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Georgetown, Texas Aug 6, 2025 (IssueWire.com) - “*The Coming of Schades*” Garner's Glowing Kirkus Praise for Eerie and Empowering Series Start

J.A. Carlton's emotionally resonant supernatural thriller *The Coming of Schades*, the first book in the *Heroes of the Line* series, has received a powerful review from *Kirkus Reviews*, who called it:

“A frightening fantasy tale that mixes cosmic dangers with domestic terror.”

Set against a backdrop of supernatural warfare and domestic trauma, *The Coming of Schades* follows 10-year-old Nick Emerson and his 5-year-old brother Frank as they uncover ancient powers hidden in their bloodline — and fight both human predators and inhuman monsters to survive.

Kirkus further praised the book as:

“An imaginative page-turner in which magic augments a tense psychological drama,” adding that Carlton's prose is “eerie and atmospheric,” with the shadow beings — called “schades” — leaving a lasting, haunting impression.

Carlton, a Certified Hypnotherapist and Wellness Coach, created the *Heroes of the Line* to help survivors of abuse and trauma see themselves as powerful, capable, and worthy of healing.

“This story is for the kids who were told they were broken,” Carlton says. “It's a message to them — not only can you survive what you've been through... you can become the hero of your own story.”

About the Author:

J.A. Carlton is an author, empowerment speaker, and trauma-aware wellness coach. Her writing fuses speculative fiction with emotional truth, offering hope to readers facing real-world hardship. She is the creator of the Thrive! Empowered for Life™ program and the upcoming podcast *The Entangled Cynic*.

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