

# SAMANTHA MORAN'S READER GUIDES

## WELCOME TO THE COVEN!

HEY, THERE! MY NAME IS SAMANTHA MORAN, AND I'M AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF SUPERNATURAL HORROR, THRILLER, AND FANTASY. MY WORKS SPAN GENRES BECAUSE I FOLLOW THE DOPAMINE. WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GRUESOME FRIGHT, A TASTE OF WHIMSICAL DARKNESS, OR A LITTLE SPOOKY WITH YOUR SPICE, I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MY MOTTO IS "HAPPILY EVER AFTER IS OVERRATED." FROM SHORT STORIES TO FULL-LENGTH NOVELS, MY WORKS ARE PACKED FULL OF TWISTS, TURNS, DEATH, AND MYSTERY. A FEW OF THEM ARE TEAR JERKERS, TOO. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR TRIGGER WARNINGS. YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE A TOP PRIORITY.

SINCE I WRITE IN MULTIPLE GENRES AND HAVE MORE THAN ONE ONGOING SERIES, I'VE CREATED THIS GUIDE TO HELP YOU DECIDE WHERE TO DIVE IN. I HOPE IT HELPS!

WELCOME TO THE COVEN OF CHAOS, WHERE COMMUNITY, DARK HUMOR, AND CHILLS ARE THE NAME OF THE GAME. I'M THRILLED TO HAVE YOU HERE! 🐾

AS ALWAYS, HAPPY HAUNTINGS AND HAPPY READING!

-SAMANTHA



# SAMANTHA MORAN'S GENRE GUIDANCE

READY TO DIVE IN TO YOUR FIRST SAMANTHA MORAN BOOK? GREAT! BUT WHERE SHOULD YOU START? SINCE I WRITE EVERYTHING FROM SWEET TEARJERKERS TO EDGE OF YOUR SEAT, FAST-PACED NIGHTMARES, HERE'S A GENRE GUIDE TO HELP YOU CHOOSE.

## CURSED SOULS

(SUPERNATURAL HORROR AND THRILLER)

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"AS BRITTLE AS BONE"

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APOTHECARY OF CURIOSITIES: VOLUME ONE

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(STANDALONE HORROR SHORT STORIES)

"FOREVER MY SHADOW"

## OTHER WORKS

(LESS SPOOKY, MORE HEARTBREAK)

THE RUIN

(URBAN FANTASY / MEDICAL THRILLER)

WITHOUT YOU

(LITERARY PARANORMAL FICTION)



# SAMANTHA MORAN'S CONTENT RATINGS

## HOW SPOOKY IS IT?



**FOR ALL AUDIENCES:**  
NO HORROR OR SUSPENSEFUL CONTENT



**FOR MOST AUDIENCES.**  
SOME SUSPENSE, LIMITED HORROR ELEMENTS



**FOR NOVICE HORROR READERS:**  
SUSPENSE AND/OR HORROR ELEMENTS PRESENT



**FOR FAMILIAR HORROR READERS:**  
PREVALENT SUSPENSE, HORROR, SOME VIOLENCE AND/OR GORE



**FOR AVID HORROR READERS:**  
FREQUENT SUSPENSE, HORROR, VIOLENCE, GORE, ETC.



**FOR EXPERIENCED HORROR READERS WITH LIMITED TRIGGERS:**  
SUSPENSE, HORROR, VIOLENCE, GORE, ETC., HEAVILY PRESENT

**\*PLEASE NOTE: IF THE CONTENT FALLS BETWEEN TWO CATEGORIES, I RATE HIGHER OUT OF CAUTION.**



# SAMANTHA MORAN'S CONTENT RATINGS

## HOW SPICY IS IT?



**FOR ALL AUDIENCES:**  
NO ROMANCE OR SPICE



**FOR MOST AUDIENCES.**  
ROMANCE INVOLVED, NO SPICE



**FOR NOVICE SPICE READERS:**  
CONTAINS OFF PAGE / FADE TO BLACK SPICE



**FOR MODERATE SPICE READERS:**  
LIMITED DESCRIPTION, SHOULD INVOLVE PARENTAL OVERSIGHT



**FOR FAMILIAR SPICE READERS:**  
SOME DESCRIPTION, INTENDED FOR AUDIENCES AGE 18+



**FOR EXPERIENCED SPICE READERS:**  
VIVID EROTIC DESCRIPTION, MATURE AUDIENCES (18+) ONLY

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# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT SUPERNATURAL HORROR

