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**First-time Author Uses Twitter to Land Film Deal for Young Adult Fantasy Series**

Astraea Press is thrilled to announce it will join forces with Khando Entertainment to produce the film adaptation of debut author Michele Barrow-Belisle’s Amazon best-seller, the young adult fantasy *Fire and Ice*. The deal was brokered by Louise Fury at The Bent Agency.

*Fire and Ice* is the first book in the *Faerie Song Trilogy*, and the film option spans all three books. Audio Rights have already been sold to Audio Realms with negotiation for foreign territories already underway.

Twitter played a crucial role in bringing the project from the page to the screen. Barrow-Belisle connected with Khando Entertainment’s Ajay Nayyar on Twitter, by way of a mutual follower. Nayyar saw Barrow-Belisle promoting *Fire and Ice* on the social media site and requested a copy. When he started reading the book, he “couldn’t put it down,” Nayyar says. “I visualized her brilliant writing with such ease, and I knew I was on to a winner.”

*Fire and Ice* is a teen fantasy romance novel and tells the story of eighteen-year-old Lorelei Alundra, a girl with a magical singing voice who has the power to heal with a touch. Lorelei has spent most of her life hiding from her talents, which are controlled by the dark faerie who gave them to her. Content with her normal life, Lorelei is unnerved by her inexplicable attraction to the new boy in her art class, who is as terrifying as he is captivating. When her mom falls critically ill, Lorelei follows the new boy into a world of Elves, Witches, and Faeries in an attempt to save her. Prophecies unfold and she finds herself trapped in their world, forced to fulfill a destiny she wants no part of as her reality becomes more terrifying than fiction.

Against a vivid, otherworldly backdrop, *Fire and Ice* explores the eternal debate: Are lives governed by choices we make or are our choices predestined from birth?

“I think it’s a theme people can relate to at any age,” says Barrow-Belisle.

The other books in the trilogy include *Bittersweet* and *Darkest Light*. With its journey from the best-seller list to theaters, *Fire and Ice* follows in the footsteps of young adult blockbusters like *Twilight*, *Divergent*, and *The Hunger Games*.

“The entire story played out like a movie in my mind as I wrote it,” says Barrow-Belisle, who received interest from other producers before connecting with Nayyar at Khando Entertainment. “It was exciting to meet a producer who saw the importance of having the author’s input. Seeing my stories brought to life on the big screen will be a dream come true.”

**About the Author:**

As a fan of everything romantic, her young adult novels are populated with witches and vampires and faeries. Michele resides in southern Canada with her husband and son who indulge her passions for writing, reading, lattes, and most of all chocolate. Fire and Ice is her debut novel.

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**About Astraea Press**

Astraea Press opened its doors in 2011 when Stephanie Taylor saw the need for a non-erotic digital publisher that offers wholesome reads, but still maintains the quality of mainstream romance. With over 60 books already available as audio books, multiple translation deals as well as having had a NYT bestseller and two USA Today bestselling titles, Astraea Press continues to bring great books to readers.

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