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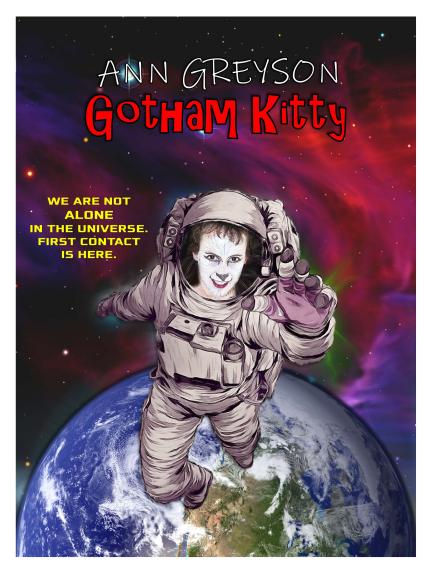


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If you love science fiction, lovable characters, and unique stories, then this is your chance to get a physical copy of Gotham Kitty for free. All you have to do is enter the giveaway. Check out the details below and see what Ann Greyson, the author, has to say about one of her beloved characters.

About the book



Gotham Kitty

Author: Ann Greyson

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A Brozian insectoid cargo vessel from another galaxy spits out of a wormhole into the Milky Way Galaxy only to explode in mid-air and crash in the forest of Arusha National Park in Tanzania. Allison Banes, a zoology doctorate student, witnesses the explosion, later to discover a half-feline half-human, Catusapien on the ground sleeping next to an escape pod. She takes the extraterrestrial to her Arusha neighborhood house for

observation.

According to Chagga prophecy, the alien is necessary to partake in a ritual that will end the nearly two-hundred-year-old supernatural curse of the Evil Shadowy Figure on the Bantu tribe. The havoc wreaking Evil Shadowy Figure spirit wants to eliminate the alien and anyone else who tries to participate in the ritual. While members of the Chagga search for the alien, Cassidy Mkama, an 11-year-old African girl, finds and forms a lifelong bond with the creature she will name Gotham Kitty.



About the author

Ann Greyson's journey in the arts began with ballet classes which led to her pursuit of a dance career in New York where she went on to perform as a dancer in theaters from New York to Vermont.

She has also worked as an actress on various platforms from television to theater. After majoring in English in college, she developed a love for reading the classics and writing thorough essays about the books she liked best. She ventured into short screenplays for television programs in 2013 with *Gotham Kitty*, among others following.

Her debut zombie apocalyptic horror novel Never-DEAD came with a devouring response and has largely outsold her other novels. All three of her novels have been garnished with awards from Author Shout, Literary Titan, Firebird, TCK and the Wishing Shelf.

She has an Associate of Arts degree in English from Howard Community College. MEMBER: Actors' Equity Association, SAG-AFTRA and the Alpha Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Guest Post by Ann Greyson

WHY DOES ALLISON BANES HAVE TO DIE?

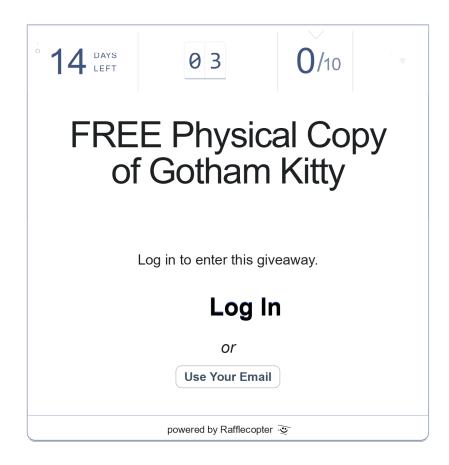
Many readers have asked me that question. There are so many reasons I can give. First and foremost, it makes sense because the alien is the key to ending the curse and anyone who helps the alien is going to be a target of this sinister spirit. Allison Banes discovers the Catusapien in Arusha National Park and brings the alien into her home for further study and protection. Secondly, I set out to write a character that readers would like and root for, then face feelings of sadness when the character dies early on in the story.

What inspired me to do this? When watching the 1993 film *The Vanishing*, I remember how upset I was to find out how Sandra Bullock's character Diane Shaver died. Sandra Bullock's small role made a big emotional impact on me. Another reason for axing off Allison was to move the plot forward. In order for the alien to develop a lifelong relationship with Cassidy Mkama, Allison Banes had to exit the story. The alien must connect with the Chagga and the Chagga must find her.

Cassidy's best friend is Laila Diwani, a Chagga member who must participate in the ritual to end the curse of the Evil Shadowy Figure. The alien gets along with Laila, but bonds with Cassidy, adding a further twist to the story. However, Allison Banes never really leaves the story. Her character lives on through the memory of her friend Azita Hussein, and with the small field notebook Allison left behind, which documents her research on the alien, which will end up in Cassidy Mkama's possession.

Lastly, to give truth to the legend that the Evil Shadowy Figure is really bad, bad enough to kill Allison Banes, the character Dottie Mkama explains it best to her son Geoffrey Mkama.

"I'm afraid superstition is difficult to avoid in these parts. According to Chief Naruma, undoubtedly, there are rumors connecting suspicious deaths with the Evil Shadowy Figure for a little over two hundred years. It's such a shame. If there is a way to end the curse, I don't know what the Chaqqa must do."



Why you should get in on this giveaway

My first interaction of the book was actually from the point of view of an editor. Ann Greyson had asked me to dive in and edit/critique her new book, *Gotham Kitty*. So I took to editing to make the book an amazing read.

It was already a great book. Before my edits, I told her I'd rate it 4/5 stars. Her writing is really pretty great. All I did was make it that much better! For example... typically, prologues are skipped over and let's face it, sometimes boring. But I was hooked from the get-go and immediately connected with the character Allison Banes.

I was thoroughly impressed by the storytelling. So much so that I found myself slipping into reading more than editing because I was so easily wrapped up in the story. The book is a unique one and Ann Greyson does an incredible job of getting you to visualize what's happening most of the time. Lastly, I'll leave with a bit of curiosity. The ending was surprising to me, but may not be to you.

You'll just have to find out by entering the giveaway!