# **Book Press Release**

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# The Dark Witch is a delightfully demented fairy tale

In the time-honored tradition of the most famous fairy tales, this one is a bit scary.



**Surrey, BC, August 8, 2024—The Dark Witch** is a cauldron full of "witchful thinking" from Canadian author and illustrator Graeme Bennett. It's a delightfully demented fairy tale written for modern audiences, where the usual tropes don't apply. Instead, we meet a prince who ends up being a rather slimy character and a powerful princess who takes command of an entire army.

It all begins in a faraway forest near the Phishmoors of Tyrolea, where a dark witch named Ranthara makes a secret pact with a king....

#### Key characters and themes

Key characters include a king and queen who long for a child and a wicked witch who tricks the king with a bad bargain. There's also an enchanted princess and a prince who is not exactly what he appears to be, a pair of cute dogs named Arfer and Wagsalot and Starlight, a magical horse. And an army of horrible tree monsters, too. Suitable for ages 8 to 12. Some fantasy violence.



# Audience representation and inclusive themes

Audience: juvenile fantasy/horror enthusiasts. Female protagonist.

## **Availability**

**The Dark Witch** is available in colour paperback and ebook editions. Both include 90 full-colour illustrations by the author. Available now from Amazon, Apple Books, Barnes & Noble, Kobo and other online bookstores. Paperback (ISBN 978-1-998388-07-3): US\$9.99/C\$12.99 Ebook (ISBN 978-1-998388-04-2): US\$4.99/C\$6.99

## About the author

Graeme Bennett is a prolific and imaginative author and illustrator based in Surrey, BC. *The Dark Witch* is his fifth children's book. For more information, please visit www.graemebennett.com