## CURSED SOULS

### DEALINGS IN THE DARK

"FAST-PACED, DELIGHTFULLY WICKED, AND PACKED  
WITH SUSPENSE." - EVIE BLACK, AUTHOR OF UNBALANCED

## DEALINGS IN THE DARK

A CURSED SOULS NOVELLA

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR  
SAMANTHA MORAN

### "DON'T YOU WANT TO PLAY?"

ALL NINE-YEAR-OLD ALEXANDRIA HENDRICKS WANTED WAS TO SAVE HER FRIEND, SO SHE MADE A DEAL WITH THE DARKNESS. BUT MAGICK ALWAYS COMES WITH A PRICE, AND HER GOOD INTENTIONS WILL COST HER SO MUCH MORE THAN SHE BARGAINED FOR.

EIGHTEEN YEARS LATER, THE DEMON IS BACK TO CLAIM HIS PRIZE: HER SOUL. HOWEVER, THERE'S A NEW OFFER ON THE TABLE, ONE THAT MIGHT SPARE HER FROM ETERNAL TORMENT.

THE CATCH? SHE HAS ONLY FORTY-EIGHT HOURS TO COMPLETE HIS TASK. WORSE YET, SHE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE HARBORING SECRETS.

TO SAVE HERSELF, ALEXANDRIA WILL NEED TO UNCOVER HER PAST, LEARNING UNSPEAKABLE TRUTHS ALONG THE WAY, AND WHAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WILL CUT HER TO THE BONE.

EVERYTHING IS ON THE LINE. TIME IS RUNNING OUT. CAN SHE OUTMANEUVER THE DEMON AT HIS OWN TWISTED GAME OR WILL SHE WIND UP JUST ANOTHER OF HIS PAWNS?

AFTER ALL, SOME SECRETS ARE BETTER LEFT BURIED AND SOME RULES CANNOT BE BROKEN.



### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

VIOLENCE, GORE, DEATH OF A PARENT/GRANDPARENT, CHILD DEATH/HARM, DEMENTIA, DEMONIC CREATURES & FORCES



# WHAT'S NEXT IN THIS SERIES?

# CURSED SOULS

## BOOK TWO: BOUND AND BETRAYED

"QUITE POSSIBLY THE BEST EXPLORATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEMONIC POSSESSION I HAVE EVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO READ." - JENNY ALLEN, AUTHOR OF BLOOD LILY

### BOUND AND BETRAYED

A CURSED SOULS NOVEL

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR  
SAMANTHA MORAN

#### WARNING: OBJECTS IN MIRROR MAY NOT BE WHAT THEY APPEAR.

SELENA THOMAS HAS SPENT EIGHTEEN YEARS BELIEVING SHE'S INSANE ALL BECAUSE SHE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN ALEXANDRIA'S BASEMENT. WHEN SHE WAS TEN, A DEMON MASQUERADING AS A LITTLE BOY BRUTALLY MURDERED HER. THE PROBLEM IS SHE DIDN'T STAY DEAD.

DEMONS AREN'T REAL, OF COURSE. THEY'RE ALL IN HER HEAD, A PRODUCT OF A CHILD'S OVERABUNDANT IMAGINATION. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE WANTS HER TO THINK.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF IN-PATIENT TREATMENT AND ANOTHER DECADE OF SOCIAL ISOLATION, SHE'S FINALLY READY TO BELIEVE THEM. THAT IS UNTIL HER PARENTS TAKE A TRIP OUT OF STATE, LEAVING HER ALONE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HER CHILDHOOD.

