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# BENEATH

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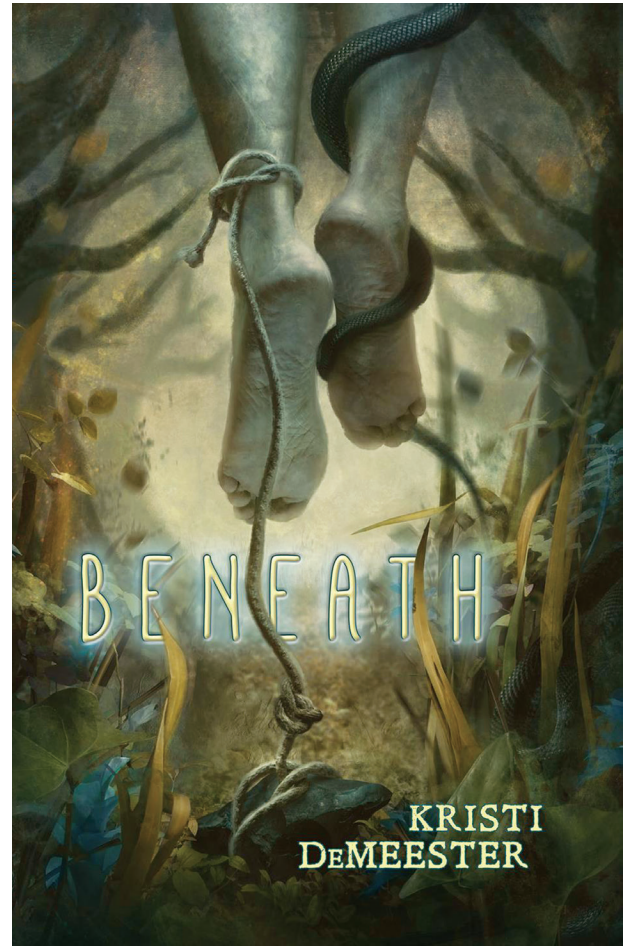
When reporter Cora Mayburn is assigned to cover a story about a snake-handling cult in rural Appalachia, she is dismayed, for the world of cruel fundamentalist stricture, repression, glossolalia, and abuse is something she has long since put behind her in favor of a more tolerant urban existence. But she accepts the assignment, dredging up long-buried memories as she seeks the truth.

As Cora begins to uncover the secrets concealed by a veneer of faith and tradition, something ancient and long concealed begins to awaken. What secrets do the townsfolk know? What might the handsome young pastor be hiding? What will happen when occulted horrors writhe to the surface, when pallid and forgotten things rise to reclaim the Earth?

Will Cora—and the earth—survive? The answers—and pure terror—can only be found in one place: *Beneath*.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kristi DeMeester writes pretty, spooky things in Atlanta, Georgia. Her work has appeared in publications such as *Black Static*, *Apex Magazine*, *The Dark*, and several others. Her work has been reprinted in *Year's Best Weird Fiction Volumes 1* and *3*. Her debut short fiction collection, *Everything That's Underneath*, is forthcoming this year from Apex Publications. In her spare time, she alternates between telling people how to pronounce her last name and how to spell her first. This is her first novel. Find her online at [www.kristidemeester.com](http://www.kristidemeester.com).



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