

# REBECCA ROOK

AUTHOR OF YOUNG ADULT  
FANTASY, THRILLER, AND  
HORROR.

## ABOUT

Rebecca Rook designs tabletop games, manages a little free library dedicated to sequential art and comics, and lives in the Pacific Northwest with two wonderful dogs. She writes young adult fiction in the fantasy, thriller, and horror genres.

A 2021-2022 Hugo House Fellow in Seattle, WA, she also attended the 2021 Tin House YA Fiction Workshop in Portland, OR. Rebecca was selected as one of the 100 invited writers to participate in the Write Team Mentorship Program's curated Pitch-a-Thon event before being chosen as a Mentee for the 2021 Program. Prior to this, she completed the wonderful Yearlong Workshop for Young Adult and Middle Grade Fiction at Hugo House.



## INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Writing process, schedule, and other author details.
- Current novel and forthcoming books.
- Writers with disabilities and how lived experiences informs the creative process.
- Value of multiple modalities for creative processes.
- How *The Penance of Valentine Cash* can serve as inspiration for your next road trip.

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# THE PENANCE OF VALENTINE CASH



## **Valentine Cash is dead.**

When she dies in an accidental collision she caused on the cusp of musical fame, Valentine is offered a deal: Complete a series of difficult tasks to get her life back. Fail, and she dies a final, everlasting death. Guided by Route 66 the Mother Road of America on her quest, she tackles one herculean task after another, giving up a piece of herself with each trial.

Valentine begins to understand that the fame she once sought won't bring her happiness or belonging – and if she fulfills the penance, she must decide what's more important: Her old life or restoring the lives of the strangers who died alongside her.

The young and the ancient, the tangible and the mythical, collide as Valentine learns the true meaning of redemption, connection, and the enduring power of the human spirit.

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## **At A Glance...**

**Audience:** Young Adult (15+).

**Genre:** Fantasy.

**Fun Facts:** Indies Today Award Winner: 2023 Teen Category Runner-Up. Modern adaptation of the Greek legend, *The Twelve Labors of Hercules*, set in the US.

**Themes:** American folktales, redemption, supernatural creatures, road trips.

**Additional Features:** Playlist, Book Club questions, Excerpt of forthcoming novel.

## BOOK DETAILS

- Paperback ISBN: 979-8-9894253-0-3 (Price: \$16.00).
- E-Book ISBN: 979-8-9894253-1-0 (Price: \$4.99).
- Availability: [IngramSpark](#), [Amazon](#).
- ASIN: B0CLYYG73T.
- Publisher: Hellebore House; 1st edition (January 16, 2024).
- Publication Date: January 16, 2024.
- Language: English.
- Print length: 245 pages.
- Page numbers source ISBN: B0CM2FGYJD.

## PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- BookTourGals (@booktourgals on Instagram and TikTok).
- Xpresso Book Tour ([www.xpressobooktours.com](http://www.xpressobooktours.com)).
- Rockstar Book Tours (@rockstarbooktours).
- Goodreads Giveaway: December 9-21, 2023.

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## *What reviewers are saying...*

"This debut author knows how to write books! Incredible storytelling, the characters were so well developed. I even shed some tears. I read this in less than a day. It flowed so beautifully. Very very good."

"Such a great story and loved the characters, especially Six. I was rooting for her more and more as the story went on... definitely worth the read."

"Author Rebecca Rook has crafted an atmospheric and immersive fantasy novel that was a truly captivating experience from beginning to end. I adored the slick and intelligent blend of mythology and contemporary themes, creating a narrative that captures contemporary YA readers but also feels suitably grand in its proportions as it resonates with the struggles and triumphs of the human condition... this novel goes beyond the simplicity of a modern retelling to produce a poignant reflection on the consequences of one's choices and the transformative nature of redemption, all in a format that is easily digestible and still action-packed for its target YA crowd. Overall, I would not hesitate to recommend The Penance of Valentine Cash for fantasy fans everywhere, and I cannot wait to see what more this talented author has to offer."

**Goodreads Reviews: <http://tinyurl.com/bdeurkev>**