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NIGHTFIRE TO PUBLISH CATRIONA WARD'S EAGERLY ANTICIPATED THE LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET AND TWO ADDITIONAL TITLES

NEW YORK, NY: Nightfire, the newest imprint at Tom Doherty Associates/Tor Books is thrilled to announce the acquisition of three novels from internationally-acclaimed author Catriona Ward. The first, the already-eagerly anticipated *THE LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET*, is scheduled to be published in the United States in October 2021, with two more additional novels to follow, including the US publication of Ward's 2019 Shirley Jackson Award-winning novel, *LITTLE EVE*.

Nightfire Senior Editor Kelly Lonesome acquired the three book deal in a fast pre-empt, with Robin Straus at Robin Straus Agency, acting in conjunction with Andrew Nurnberg Associates, representing Ward.

As Lonesome praises: "As soon as the submission hit my inbox, I cleared the rest of my afternoon and sank my claws into *THE LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET*. Catriona Ward's writing is so ensnaring, her characters so nuanced, and the unique structure of this twisty tale kept me guessing at every turn. By the time I finished reading (and was released from fear's icy grip), I just knew I had to bring this book to Nightfire where it could really shine. It's a one-of-a-kind horror story with a deeply empathetic message at its core, and you shouldn't underestimate Ward's ability to completely blind-side you. Nightfire is proud to bring Ward's stories, including her Shirley Jackson Award-winning book *LITTLE EVE*, to American readers who will want to devour her writing."

Ward is a rising star of horror and psychological suspense and *THE LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET* already has many of the top voices in horror buzzing about it—with Tweets and mentions from authors including Joe Hill, Stephen King, Chris Golden, Rio Youers, and more who are already clamoring to get their hands on a copy. *THE LAST HOUSE ON NEEDLESS STREET* will be published in 2021 in the UK by Viper Books. Nightfire is excited to be able to bring Ward's twisty and gripping novel to US readers next year as well.

About the author

Catriona Ward is the author of *Little Eve*, a gothic horror novel which recently won the Shirley Jackson Award for Best Novel, and the August Derleth Award for Best Horror Novel at the British Fantasy Society (previous winners include Stephen King, China Mieville and, of course, Catriona Ward for *The Girl From Rawblood* in 2016). Ward is the third woman to win the August Derleth Award since its inception in 1972, and the first to win it twice. Ward's short stories have appeared in numerous anthologies. She was

born in Washington, DC and grew up in the United States, Kenya, Madagascar, Yemen, and Morocco and now lives in London and Devon. You can find her on Twitter at @catrionaward.

About Tom Doherty Associates (TDA) and Nightfire:

Tom Doherty Associates (TDA) is a New York-based publisher of hardcover, trade softcover, and mass-market books founded in 1980. Imprints include Tor Books, one of the leading publishers in science fiction, fantasy, and horror since 1980; Forge Books, committed to publishing quality thrillers, mysteries, historical fiction, and general fiction; Tor Teen and Starscape, dedicated to publishing quality science fiction, fantasy, and contemporary fiction for young readers; Tor.com Publishing, which publishes original fiction, art, and commentary on fantasy, science fiction, and related subjects across all media by a wide range of writers from all corners of the field, and now, Nightfire. Nightfire is dedicated to publishing horror across the breadth of the genre and across all formats (print, audio, and ebook)—from short story collections to novellas and novels, from standalone works to series, from dark fantasy to the supernatural, from originals to reprints of lost modern classics.

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