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AMI MCKAY

The Witches of New York

Three witches, speaking with one voice, one message: don't be afraid. But dare you listen?

To those who say the world holds no more magic, I respectfully ask, are you certain of this? For this night, within the candlelit walls of a room near Madison Square, three witches are alive and well – one born of cunning, one born of ghosts, one born of wishes yet to be fulfilled. By divination, enchantment, spellcraft and seduction, they'll carry out their work in the drawing room of a grand mansion on Fifth Avenue. Without the aid of a medium's cabinet or false knocks on table or wall, they'll peer into the future and call upon the dead. 'Ready or not, it's begun . . .'

Ami McKay's debut novel, *The Birth House* was a No. 1 bestseller in Canada and winner of three CBA Libris Awards. Previously a music teacher, Ami's literary career started with a year of writing thank-you notes to people she didn't know. Now every day is a writing day.

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The Last Days of Leda Grey

Compared to Sarah Waters by both *The Times* and the *Guardian*, Essie Fox returns with this seductive novel about music hall magician and film maker, Charles Beauvois.

During the oppressive heat wave of 1976 a young journalist, Ed Peters, finds an Edwardian photograph in a junk shop in the Brighton Lanes. It shows an alluring, dark-haired girl, an actress whose name was Leda Grey. Leda is living still, in a decaying cliff-top house once shared with a man called Charles Beauvois, a director of early silent film. A horrific accident left her abandoned and alone for more than half a century – until Ed Peters hears the secrets of her past, resulting in a climax more haunting than any to be found in the silent films of Charles Beauvois.

Essie Fox's debut novel *The Somnambulist* was selected for the Channel 4 Book Club and was shortlisted in the New Writer of the Year category of the 2012 National Book Awards. She is the author of *The Virtual Victorian* www.virtualvictorian.blogspot.com

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