

Raising Artemis

A Novel

By Christine A. Baker

Animals have always been here, watching, waiting for the moment humans will finally listen. When Dr. Artemis Nicche's world shattered — first as a child who witnessed her brother's death, then decades later amid the relentless losses of a pandemic — the animals arrived. Not by chance but by design. Lucy, Artemis's beloved cat, speaks from beyond, her voice threading through the veil between worlds. Phoebe, the ancient soul in kitten form, teaches stillness in the face of sorrow. Maggie and Jessie, twin hearts beating joy into broken places, remind Phoebe that love is both anchor and release. This is the animals' story to tell: How they guide the lost back to themselves. How they carry grief until humans learn to set it down. How they transform those who believe that they are rescuing animals when, all along, the animals are the ones doing the saving. As Artemis builds a sanctuary for thousands of forgotten creatures, she becomes what she was always meant to be, not a healer of bodies but a guardian of souls who've lost their way home. Raising Artemis is an offering from the animal world, a reminder that the greatest teachers have four paws, that love transcends death, and that your truest purpose often waits in the last place you think to look.

Author Bio

Christine Baker is a storyteller whose debut novel Raising Artemis follows a doctor's journey from COVID burnout to healing through animal rescue—narrated by her deceased cat Lucy. She's also the author of Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball and a Sundance Screenwriters Institute Top 10 Finalist. Christine writes stories of resilience, transformation, and the extraordinary ways animals become our spiritual teachers. She lives in Connecticut with animals who always seem to have the last word.

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Previous Titles

Why She Plays: The World of Women's Basketball (9780803216334), Bison Books, 2008

Endorsements

This is a story about how animals enhance us, and how the animals we choose to share our lives with become part of us. Animals understand the truly fundamental things about life, the world, and the Universe around us. And if we listen carefully, animals can be our guide.

Benjamin Mee, Author of Bought a Zoo

Promotional Plans

The author has engaged Books Forward, a top-tier book publicity firm, to lead a comprehensive launch campaign. The campaign includes national media outreach, targeted reviews, podcast and broadcast placements, influencer engagement, and strategic advertising across both digital and traditional channels. Raising Artemis will be featured prominently on www.RaisingArtemis.com, a dedicated website designed to engage readers and foster community around the book's themes. The author will actively promote the book across her social media platforms, where she currently reaches more than 7,000 engaged followers, with combined followings projected to exceed 12,000+ by launch, alongside access to established communities totaling 200,000+ readers, animal lovers, and women's interest groups. The author is also a seasoned public relations and marketing professional, with extensive experience building platforms, creating strategic content, and identifying high-impact promotional opportunities. This expertise allows for a nimble, responsive launch that extends well beyond traditional publicity channels.

USP

A Timely, Hopeful Story At a moment when the news cycle often feels overwhelming, Raising Artemis offers a refreshing antidote: a story that is not political, not divisive, but rooted in connection, healing, and the quiet magic still present in the world. The novel powerfully explores the emotional and intuitive connection between a woman and her animals, resonating with animal lovers, veterinarians, rescue advocates, and anyone who has experienced deep healing through pets. The book appeals to readers who love life-affirming, gently magical fiction like The Art of Racing in the Rain and A Dog's Purpose. Themes of personal growth, resilience, and rediscovery speak directly to women in transition or seeking midlife reinvention, offering both inspiration and relatability.

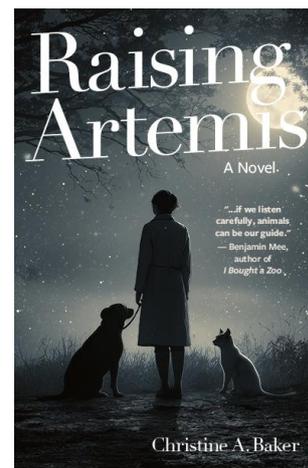
Competing Books

A Dog's Purpose (9780765388117), W. Bruce Cameron, Forge Books, 2011

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