

ANNOUNCEMENT

AUTHOR-SOCIAL INNOVATOR KATE DRAMIS JOINS CASABLANCA BOOKS

Senior Editor Mary Altman acquires North American and Audio rights for coveted original project, *"The Curse of Saints" trilogy*, by debut novelist Kate Dramis.

(Chicago – November 9, 2022) Casablanca, an imprint of the entrepreneurial, independent book publisher Sourcebooks, is thrilled to announce that on the heels of a heated auction, senior editor Mary Altman has acquired the adult "romantasy" trilogy, *The Curse of Saints*, by talented conversion copywriter / messaging expert Kate Dramis. Casa acquired North American print and audio rights from PMJ, who pre-empted world rights for three books in a deal brokered by Jessica Killingley at The bks Agency. The first book of the trilogy will go on-sale in the United States as a trade paperback original on July 11, 2023. The second and third books of the series are anticipated to go on-sale in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

Fans around the world have been following Dramis's social media breathlessly, as she reels out enticing bits of dialogue and plot snippets from *The Curse of Saints*, building anticipation as she writes. The author has engaged fans on her vibrant TikTok, @katecreates, in a live action retelling of the writing and editing process, equal parts humor, whimsy, and a touch of ironic pathos. The social media platform dedicated to the trilogy already has 4.5 million views, 25K followers, 1.1 million likes and more than 10K comments and shares. Followers and fans are impatiently awaiting this story to unfold in print, commenting, "I'm literally counting down the days!!!!," "CONVINCED," and (tellingly) "Release date pleaseeeee! this is going to be amazing."

Acquiring editor Altman shares, "I am beyond thrilled to welcome the incredible Kate Dramis to Sourcebooks!" She continues, sharing her passion for Dramis's epic storytelling, "I fell head over heels with her gorgeously written, romantic, and deeply emotional fantasy trilogy. Aya is the kind of heroine I would gladly follow into battle, and I couldn't be more excited to witness her adventures first-hand. Kate has an undeniable talent for building worlds and characters with layers of depth and intrigue, and Aya/Will is the 'ship we'll all be cheering for."

The author is equally enthusiastic, saying, "I could not be more excited that *The Curse of Saints* has found its place with Mary and the Casablanca team at Sourcebooks! From day one, their excitement and care for sharing Aya and Will's story in North America has been unparalleled. I know readers in the US and Canada have been eagerly awaiting TCOS to find its home here, and I'm so happy to share that it's found the absolute best one!"

About The Curse of Saints

As an elite spy and the Queen's Third-in-Command, Aya has dedicated herself to a life of discipline and duty, using her gods-given abilities to keep dark magic from ever returning to the realm. Her oath ensures she will always act to protect those she fights alongside—including Will, the Queen's Enforcer and Aya's bitter rival.

Forced by circumstance to work together, Aya and Will struggle to come to an uneasy truce. But when tragedy strikes, Aya instinctively reacts, showing a power that hasn't been seen in over 500 years.

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Shaken, she's confronted with an impossible truth: one that threatens the precious grip she keeps on her control. One that forces her to work with Will to discover who—or what—she really is. And one that could turn her into a weapon in a war she doesn't know how to win.

With Will at her side and untold power at her fingertips, Aya will have to decide: Has she been sent to save the realm she loves...or destroy it?

About Kate Dramis

Kate Dramis is a professional copywriter with seven years' experience in copywriting and marketing strategy. She owns 23 North & Co, a boutique copywriting and consulting agency that helps business owners increase their exposure online and has helped several of her clients sell millions in digital courses and products. She has a BA in Journalism from the University of Georgia. When not writing for business or pleasure, she regularly torments her growing army of readers with teasers on TikTok. She has already grown a strong BookTok following of over 25K fans in just a few short weeks, with 4 million views of #TheCurseofSaints hashtag. *The Curse of Saints* is her first novel.

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