SUDDENLY, HER HOME DOESN'T FEEL SO SAFE. HER REFLECTION DOESN'T LOOK THE SAME. THERE'S A BEAST STALKING HER EVERY MOVE AND THE SHADOWS ARE ALIVE. HORRIFYING WHISPERS HAUNT HER DREAMS.

HER PSYCHIATRIST THINKS THE PROBLEM IS HER MEDS. HER INSTINCTS SCREAM SHE'S IN DANGER. BUT WHAT'S THE TRUTH? WITH NOWHERE TO TURN, SELENA MUST RE-EXAMINE HER PAST AND FIGHT TO DISTINGUISH REALITY FROM FANTASY.

IS IT REALLY IN HER HEAD OR ARE THERE MONSTERS AFTER HER SOUL?

HER LIFE DEPENDS ON THE ANSWER.



#### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

PROFANITY, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, GORE, PERCEIVED MENTAL ILLNESS, MANIPULATION, ISOLATION, ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT EROTIC HORROR FAIRYTALE REIMAGININGS FOR THE DARK AND DEPRAVED WICKED LITTLE RABBIT



GET WASTED, GET LAID, AND GET THE FUCK OVER IT.

THAT'S MY FRIEND BRAXTON'S MOTTO WHEN IT COMES TO LIFE'S TRICKIEST PROBLEMS. SO, WHEN MY CHEATING FIANCÉE LEAVES ME JUST MONTHS BEFORE OUR WEDDING, HE COMES UP WITH A SIMPLE PLAN TO HELP ME GET OVER HER: GO TO THE CLUB, HIT ON THE HOTTEST CHICK I CAN FIND, AND TAKE HER HOME.

BUT, IT ISN'T BRAXTON'S LIFE ON THE LINE – IT'S MINE. AND WHEN HE DEPARTS EARLY WITH A PRIZE ON HIS ARM, HE LEAVES ME STRANDED AT THE BAR.

ALONE. BROKEN. VULNERABLE.

NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS AT THE CLUB, EITHER. TUCKED AWAY IN AN ALLEY, HIDDEN BEHIND A NONDESCRIPT STEEL DOOR, THE RABBIT HOLE HARBORS PLENTY OF SECRETS. THE BLONDE BARTENDER IS IRRESISTIBLE, THE DRINKS ARE TO DIE FOR, AND NO ONE MISSES YOU WHEN YOU'RE GONE.

ONE NIGHT BUDDIED UP TO THE BAR WILL CHANGE MY LIFE IN WAYS I COULD NEVER IMAGINE WHEN I FIND MYSELF IN WONDERLAND.

I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME.



## TRIGGER WARNINGS:

DUBIOUS CONSENT, RAPE, EVISCERATION, PSEUDO-CANNIBALISM, KIDNAPPING, MEDICAL TRAUMA, MENTAL ILLNESS, SELF-HARM, ALCOHOLIC SUBSTANCES, DRUG USE, INACCURATE BDSM, BLOOD, DEATH



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT SHORT STORIES FOR THE DARK AND DEPRAVED

## THE TOOTHFAIRY

A Tooth Fairy Horror Story

### As Brittle As BONE

Award-Winning Author  
Samantha Moran

"I PROMISED HIM HE WAS SAFE, THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS BE SAFE WITH ME. I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT I'D ALREADY FAILED MY SON."

HOLLY IS A LOVING AND DEVOTED MOTHER. SHE LIVES AND BREATHE FOR HER SON. HER ENTIRE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND KEEPING THE BOY SAFE...

AUGUST IS A SWEET, INNOCENT CHILD. ALL HE'S EVER KNOWN IS COMFORT AND SECURITY. HE ADORES HIS MOTHER AND LOVES HIS FRIENDS...

