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TRIAL BY FAMILY **A Debut Novel by Roselee Blooston**

On October 1, 2019 Apprentice House Press, Loyola University MD will publish ***TRIAL BY FAMILY***, the debut novel by Roselee Blooston, whose 2016 memoir, *DYING IN DUBAI*, was a Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Winner and an Eric Hoffer Book Award Finalist.

TRIAL BY FAMILY tells a story of need, greed, love, and money—part family saga, part legal drama. Alvin Segal, desperate for a little peace, transfers a huge sum to his second wife. His grown children discover that the transaction jeopardizes the entire estate plan. The ensuing inheritance battle goes all the way to a jury trial, transforming everyone involved. ***TRIAL BY FAMILY*** combines compelling relationships, dark humor, and intense courtroom drama. The sibling protagonists must earn a genuine adulthood, as they publicly defend themselves against their stepmother, who plots to assure that this widowhood reaps more than her previous two. Told from multiple points of view, including the wise housekeeper, estranged sisters, and dueling lawyers, ***TRIAL BY FAMILY*** tackles what families leave, inherit, and must let go.

ADVANCE PRAISE for ***TRIAL BY FAMILY*** includes:

“A family and step-family struggle worthy of Shakespeare, a tense courtroom drama, unforgettable characters...*Trial by Family* kept me up all night! Roselee Blooston is a novelist to follow for years to come.”

—Alice Elliott Dark, author of *In the Gloaming*

“Roselee Blooston puts characters on the page that are as real and raw as you or I. *Trial by Family* pairs a trio of adult siblings and their aging father with one heckuva antagonist...Blooston allows the reader a kind of literary eavesdrop, an intimate peek at a battle no neighbor could keep from opening the window to overhear... Then, with kindness and wisdom, she gives us hope that we would do as well.”

—Jenny Milchman, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Cover of Snow* and *Wicked River*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: In addition to her award-winning memoir, Ms. Blooston's plays have been produced in New York, nationally, at the Edinburgh Festival, and over Voice of America. Her short stories, essays, and articles have been published in national magazines, journals, and anthologies. She lives and teaches writing in New York's Hudson Valley. For more information, visit her website: roseleeblooston.com.

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