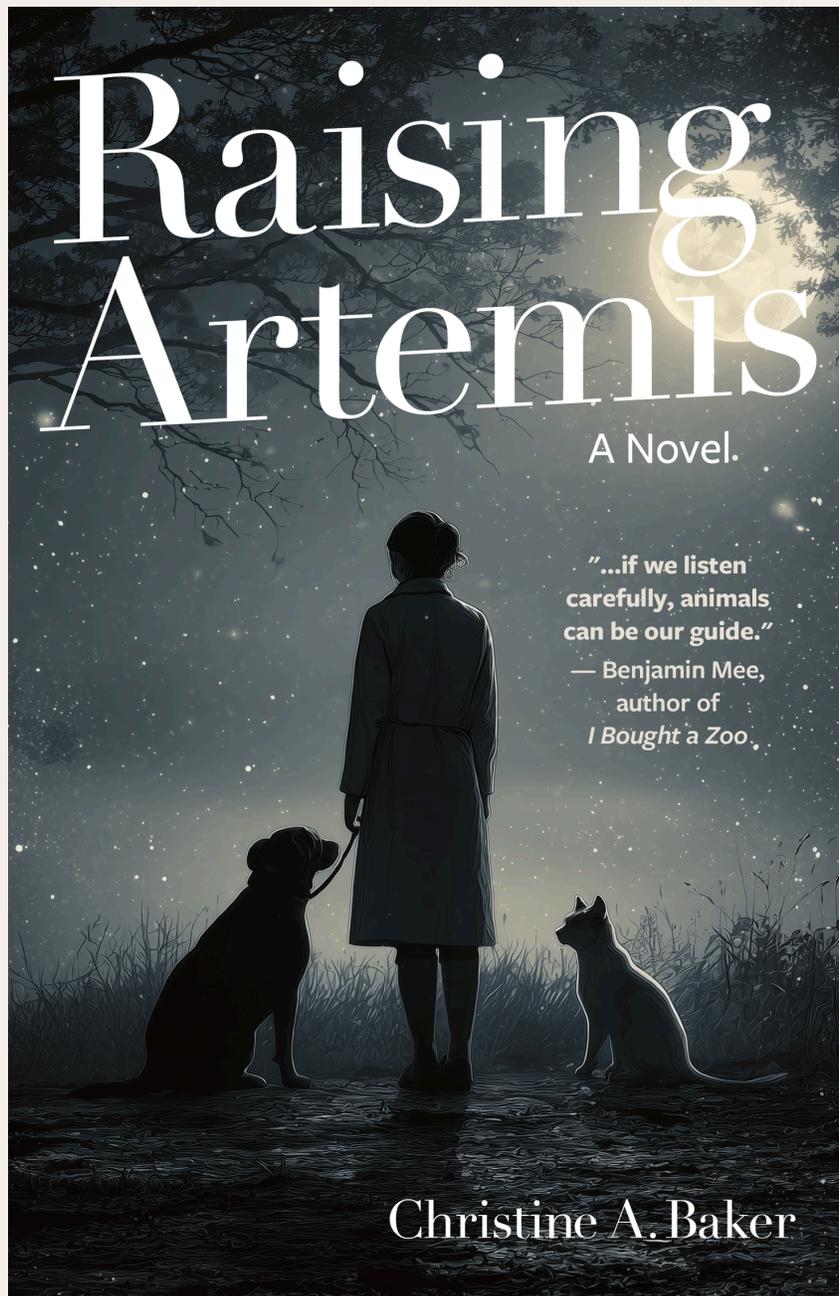
Audience & Positioning

Raising Artemis speaks to women in midlife seeking healing, renewal, and purpose. It will appeal to readers of emotionally resonant, animal-centered fiction such as *The Art of Racing in the Rain* and *A Dog's Purpose*. Ideal for book clubs exploring themes of grief, reinvention, and the transformative power of the human-animal bond.

Why This Story Now

At a time of widespread burnout and emotional fatigue, *Raising Artemis* offers a restorative story about healing, purpose, and the quiet wisdom of animals — a timely antidote to a divided cultural landscape.

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