BUT WHEN HE LOSES HIS FIRST TOOTH, REACHING A MILESTONE MOST FAMILIES CELEBRATE, EVERYTHING CHANGES.

AUGUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HIS MOTHER IS SO AFRAID, AND HOLLY CAN'T TELL HER SON THE TRUTH. THE BOND BETWEEN MOTHER AND CHILD IS UNBREAKABLE, YET THE LIFE THEY'VE BUILT TOGETHER TEETERS ON THE EDGE OF A VERY THIN BLADE.

IN THE END, WILL HOLLY BE ABLE TO SAVE HER PRECIOUS SON? OR WILL SHE LOSE HIM TO THE DARKNESS FROM WHICH HE CAME?



#### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

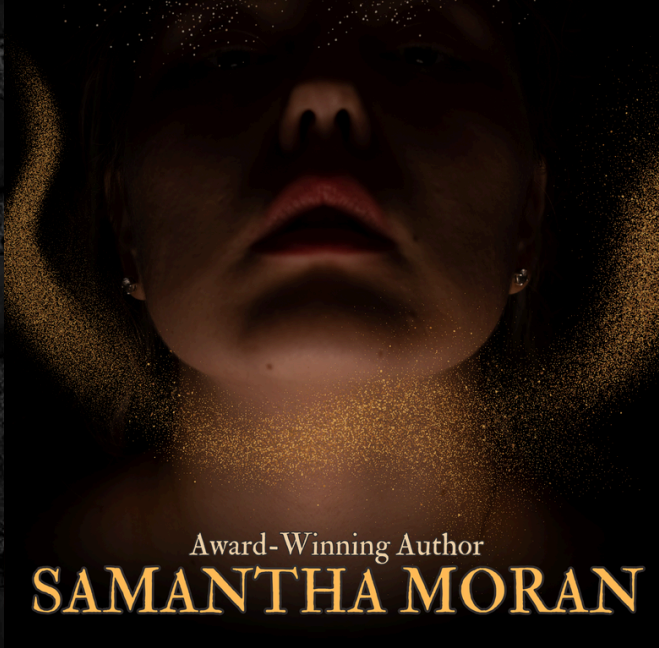
SINGLE MOTHERHOOD, TEETH, BLOOD, DISMEMBERMENT, ORGIES, DUBIOUS CONSENT, RAPE, GROOMING, BREEDING, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, KIDNAPPING, FAE, FAIRY MAGICK, AND ENSLAVEMENT (UNRELATED TO RACE)



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT **SHORT STORIES** FOR THE DARK AND DEPRAVED **THE SANDMAN**

A TEENY TINY TERROR  
FOR THE DARK AND DEPRAVED

## As Coarse As **SAND**



**“WHAT IF I’M NOT FINISHED WITH YOU YET?”**

NEWLYWEDS QUINN AND MILES HAVE IT ALL: A LOVING MARRIAGE, A BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN HOME, AND BIG DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE.

OH, AND ONE OTHER THING — AN UNINVITED GUEST.

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, QUINN’S DREAMS ARE HAUNTED BY A SINISTER FIGURE. THE PROBLEM IS, HE’S MORE THAN JUST A NIGHTMARE.

A GROTESQUE CREATURE LURKS IN THE SHADOWS, WATCHING AND WAITING. FOR WHAT? SHE DOESN’T KNOW.

BUT ONE THING IS PERFECTLY CLEAR: SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE IN GRAVE DANGER.



