

Novel by Leslie Liautaud touted as ‘expertly crafted’ story that ‘packs a powerful emotional punch’ by top trade mag

Forthcoming Blue Handle release praised by Publishers Weekly reviewer

AMARILLO, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, April 5, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Leslie Liautaud's novel [Black Bear Lake](#) is being compared to award-winning novels by The Fault in Our Stars author John Green (Looking for Alaska) and André Aciman (Call Me by Your Name) by one of the top reviewers in publishing.



Leslie Liautaud

Black Bear Lake — set for release by [Blue Handle Publishing](#) on September 13, 2022 — was hailed as “expertly crafted” with “beautifully descriptive prose” by a reviewer for Publishers Weekly, one of the industry’s top trade magazines.

“This skillfully told coming-of-age story packs a powerful emotional punch that will stay in readers’ minds for years to come,” said the review, adding that Black Bear Lake is a “wise and accomplished psychological novel.”

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The full review will be published in the April 18 edition of Publishers Weekly in its BookLife section.

In the novel, Chicago stock trader Adam Craig’s marriage to his wife is failing due to unresolved childhood trauma

buried in the summer of 1983. While Adam was on the edge of fifteen, that month spent with family at a camp in northern Wisconsin started out under a cloud created by Adam’s mother’s terminal disease and ended in a tragedy that he can’t shake decades later.

Liautaud, a Joseph Jefferson Award-winning playwright who lives in Nashville, will be discussing Black Bear Lake at the Mountains and Plains Independent Booksellers Association's SpringCon in San Antonio, Texas, in late April.

Also at the conference will be Blue Handle Publishing author Andrew J Brandt, who'll talk with booksellers about his forthcoming supernatural young adult thriller [Picture Unavailable](#) (October 25), which has been called cinematic and pitched as Stranger Things meets the Goonies.

Brandt's 2021 release, Mixtape for the End of the World, is currently an MPIBA Reading the West Award nominee in the YA category.

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