

THE BEAUTIFUL RISK

by Lynn Hightower

“When you don’t care if you live or die...you are always the most dangerous person in the room.”

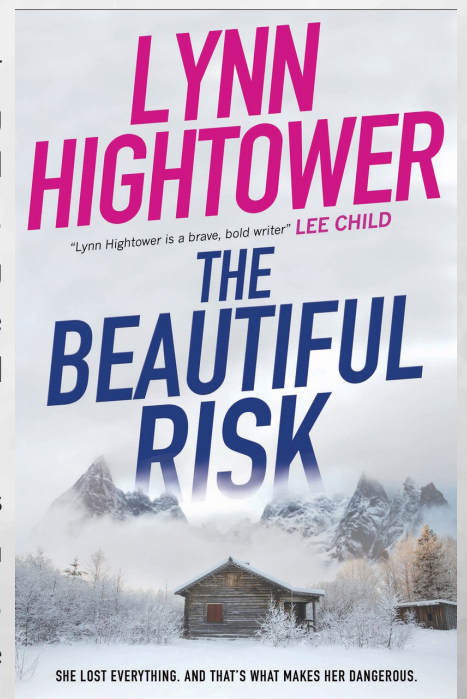
COMING AUGUST 1ST

The Beautiful Risk, (August 1, 2023, Canongate/Severn House, ISBN 9781448309931, \$31.99, Hardcover,) by internationally bestselling author Lynn Hightower, is an intelligent, provocative, sexy standalone thriller. It’s a story of the collateral damage of grief, the adrenalin of revenge; it’s the story of corruption and greed, of eco-terrorism. Above all, it’s a romantic suspense story, a love story, a tale of courage and of mending a broken heart. It’s a complex tale about a woman desperate to uncover the truth, and its co-star is a most wonderful, heroic German shepherd!

“Lynn Hightower is a brave, bold writer” — Lee Child

After nine months of sorrow and grief, Junie Lagarde — a brilliant forensic accountant and passionate guitarist — is gradually accepting life without her beloved husband Olivier, a French safety consultant and climate-change expert, whom she lost in a plane crash over Mont Blanc. Was it really an accident? And what happened to her loyal hearing dog Leo, who ran off in the aftermath of the crash, disappearing into the dangerous mountain terrain? But then Junie receives an unexpected call from France...

Capitaine Philippe Brevard, the man in charge of investigating Olivier’s death, has seen recent CCTV footage which shows Leo being held by a man who closely resembles Olivier — right down to his distinctive jacket. It’s not Olivier. It can’t be... can it? But who is the man — and what else is Capitaine Brevard hiding from her?



PRAISE FOR LYNN HIGHTOWER’S PREVIOUS NOVELS

“Sensitive characterizations match the imaginative plot. Readers will compulsively turn the pages to see how it all ends”

— Publishers Weekly Starred Review of *The Enlightenment Project*

“This taut psychological page-turner has a gripping, tightly woven plot . . . jam-packed with head-spinning twists and an overwhelming sense of menace that will keep readers riveted”

— Booklist on *Even in Darkness*

“Psychologically compelling”

— Kirkus Reviews on *Even in Darkness*

“Fast pacing, a strong and sympathetic main character, and a genuinely frightening supernatural being keep the pages turning in this ghostly thriller”

— Booklist on *The Piper*

“A stand-alone nightmare; will keep you awake till the last page and maybe even afterward”

— Kirkus Reviews on *The Piper*

QUESTIONS FOR LYNN & TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- » Junie, the heroine of this novel, is a complex character – passionate, talented, courageous, and she is also hearing-impaired with a condition called, “cookie bite hearing loss.” Which parts of this fascinating character are you?
- » You’re known for doing intense research on your novels. Tell us some of the topics and plot points that you researched for this novel.
- » This story takes place in France, specifically, in Mont Blanc. Do you have a personal connection to France? Did you do research for the book there?
- » The main character, Junie, loses her husband and says this about mourning: “Grief is a dark and magical journey.” Tell us more about that perspective.
- » Part of the plot for this story is centered around climate change and eco-terrorism. What surprising facts did you discover when researching for this novel?
- » Junie is a brilliant guitarist and playing music soothes her grief. Do you play an instrument? Where did the idea for this come from?
- » Junie is a total badass, but the true hero of the story is her service dog, Leo. His character is so deeply developed, only a dog lover could have written it - tell us about the dog(s) in your life.
- » Your novel has a lot to say about the grief one experiences when their true love is taken from them and how to move forward. This is a pretty big emotion to tackle, tell us why it was so important to the story to get this right?
- » One of the characters has strong feelings on how people in southern red states in the U.S. are treated. You live in Kentucky. Is your character voicing your opinion?
- » Tell us what you mean by your expression: “Walk-in of the soul?”

ABOUT LYNN

Lynn Hightower is the internationally bestselling author of numerous thrillers including the Sonora Blair and Lena Padgett detective series. Her novels have been included in the *New York Times* List of Notable Books, the *London Times* bestseller lists. She has won the Shamus Award for Best First Private Eye novel and a WH Smith Fresh Talent Award. Lynn teaches Master Novel classes in the UCLA Extension Writing Program and works as a manuscript consultant/writing coach for novelists. She and her very, very good German shepherd, Leah, live in Kentucky in a small Victorian cottage with a writing parlour.

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