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### **TOR BOOKS TO PUBLISH TWO NEW BOOKS FROM HUGO-AWARD WINNING AUTHOR ARKADY MARTINE**

**NEW YORK, NY (August 13, 2020):** Tor Vice President and Publisher Devi Pillai announced the acquisition of two novels by Arkady Martine via Dong Won Song of the Howard Morhaim Literary Agency. The books will also be published under the Tor imprint in the UK where rights were bought by Bella Pagan, Editorial Director at Pan Macmillan, from Caspian Dennis of Abner Stein.

Arkady Martine's debut novel *A Memory Called Empire* recently won the 2020 Hugo Award for Best Novel – perhaps the highest accolade for speculative fiction - presented during a virtual ceremony held on 1 August. *A Memory Called Empire* has also been shortlisted for the UK's prestigious 2020 Arthur C. Clarke Award.

Martine's first book in this acquisition is called *Prescribed Burn*, set in a future Los Angeles after the United States has fallen. It features a world where water has become more precious than gold – so the death of a 'waterman' causes controversy. But Detective Hyacinthe Walker is convinced he was murdered, and her questions could tear down her city. This is post-disaster, post-climate change – where the only laws that matter govern access to land and water.

Tor Books is proud to publish additional books from this rising star of science fiction. Of the acquisition, Pillai remarked, "Arkady Martine is going to be one of the writers of her generation that redefines the science fiction genre as being more inclusive and welcoming while simultaneously giving the reader one of the most provocative thought experiments the genre has ever seen. I'm in awe of what she has done and know that this is just the beginning for this talented writer and I can't wait to gobble up everything she does."

Arkady Martine says: "I'm incredibly happy to be able to continue working with Tor and Tor UK -- especially on this new project, which pushes climate fiction and cyberpunk into what I hope is an exciting and fresh place."

Bella Pagan also comments on the Pan Macmillan acquisition, "Arkady is an incredible talent, so I'm thrilled to have bought these new novels. I love her incredible characters and suspenseful plotting. And her lyrical, powerful prose makes for that extra-special reading experience."

The first new book will be published in 2023. The sequel to Martine's Hugo Award winning novel, *A Desolation Named Peace*, will be published in spring 2021.

#### **About the author**

Arkady Martine is a speculative fiction writer and, as Dr. AnnaLinden Weller, a historian of the Byzantine Empire and a city planner. Under both names, she writes about border politics, rhetoric, propaganda, and the edges of the world.

Arkady grew up in New York City and, after some time in Turkey, Canada, and Sweden, lives in New Mexico with her wife, the author Vivian Shaw. You can find her online on her website ([arkadymartine.net](http://arkadymartine.net)) and on Twitter (@ArkadyMartine).

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