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Charity Anthology *Dreams for a Broken World* to Benefit Rosenberg Fund for Children

Essential Dreams Press is proud to announce the second book in the Dreams series.

NORTHAMPTON, MA—What does it mean to live in a fragmented and uncertain world? How do we find a better way forward? The anthology *Dreams for a Broken World* draws from both genre and literary traditions. Included here are original stories and reprints. The mix of genres, from literary to fantastical, from dark to playful, from speculative to activist, offers perspectives that are varied, imaginative, thoughtful, and provocative. The 24 contributors include such award-winning authors as Ava Homa, Aimee Liu, Usman T. Malik, Nisi Shawl, and Sheree Renée Thomas.

Patron saints and luchadores. Trickster gods. Freedom fighters. Infections of fire. Gated communities and glass castles. Hong Kong. Iran. NYC. The 1860s and the end of the world. These stories reflect the authors' varied creative interests along with their multitudinous backgrounds and experiences.

“...this anthology offers seriously admirable work. Highly recommended.”

—Arley Sorg, *Lightspeed Magazine*

“24 impressive stories of healing and rebuilding...These hopeful stories offer something for any speculative fiction reader.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Dreaming beyond our broken world can be as much about bearing witness and providing small moments of grace as it is about actual communal overcoming. *Dreams for a Broken World* does both,” says publisher and series editor Julie C. Day. Day created the grassroots effort of Essential Dreams Press in 2019 as a platform for collaborative artistic work and social justice advocacy. “Systemic racism, systemic anything, doesn’t just go away. It requires people to move beyond cultural and institutional barriers and find each other. It requires people to take actual steps.”

Dreams for a Broken World is the second anthology in the *Dreams* series. One hundred percent of proceeds are dedicated to Rosenberg Fund for Children, a nonprofit public foundation that aids children in the U.S. whose parents are targeted, progressive activists. The foundation is named for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Guest editor Ellen Meeropol is a founding board member of the Rosenberg Fund for Children (RFC). The organization was founded by Ellen’s husband Robert (Robby) Meeropol, who was orphaned at age six when his parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, were executed at the height of the McCarthy Era.

Essential Dreams Press

Essential Dreams Press is a nonprofit, genre-leaning press with a passion for social justice and a belief that the actions of a few can have a far-reaching impact for good. One of the powers of fiction is that it forces us to experience truth rather than analyzing it from a safe distance. Amplifying voices. Bringing disparate people together. Providing a creative lens that breaks down walls and obliterates assumptions. That is our focus.

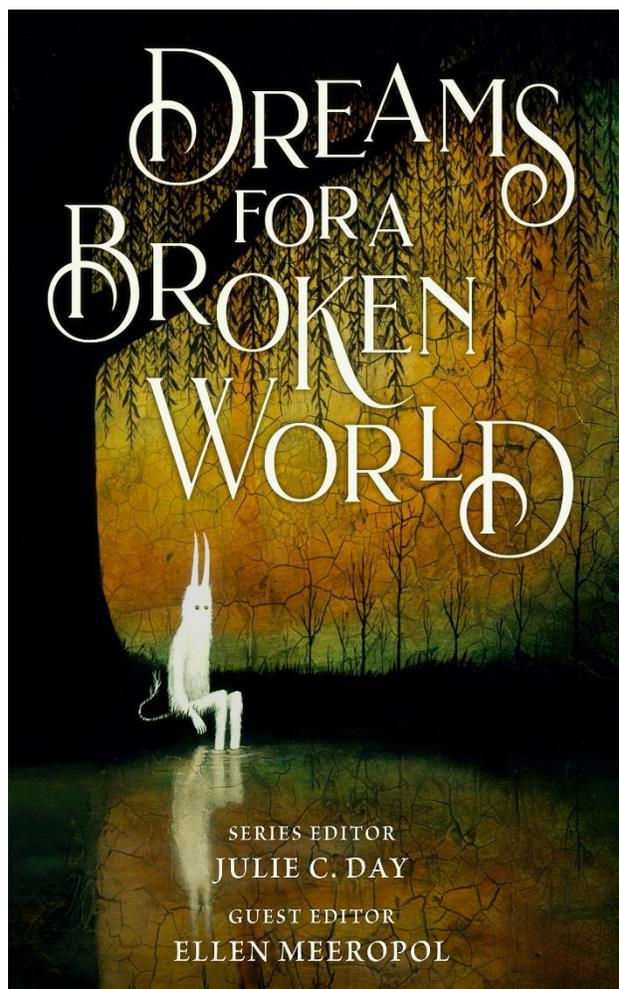
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