



Press Release

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CHANCE MEETING RESULTS IN BOOK DEAL

For French writer Aliette de Bodard, it was just another of those annoying airport delays that plague us all from time to time. But it turned out to be just the break she needed.

Forced to spend an extra day in Canada at Calgary airport on her way back from the World Fantasy Convention last November, she fell in with a couple of cheery Brits. They got talking, and the pair mentioned they were setting up a new publishing imprint, and a new literary agency respectively. After no little persuasion, Aliette revealed that she, too, was in the writing game, and following a few well-received short stories had been working on her debut novel. A few months later, like the plot of a Hollywood movie, she's proud to announce she has a deal with both of them – with the novels represented by new literary agency Zeno, and to be published by new HarperCollins-funded imprint Angry Robot.



SERVANT OF THE UNDERWORLD is a wild mix of fantasy and crime novel, set in Aztec times. In this alternate world, though, the gods are real and stalk the temples, demanding sacrifices from the people. Amidst the bloodletting, a serial killer appears to be getting away with murder – but how do you find a murderer in a world where the streets themselves are awash with blood?

Angry Robot publishing director Marc Gascoigne, who was there that day along with Zeno's John Berlyne, said: "It was a bit cheeky of us to cajole her into pitching there and then, but I'm very glad she did. We're always looking for interesting new books to publish, but that day it was like the ancient gods themselves had all conspired to bring us to that spot! These are wonderful books, full of wild fantasy and cunning detection, and I'm so proud and pleased we'll be publishing them."

The deal with Angry Robot, made with publishing director Marc Gascoigne, is for three novels in this setting, to be published by the HarperCollins imprint from Spring 2010 onwards.

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Zeno Literary Agency - <http://zenoagency.com>
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Angry Robot is the new imprint from HarperCollins bringing you the best in new SF, F and WTF?!

Our first titles hit the stores in the UK and Australian on July 1st; we debut in the US in a few months' time.

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