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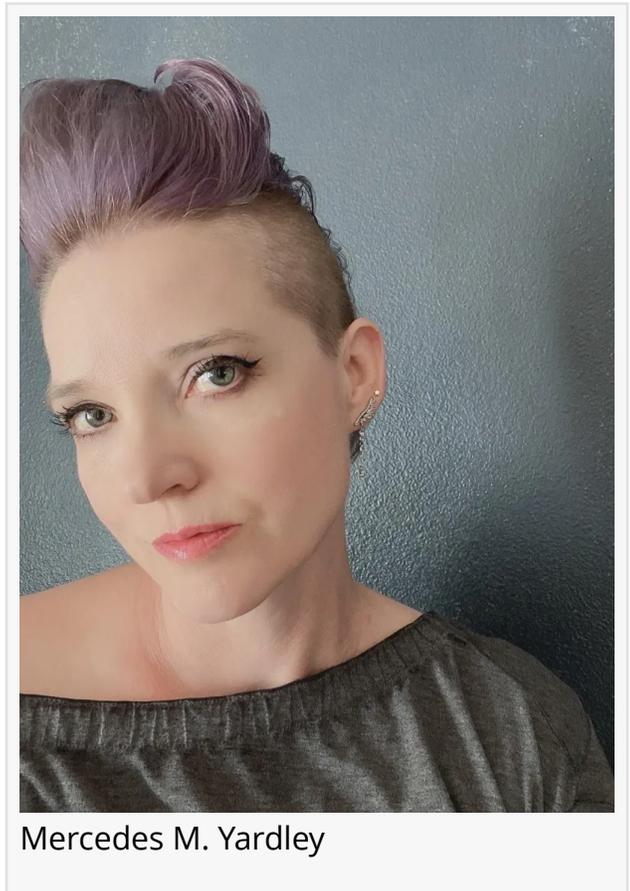
BOSTON, MA, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Ruadán Books](#) is delighted to announce that it has signed a two-book deal with author [Mercedes M. Yardley](#) for her previously released novel *Darling* and the story of a coven of protectors in *Paradise*. About her signing, Yardley says: "I've worked with [R. B. Wood] in different capacities for years, and I have never been so confident signing with a publisher. His genuine kindness and high standards assure me that Ruadán couldn't be in better hands."

Both novels will appeal to fans of whimsical horror, such as *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter or Edward Gorey's illustrated work, *The Unstrung Harp*.

"Signing Mercedes M. Yardley is a dream come true," says founder and CEO R. B. Wood. "I've followed her career for some time, and when Mercedes won the well-deserved Bram Stoker Award® for *Little Dead Red*, I knew the industry had caught up with this unique and extremely talented wordsmith."

The first novel of Ms. Yardley's to be released by Ruadán Books will be a refreshed and updated version of *Darling* in 2026:

Darling tells the story of Cherry LaRouche who escaped the claws of *Darling*, Louisiana at the age of sixteen. When she is forced to return after her mother's death, Cherry and her children move into her childhood home where the walls whisper and something sinister skitters across the roof at night.



While Cherry tries to settle back into a town where evil spreads like infection, the bodies of several murdered children turn up. When Cherry's own daughter goes missing, she's forced to confront the true monsters of Darling...

And a year later, Ruadán Books will debut Paradise:

The witches of Paradise held back the town's inherent evil for generations, but local herbalist Italia Deaux grows weary. When Gray Johnson visits from the city, he immediately blames Italia for his brother's death. Can they hold their ground while the curse of Paradise tries to break free? Paradise is a lovely magical surrealism thriller where the garden is sentient, and the moon itself is carnivorous...

About Ruadán Books

Ruadán (pronounced ROO-ah-dawn) Books derives its name from the Irish god of Mystery and Espionage. Ruadán Books' mission is to welcome new authors and inspire and tell unique stories from authors worldwide.



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About Mercedes M. Yardley

Mercedes M. Yardley is a whimsical dark fantasist. She is the author of numerous works including *Love is a Crematorium* and *Other Tales*, *Darling*, the Stabby Award-winning *Apocalyptic Montessa* and *Nuclear Lulu: A Tale of*

Atomic Love, *Pretty Little Dead Girls*, *Detritus in Love*, and *Nameless*. She won the Bram Stoker Award for her stories *Little Dead Red* and “*Fracture*.” Mercedes lives and works in Las Vegas. You can find her at mercedesmyardley.com.

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