

A HAWK IN THE WOODS

A NOVEL BY SHIRLEY JACKSON AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

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When newscaster Abby Waite is diagnosed with a potentially terminal illness, she decides to do the logical thing... break her twin sister Martha out of prison and hit the road. Their destination is the Waite family cabin in Minnesota where Abby plans a family reunion of sorts. But when you come from a family where your grandfather frequently took control of your body during your youth, where your mother tried to inhabit your mind and suck your youthful energies out of you, and where so many dark secrets—and bodies, even—are buried, such a family meeting promises to be nothing short of complicated...

"A Hawk in the Woods is wonderfully dark and spellbinding, mixing the road novel, family drama, time travel, cosmic horror, and maybe even a little Heathers. Carrie Laben is an original, compelling new voice. Consider me a fan for life."

—Paul Tremblay, author of *A Head Full of Ghosts*

"Carrie Laben is a monster—they don't even make writers like this anymore. You will be reading her name for decades to come."

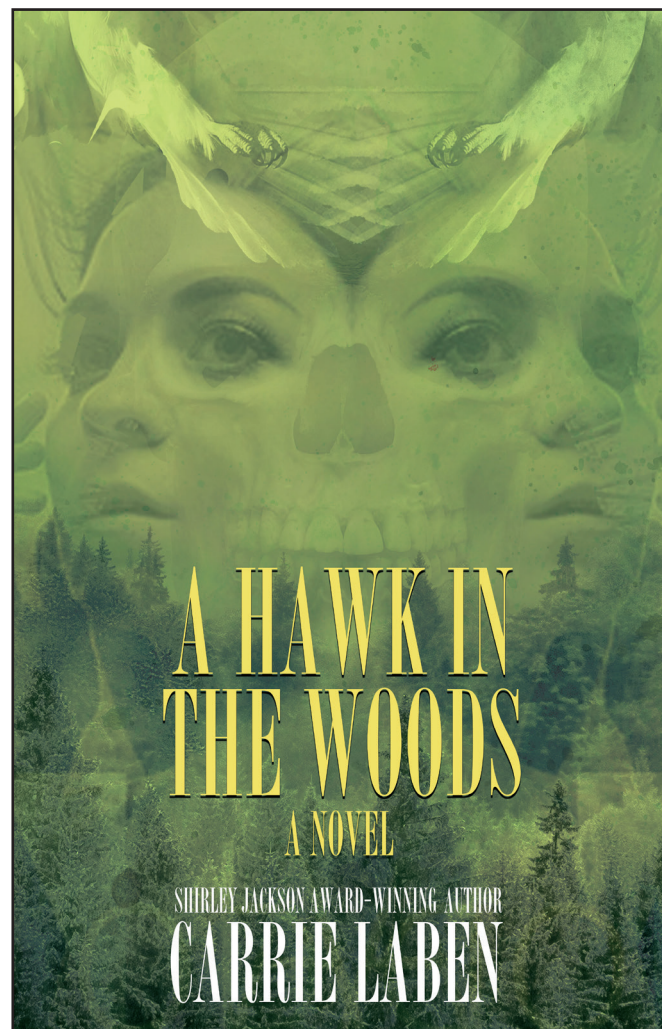
—Cara Hoffman, Author of *Running* and *So Much Pretty*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carrie Laben grew up in western New York. She earned her BS at Cornell and later her MFA at the University of Montana. She now lives in Queens, where she spends a lot of time staring at birds.

Her work has appeared in such venues as *Birding*, *Clarkesworld*, *The Dark*, *Indiana Review*, *Okey-Panky*, and *Outlook Springs*. In 2017 she won the Shirley Jackson Award in Short Fiction for her story "Postcards from Natalie" and Duke University's Documentary Essay Prize for the essay "The Wrong Place". In 2015 she was selected for the Anne LaBastille Memorial Writer's Residency, in 2018 she was a MacDowell Fellow, and in 2019 she was a resident at Brush Creek.

This is her first novel. She is currently at work on a book of essays about urban environmentalism.



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