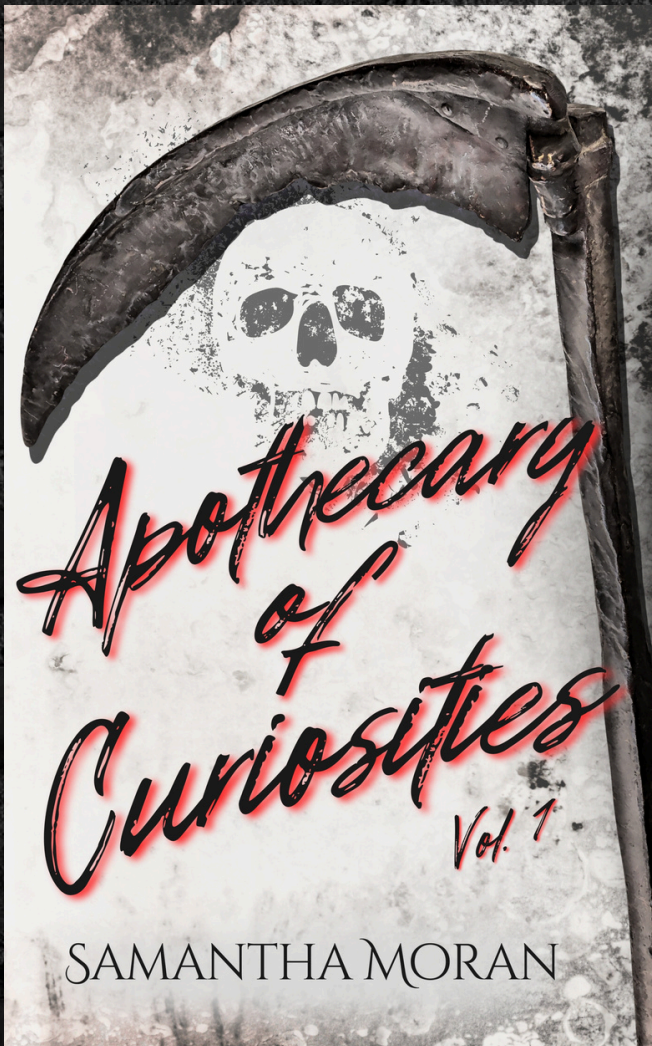
### **TRIGGER WARNINGS:**

CONSENSUAL FOREPLAY AND SEX (MF), NIGHTMARES, PROFANE LANGUAGE, DEMONIC PRESENCES, PSYCHIATRIC CARE, MENTIONS OF MURDER (OFF-PAGE), UNINTENTIONAL GASLIGHTING, SPOUSAL DEATH, CORE, AND PREMATURE BURIAL



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT COZY HORROR

## APOTHECARY OF CURIOSITIES: VOL 1



### IT ISN'T EASY BEING THE GRIM REAPER.

FOR MILLENNIA, DEATH WATCHED OVER THE FLEETING LIVES OF MORTALS, CLAIMING THEIR SOULS AS IS HER DUTY. EACH YEAR, THE STORY WAS THE SAME. HUMANS WASTED THE GIFTS THEY WERE GIVEN, ALLOWING THE PRECIOUS SANDS OF TIME TO SLIP THROUGH THEIR GRASP. BUT, WHO DID THEY BLAME? NOT THEMSELVES, OF COURSE, BUT THE HORSEMAN WHO CAME TO COLLECT HER DUE.

SUCH AN EXISTENCE GREW TIRESOME FOR THE CREATURE. BORED OF HUMANITY'S ANTICS, THE REAPER OPENED A QUIET APOTHECARY AND BEGAN PEDDLING HER CURIOUS WARES. HER LITTLE SHOP BECAME AN ESCAPE FROM THEIR IRE, A DISTRACTION TO PASS THE DECADES.

OVER TIME, THE MORTALS LET DOWN THEIR GUARDS, BUT THE HORSEMAN NEVER DID. NOW AND THEN, SHE CHANGED THE RULES OF THE GAME, REMINDING HUMANS OF ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING...

DEATH IS INEVITABLE. THERE IS NO ESCAPE. FOR IN THE END, THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF THE GRAVES THEY'VE DUG FOR THEMSELVES. WHEN THE TIDES TURN, NO PLEA OR BARGAIN WILL CHANGE THEIR FATES.



### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

EACH INDIVIDUAL STORY HAS ITS OWN LIST OF TRIGGER WARNINGS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.SAMANTHAMORAN.NET](http://WWW.SAMANTHAMORAN.NET).



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT SHORT STORIES

## TRY A TEENY TINY TERROR!

### FOREVER MY SHADOW

"SHE DESERVES TO BE HAPPY.  
ALL YOU DESERVE IS AN EARLY GRAVE."



"WE ALL HAVE OUR DEMONS, DON'T WE?"

EVERYONE THINKS ROWAN IS FINE. HEALTHY AND HAPPY. NORMAL, EVEN. BUT THEY HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT THE SILENT BATTLE SHE WAGES. CAN'T SEE WHAT SHE SEES HOVERING OVER HER SHOULDER. CAN'T FEEL WHAT SHE FEELS, CAUGHT IN ITS GRIP. CAN'T HEAR THE POISON SPEWING FROM THE CREATURE'S LIPS.

ROWAN IS ANYTHING BUT SAFE. HER WORST NIGHTMARE IS ALWAYS THERE. THE UNSEEN SHADOW HAUNTS HER EVERY STEP, WEIGHING HER DOWN AND THREATENING TO SQUEEZE THE LIFE OUT OF HER WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.

ALONE EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY, EVERY DAY IS A STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE. HER ARMOR IS CRACKING AND HER WILL IS WEAKENING BY THE SECOND. HOW LONG CAN SHE FIGHT THE SHADOW BEFORE IT DRAGS HER DOWN WHEN SHE'S ALREADY HOLDING ON BY HER FINGERTIPS?



#### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

SEVERE DEPRESSION, DEMONS, MASKING, SELF-DEPRECATION AND LOW SELF-ESTEEM, SUICIDAL IDEATION, ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY ASPHYXIATION, HOSPITALIZATION, REFERENCES TO SUICIDE ATTEMPT THROUGH CUTTING, AND PROFANITY.



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT **STANDALONES**

URBAN FANTASY & MEDICAL THRILLER

## THE RUIN



**EVERY FAMILY HAS SECRETS. SOME ARE DEADLIER THAN OTHERS.**

FOR TWO YEARS, TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD KARA EDWARDS HAS STRUGGLED TO KEEP HER MOTHER ALIVE AFTER A TERMINAL CANCER DIAGNOSIS. SHE'S WORKING HERSELF TO THE BONE AT A MINIMUM-WAGE JOB AND SINKING DEEP INTO DEBT TO PAY FOR EXPENSIVE TREATMENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN THE FINAL PROCEDURE DOES NOT GO ACCORDING TO PLAN, SHE'S RUN OUT OF OPTIONS. HER WORLD TEETERS ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE AS SHE FACES THE REALITY THAT HER MOTHER IS OUT OF TIME. THAT IS UNTIL HER MOTHER'S DOCTOR OFFERS KARA ONE MORE OPTION, AN EXPENSIVE AND ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTAL DRUG CALLED NOVEMION.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HER ABSENT FATHER IS SUDDENLY BACK IN TOWN, AND HE'S BROUGHT AN UNBELIEVABLE FAMILY SECRET WITH HIM, ONE THAT PRESENTS KARA WITH THE STRANGEST OF OPPORTUNITIES. IF HIS STORIES ARE TRUE, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE HER MOTHER'S LIFE WITH A DANGEROUS SUPERNATURAL ABILITY, BUT IT WOULD PUT THE WHOLE OF HUMANITY AT RISK.

ONCE AGAIN, KARA IS FACED WITH AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE, AND EACH COMES WITH A STEEP PRICE. SHE CAN PLACE HER HOPE IN THE UNTESTED EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT, GIVE INTO THE TEMPTATION OF THE MYTHICAL FAMILY SECRET AND RISK MILLIONS OF LIVES, OR ALLOW THE MOTHER SHE IDOLIZES TO DIE.

WHAT WILL SHE CHOOSE, AND CAN SHE LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES?



