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SATURDAY BOOKS TO PUBLISH SELF-PUBLISHED SENSATION, *METAL SLINGER*



(NEW YORK, NY – February 26, 2025) – Saturday Books, the New Adult imprint of The St. Martin's Publishing Group, announced today the acquisition of Rachel Schneider's self-published sensation, **METAL SLINGER**, and two subsequent novels in the Fire & Metal trilogy. Saturday Books VP, Editorial Director, Sara Goodman acquired North American rights for the novels after a ten house auction in a deal brokered by Emily Forney of BookEnds Literary. The new, market-wide edition of **METAL SLINGER** will be available in paperback on June 17, 2025. The highly anticipated sequel, *Light Wielder*, is tentatively planned for publication in Summer 2026.

METAL SLINGER has taken the Internet by storm with #MetalSlinger eclipsing over 5.3 million views and counting on TikTok. Since its original publication, **METAL SLINGER** has over 10 million reads in Amazon's Kindle Unlimited program.

Of the acquisition, Goodman said, "Full of angst, romance, knife fights, breathtaking twists, and more, **METAL SLINGER** is the perfect addition to the Saturday Books' list. This fabulous novel is only going to continue to climb to new heights."

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ABOUT METAL SLINGER:

Even though she's not one of them, Brynn has spent her life among the Alaha, training to be a guard and waiting for the chance to attend the annual market hosted by the Kenta–the very same people who exiled her adopted community to a life at sea. Going to the market is a rite of passage eagerly anticipated by all young guards, but Brynn does not anticipate breaking a century-long peace treaty while there. Nor does she plan for the intense encounter with an enemy soldier that now threatens to unwind the fragile coexistence between their people–and everything Brynn once believed about herself to be true.

Brynn's loyalty to the Alaha is tested when the truth of who she is is brought to light by this soldier who's taken an oath to bring her back to where she belongs. Narrowly escaping death on the violent high seas, Brynn's connection to the Alaha is further tested when she learns about the world of magic she's been denied. She was once certain of her fate and where she belonged, but the dark, knowing eyes of this stranger have her questioning everything, including her heart.

Packed with knife fights and seafaring adventure, METAL SLINGER is the smash-hit start to the romantic fantasy trilogy, the Fire & Metal series.

ABOUT RACHEL SCHNEIDER

Rachel Schneider lives in South Louisiana with her husband and only daughter. She loves to write wherever her imagination takes her, which includes fantasy worlds, thrilling surprises, and complex romance with a touch of heat. When she's not writing down her daydreams, you can find her at a hockey game or enjoying a bubble bath with a good book.

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