



Press Release

***Burning the Raven Tree: a Myth-Infused Historical Suspense* by Janyre Tromp (Ember and Vine Press, September 15, 2026, paperback, 979-8-9997313-4-0, \$18.99).**

Award-winning novelist Janyre Tromp returns with *Burning the Raven Tree*, a standalone gothic historical suspense novel set against the little-known history of Michigan's mental institutions and the sweeping justice reforms of the 1960s.

What if the town's most notorious child murderer wasn't the villain history remembered?

A survivor accused of a decade-old grisly murder. A disgraced lawyer with everything to prove. And the only witness has stood watch for more than a millennium.

In the forests of Northern Michigan, an ancient oak watches over a town haunted by old accusations and older legends. Though the tree holds the truth, most believe Colwyn Cueny is a child murderer. Others believe she's cursed. Either way, they've spent a decade making sure she never escapes the story they've written for her.

When Chicago attorney Marcus Lenarsic arrives determined to uncover the truth, he finds a woman trapped beneath rumor, grief, and generations of fear. As the secrets buried beneath the Raven Tree begin to surface, Marcus must decide whether history has condemned the wrong person—or whether some legends were never meant to die.

Blending small-town gothic atmosphere, Slavic folklore, and the little-known history of 1960s mental health reform, *Burning the Raven Tree* explores memory, justice, and the stories that shape us.

"Burning the Raven Tree is a vivid, clever blend of folklore, myth, generational trauma, and the complicated bonds of family. Janyre Tromp pens pure poetry wrapped in small-town gothic drama, and it's a delight!"

—Kate Quinn

NYT bestselling author of *The Alice Network* and *The Briar Club*

"I was riveted from page one. I have molded my fiction-loving heart to the pages of *Burning the Raven Tree*."

—Jaime Jo Wright, bestselling author of *The Bookshop of 99 Doors*

"Burning the Raven Tree excels in creating a Gothic atmosphere with twists most readers won't see coming.... Libraries will find that the novel will widely appeal across genres, from thriller and mystery audiences to fans of Gothic romances, folkloric and supernatural fiction, and psychological twists of fate and circumstance.... Packed with riveting moments of discovery and intersections of belief and choice, *Burning the Raven Tree* is thoroughly engrossing, darkly atmospheric, and hard to put down or predict.

—D. Donovan, Sr. Reviewer, *Midwest Book Review*

Available interview topics

- The history of Michigan psychiatric hospitals
- Why folklore survives in modern communities
- Writing historical suspense rooted in real places
- How myth can illuminate trauma and memory
- Turning obscure historical research into page-turning fiction

About the Author

Janyre Tromp is an award-winning historical suspense novelist, veteran publishing editor, and frequent speaker whose fiction blends forgotten history, folklore, and psychological suspense. Her books include *The Scorpion Thief*, *Darkness Calls the Tiger*, and *Shadows in the Mind's Eye*. You can find her on social media or on her website, JanyreTromp.com.

The novel is now available for review. Contact team@emberandvinepress.com for advance reader copies and interview availability.

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