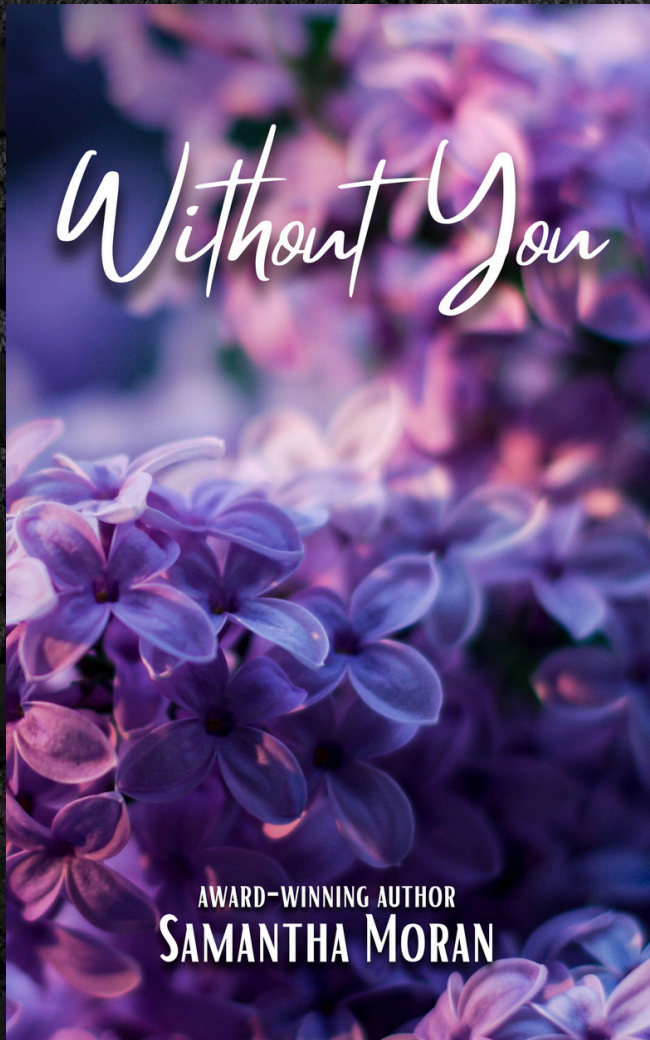
### TRIGGER WARNINGS:

CANCER, POVERTY, DRUG ADDICTION, CHILDHOOD ABANDONMENT, SELF-HARM, DISEASE, DEATH



# WHERE TO START IF YOU WANT **STANDALONES**

## LITERARY PARANORMAL FICTION **WITHOUT YOU**



**HEARTS ARE ALWAYS BROKEN IN THE END, BUT YOU  
HAVE TO LET THE GOOD THINGS IN.**

DENIAL. ANGER. BARGAINING. DEPRESSION. ACCEPTANCE. THEY SAY THESE ARE THE STAGES OF GRIEF. BUT, WHEN CASEY AND OWEN ARE CALLED DOWN TO THE MORGUE TO IDENTIFY A BODY, THEY FIND OUT FIRSTHAND JUST HOW COMPLICATED MOVING ON AFTER AN UNEXPECTED LOSS CAN BE.

CASEY CAN'T COMPREHEND HOW THIS HAS HAPPENED. OWEN CAN'T HANDLE HIS PAIN. HOW CAN THEY LEARN TO LET HER GO? TO PUT HER GHOST BEHIND THEM? HOW CAN THEY CONTINUE TO LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT HER IN IT?

FACED WITH A REALITY NEITHER OF THEM EXPECTED TO ENDURE, THEY MUST LEARN TO MOVE ON AS LOVE TURNS TO HEARTRENDING DEVASTATION AND GRIEF.

WHAT WILL THEY DO WITHOUT HER?



**TRIGGER WARNINGS:**  
UNEXPECTED DEATH, GRIEF, HEALING, GHOSTS