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A Haunting New Literary Novel Blends Mystery, Myth, and the Wild Northwest: Introducing Summer Fruit by Renee Humphrey

[Berkeley, CA] — [March 15, 2025] — *Summer Fruit*, the debut novel by acclaimed visual artist and storyteller Renee Humphrey, has officially been released by Outskirts Press. Set on a rugged, mystical island in the Pacific Northwest, this genre-blending novel explores themes of found family, trauma, ecological reverence, and spiritual folklore—all through the lens of a haunting summer murder mystery.

When a dead man washes ashore on Hollow Island, former music prodigy and wolf conservationist Jack Karlsson finds himself spiraling deeper into madness, haunted by the sins of the past and the howls of the future. As his estranged niece Esther arrives for the summer, and an ex-soldier searches for redemption through ancient Aztec legends, local investigator Sahara Moses begins piecing together the threads of a complex and deeply human crime. At the heart of *Summer Fruit* is a profound inquiry: why do good people sometimes do terrible things?

Described as “a love story about found family, a family saga about abandonment, and a psychological mystery,” the novel is already drawing comparisons to *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt, and *The Overstory* by Richard Powers.

Renee Humphrey brings a lifetime of storytelling to the page, known for her work in film and visual arts. With a painter’s eye and a dramatist’s voice, she crafts a story both lyrical and savage, rooted in the spirit world of wolves and the painful beauty of human connection.

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