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From Publishers Weekly

A Pinkerton detective infiltrates a Wild West gang led by a spell-casting preacher in this boundary-busting horror–fantasy debut. Agent Ed Morrow is dispatched by a professor of magical research to evaluate the hexslinging abilities of Rev. Asher Rook, a renegade chaplain who survived his own hanging, and his lover, the prickly sharpshooter Chess Pargeter. As Morrow becomes part of the gang, the Aztec goddess Ixchel slowly seduces Rook into a bloody ritual marriage that endangers Pargeter and leads their followers down a road to hell. Files smoothly weaves an unusual magic system, Aztec mythology, and a raunchily explicit gay love story into a classic western tale of outlaws and revenge. Though it grows somewhat cumbersome in the leadup to a cliffhanger that demands resolution in the planned sequel, this promising debut fully delivers both sizzling passions and dark chills. (*May*)

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Review

Gemma Files writes her words and her images as deftly as a straight razor, slicing so surely that the reader is not even aware that the protective skin of his imagination has opened into two neatly divided flaps, (with) a few seconds of red grace before the pain comes and the screaming begins. ----Michael Rowe, editor of *Queer Fear I and II*

Boldly, brazenly, Gemma Files pushes her hands deep into the red and seeping unconscious places and finds the bits of treasure worth pulling back out into the light. ----Caitlin R. Kiernan, author of *THE RED TREE*

About the Author

Gemma Files is a Canadian horror writer, journalist, and film critic. Her short story, 'The Emperor's Old Bones,' won the International Horror Guild Award. Five of her short stories were adapted for the television series, *THE HUNGER*.

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