



BLACK SPOT BOOKS

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Black Spot Books Becomes a SBA-Certified Woman-Owned Small Business

(AUGUST 13, 2019) – Black Spot Books, an independent press specializing in speculative fiction, has just become certified as a Woman-Owned Small Business by the U.S. Small Business Association.

According to [Forbes](#), women-owned businesses are ones at least 51% controlled by women who are U.S. citizens. A woman (or women) must manage the day-to-day operations and a woman must hold the highest officer position in the business and work at the business full-time.

The WOSB certification program helps women entrepreneurs launch new businesses and compete in their respective marketplaces. Through this program, women-owned small businesses can connect with training and funding opportunities specifically for women. Other support programs include business training, counseling, a dedicated selection of federal contract awards, as well as access to credit and capital, all of which are designed to level the playing field for women entrepreneurs.

“Being a fully woman-owned and operated publishing house is a core part of our business model, as is supporting emerging women authors historically underrepresented in genres like horror and fantasy,” says Black Spot Books Owner and Publisher, Lindy Ryan. “We aim to provide a support structure for women in speculative fiction on both sides of the publishing experience. This program is one of many we are pursuing to help us keep meeting that goal.”

As of 2019, Black Spot Books’ author roster is over sixty percent female, many of whom joined Black Spot’s list as debut authors. In 2020, Black Spot Books will release the press’ first audiobooks in collaboration with [The Audio Flow](#), a fully women- and family-owned SAG-AFTRA production company. Titles currently in production for audio are female-driven stories by women authors, including Laura Morrison’s environmentally-conscious thriller ***COME BACK TO THE SWAMP*** (originally released August 2018) and Seven Jane’s bestselling historical fantasy ***THE ISLE OF GOLD*** (originally released October 2018). The press’ frontlist for 2020 includes four new titles from existing in-house and new debut female authors.

ABOUT BLACK SPOT BOOKS:

Black Spot Books is a traditional small-press publisher specializing in speculative fiction, including titles in dark humor, fantasy, paranormal and horror. Learn more about Black Spot Books at <http://www.blackspotbooks.com>.

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