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Hush

A Novel

Dylan Farrow; read by Emily Shaffer

The Belles meets The Handmaid's Tale in this sweeping new fantasy set in a world where those in power have the magic to control—and silence—the truth.

How do you speak up in a world where propaganda is a twisted form of magic?

In the land of Montane, language is literal magic to the select few who possess the gift of Telling. This power is reserved for the Bards, a group that has almost always been men. Seventeen-year-old Shae has lived her entire life in awe of the Bards—and afraid of the Blot, a deadly disease spread by ink, which took the life of her brother five years ago. Ever since, Shae fears she's cursed.

When her mother is found murdered with a golden dagger, Shae is convinced of foul play. Her heart set on justice, Shae journeys to High House, home of the Bards, in search of answers, only to find Cathal, the kind and generous High Lord of Montane, who instead makes Shae an offer—one she can't refuse—to train as a Bard. Shae endures backbreaking training by a ruthless female Bard, tentative and highly-forbidden feelings for a male Bard with a dark past, and a castle filled with dangerous illusions bent on keeping its secrets buried. But sometimes, the truth is closer than we think. We only have to listen.

A stunning and timely debut from activist Dylan Farrow, *Hush* is a powerful feminist fantasy full of surprising insights that cast a ray of light into the shadows of a society based on silencing and lies.

DYLAN FARROW is a writer, mother, and activist for survivors of sexual assault. Growing up in both New York City and rural Connecticut, she spent countless hours drawing and writing for pleasure. After graduating from Bard College she found a position at CNN as a production assistant and later moved into graphic design. Soon, however, she felt that neither were her calling. After getting married, Dylan returned to writing full time, exploring her love of YA fantasy. *Hush* is her debut novel.

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