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MYSTERIOUS SPECULATIVE FICTION FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Seattle, WA, November 10, 2015—Pacific Northwest authors Maia Chance, Janine A. Southard, Raven Oak, and Gayle Clemans will debut a new mystery/speculative fiction collection on December 1, 2015 by Grey Sun Press. *Joy to the Worlds: Mysterious Speculative Fiction for the Holidays* will be available in both trade paperback (ISBN 978-0-9908157-6-1) and eBook formats (ISBN 978-0-9908157-7-8) at major and independent booksellers with the suggested retail pricing of \$9.99 (paperback) and \$3.99 (eBook).

All four authors will be touring in December to support the book, with stops at Seattle Mystery Bookshop in Seattle, UW Bookstore in Bellevue, King's Books in Tacoma, and Barnes & Noble in Portland.

What do you get when you mix mystery and speculative fiction, then toss in the holidays for good measure? A mobster Santa, genetic hanky-panky, Victorian villages, time-travelling detectives, Krampus, eerie bell spirits, and more—this collection of short cross-genre fiction is the perfect counterpoint to traditional holiday reading!

Joy to the Worlds brings together eight short works that explore mysteries across time and space. Ranging from dark dystopian worlds to comedic retro-futures, four diverse writers find new ways to combine these disparate worlds.

National bestselling author Maia Chance writes historical mysteries that are rife with absurd predicaments and romantic adventure. She is the author of *Snow White Red-Handed* (Berkley Prime Crime), *Cinderella Six Feet Under*, and *Come Hell or Highball* (Minotaur Books). 2016 titles include *Beauty, Beast, and Belladonna* and *Teetotaled*. Janine A. Southard is the IPPY award-winning author of *Queen & Commander* (and other books in The Hive Queen Saga). Raven Oak is the author of the bestselling fantasy novel *Amaskan's Blood*, the bestselling science fiction novella *Class-M Exile*, and the upcoming space opera *The Eldest Silence*. Gayle Clemans is a founding instructor of Critical & Contextual Studies at Cornish College of the Arts. Clemans regularly contributes art criticism to *The Seattle Times*, and is the co-author to *The Map as Art: Contemporary Artists Explore Cartography*.

San Francisco Book Review gives it 4 out of 5 stars and says, "Drawing from traditional mythology and lore as well as time-travel and science fiction, each author presents a unique perspective on the traditional holiday tale." *Geek Syndicate* says "[The stories are] clever and evocative of the mystery and thrill of Christmas by turns creepy and sometimes amusing." *Librarian Shannon Terril* says "This book was unlike any other holiday collection out there, and that's why I loved it. Is it Christmas yet?"

To request a review copy of *Joy to the Worlds: Holiday Stories of Mystery & Speculative Fiction*, schedule the authors for an interview, or for more information, please contact Grey Sun Press at info@greysunpress.com.