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FIRST MEMOIR BY AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

Bothell, WA, MAY 2, 2024—Award-winning Pacific Northwest author and artist Raven Oak (she/they) releases their first memoir on August 6, 2023 by Grey Sun Press. *Voices Carry: A Story of Teaching, Transitions, & Truths* will be available in both trade paperback (ISBN 978-1-947712-22-5) and eBook formats (ISBN 978-1-947712-23-2) at major and independent booksellers with the suggested retail pricing of \$14.99 (paperback) and \$5.99 (eBook).

This debut memoir focuses on Raven Oak’s life growing up and later teaching and writing in Texas as a disabled, transgender queer. Navigating discrimination, whether it’s from employers, medical professionals, colleagues, or family, is often fraught with uncertainty. At 299 pages, the memoir talks of the struggles to find one’s self in a world set on silencing others, especially those in the LGBTQ+ community.

Due to being high risk for COVID, online events will take place rather than in-person signings in support of both book releases.

Raven Oak is a *Seattle Times* regional bestselling author and has topped many Amazon and Amazon UK lists for multiple bestselling works. Their works have won multiple awards including the Ozma Fantasy Award, Reader’s Choice Award, Epic Awards Finalist, UK Wishing Award Finalist, Queer Sci-Fi Honorable Mention.

Praise for Raven Oak’s fiction:

“With a ferocious-yet-fragile heroine, resonant themes, and a sweepingly gorgeous backdrop, *Amaskan’s Blood* delivers food for thought and frank enjoyment.” —Maia Chance, author of the *Fairy Tale Fatal* series

“Holy Crap, this is good!” –Seattle Geekly

“[Class-M Exile] really does do what [Star] Trek does, in that it functions well in social commentary. If you like science fiction that really deals with social commentary...you need to check this book out! You need to put this author on your radar.” –SciFi Diner

“Oak hurls you thousands of years into the future and hits you at the core of your being. It’s a fresh look at science fiction in a charming ‘hillbilly’ fashion... The plot has as much intrigue, suspense and action befitting a much larger work...a testament to Oak’s skill at short fiction writing.” –Open Book Society

“*Joy to the Worlds* is a wide-ranging mixture of SF, Fantasy and Horror that made me wish for snowy weather and a good hot drink. [It] reminded me of Connie Willis’s collection *Miracle and Other Christmas Stories*.” –SFF World

To request a review copy of *Voices Carry: A Story of Teaching, Transitions, & Truths*, to schedule the author for an interview, or for more information, please contact Grey Sun Press at info@greysunpress.com.