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TOR TEEN ACQUIRES DARK YA FANTASY DUOLOGY FROM CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHORS AMANDA FOODY & CHRISTINE LYNN HERMAN AT AUCTION

**You Fell In Love With The Victors of The Hunger Games.
Now Prepare To Meet The Villains Of The Blood Veil.**

NEW YORK, NY (September 2020)—Tor Teen publisher Devi Pillai is pleased to announce the acquisition of a dark, original YA fantasy duology co-written by critically acclaimed authors Amanda Foody (*Ace of Shades*) and Christine Lynn Herman (*The Devouring Gray*) set to publish in Fall 2021 and Fall 2022.

"Foody and Herman have conjured a wicked little city built on blood. Their story is a brutal one: a death tournament that takes place in the long shadows cast by legacy. It's survival-of-the-richest, where the wealth is measured in magick. Foody and Herman wield sharp critiques of power, inheritance, and the culture of competition," says Ali Fisher, Senior Editor at Tor Teen.

The first book, *ALL OF US VILLAINS*, introduces the blood-soaked city of Ilvernath, where every generation seven families compete in a tournament to the death for control of high magick. The powerful, villainous Lowes have won nearly every tournament, but this year, thanks to the publication of a salacious tell-all book, each of the other six champions have a means to win. Caught between brewing friendship, romance, and betrayal, for the first time, the champions have a choice to rewrite their story. But this is a story that must be penned in blood.

Herman and Foody met during Pitch Wars in 2016 and have been friends ever since. "Some friendships have this sense of inevitability about them—like, of course we're going to be in each other's lives now. That was how it felt from the first time we 'met' via Skype and wound up talking for three hours. After that, we became critique partners for our solo projects, bouncing ideas off one another, reading drafts, offering invaluable feedback. We understood one another's creative processes so well that it sometimes felt like mind reading. Co-writing was an organic next step," says Herman.

"As two lifelong fans of fantasy books, when it came to writing a story together, we wanted to subvert readers' expectations of the genre while still writing a novel YA fantasy readers will love. We achieved this by crafting a fully fantastical, second world setting that is modern-inspired. These teenagers go to high school. They support indie spellmaker shops. They buy brand name enchantments. Not only was doing this wildly fun, it also makes the reality of the death tournament seem all the more grim. It feels a lot closer to home," states Foody, on co-writing the duology with Herman.

ALL OF US VILLAINS is slated for Fall 2021 publication, and the sequel for Fall 2022. Whitney Ross at Irene Goodman Literary Agency represented Amanda Foody, and Kelly Sonnack at Andrea Brown Literary Agency represented Christine Lynn Herman. Rights sold to Melissa Frain with Senior Editor, Ali Fisher, editing.

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About the Authors

Amanda Foody is the author of YA novels *THE SHADOW GAME* series and *DAUGHTER OF THE BURNING CITY* (HarperCollins/Inkyard), and the forthcoming middle grade series *WILDERLORE: THE ACCIDENTAL APPRENTICE* (Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry). Formerly an accountant preparing taxes for multinational corporations, Amanda lives in Boston, and you can find her on Twitter and Instagram at @amandafoody..

Christine Lynn Herman is the author of YA novels *THE DEVOURING GRAY*, *THE DECK OF OMENS*, and *THE DROWNING SUMMER* (2022), all from Little, Brown/Hachette. You can find them in the nearest forest, attempting to become a tree, or on Twitter and Instagram at @christineexists.

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