

New Novel Inspired by Horror Author's Salem Witch Trials Ancestors

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Author S.A. Sizemore's award-winning debut novel, **Whispers of the Pale Witch**, the first book in the Beckett Coven series, will be released September 29, 2026, on all major U.S. bookselling platforms by Rowan Prose Publishing.



Cover of **Whispers of the Pale Witch** and the author S.A. Sizemore in Salem, MA (Photo Credit: Honey & Sage Photography Co. Book Cover Art: Kelly Moran)

After learning her family played a major role during the Salem Witch Trials, S.A. Sizemore was inspired to write her new book series. Extensive genealogical and historical research led to a book akin to Dan Brown's Robert Langdon thriller series, blurring the lines of fact and fiction, but with a healthy dose of Practical Magic family saga and a villain you won't soon forget.

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Book Blurb: Forensic photographer Kylie Beckett returns home to Salem, MA, hoping to find answers about her mother's disappearance decades ago. A series of murders and the theft of a dangerous obsidian relic forces Kylie to uncover dark truths about her family's history. Now she must stop the vengeful Pale Witch of Salem before she kills

yet again, but this time it's someone Kylie can't afford to lose.
Shall we begin?

Short Excerpt: Just as she was in life, Deliverance was a demon in death. Her cruel whispers invaded quiet conversations. her hate-filled face raced past in the shadows. Destroying the body didn't end her baneful abuses. Instead, she became limitless and everywhere, always.

Awards to date: Whispers of the Pale Witch won a 2026 Firebird Book Award for LGBTQ Fiction, American Bookfest's [American Fiction Awards](#) for best Horror Occult book of 2026, and was a Distinguished Favorite in the 2026 [NYC Big Book Award](#) for Horror and LGBTQ Fiction.

Back cover quotes: "An impressive debut from a powerful new voice in queer horror," says Rob Costello, author and Lambda Literary Awards, Locus Awards, and Bram Stoker Awards Finalist. "The spellbinding witchy adventure in Salem that we've all been waiting for," says Dr. Jessica Drake-Thomas, author of Hollow Girls. "She plays with our unconscious biases, turns them on their head, then takes us for that rollercoaster ride!" says Bob Weis, author of Ghost Dog and President of Walt Disney Imagineering (retired).

S.A. Sizemore is an author and playwright. She is a full member of the Dramatists Guild of America, wrote and produced several plays in Southern California, and published a monologue in More Monologues for Women by Women prior to her new book series. She currently works in the themed entertainment industry and resides in Los Angeles with her wife and two dogs, Agatha and Harry.

Readers can find S.A. Sizemore's books at [BeckettCoven.com](#).

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