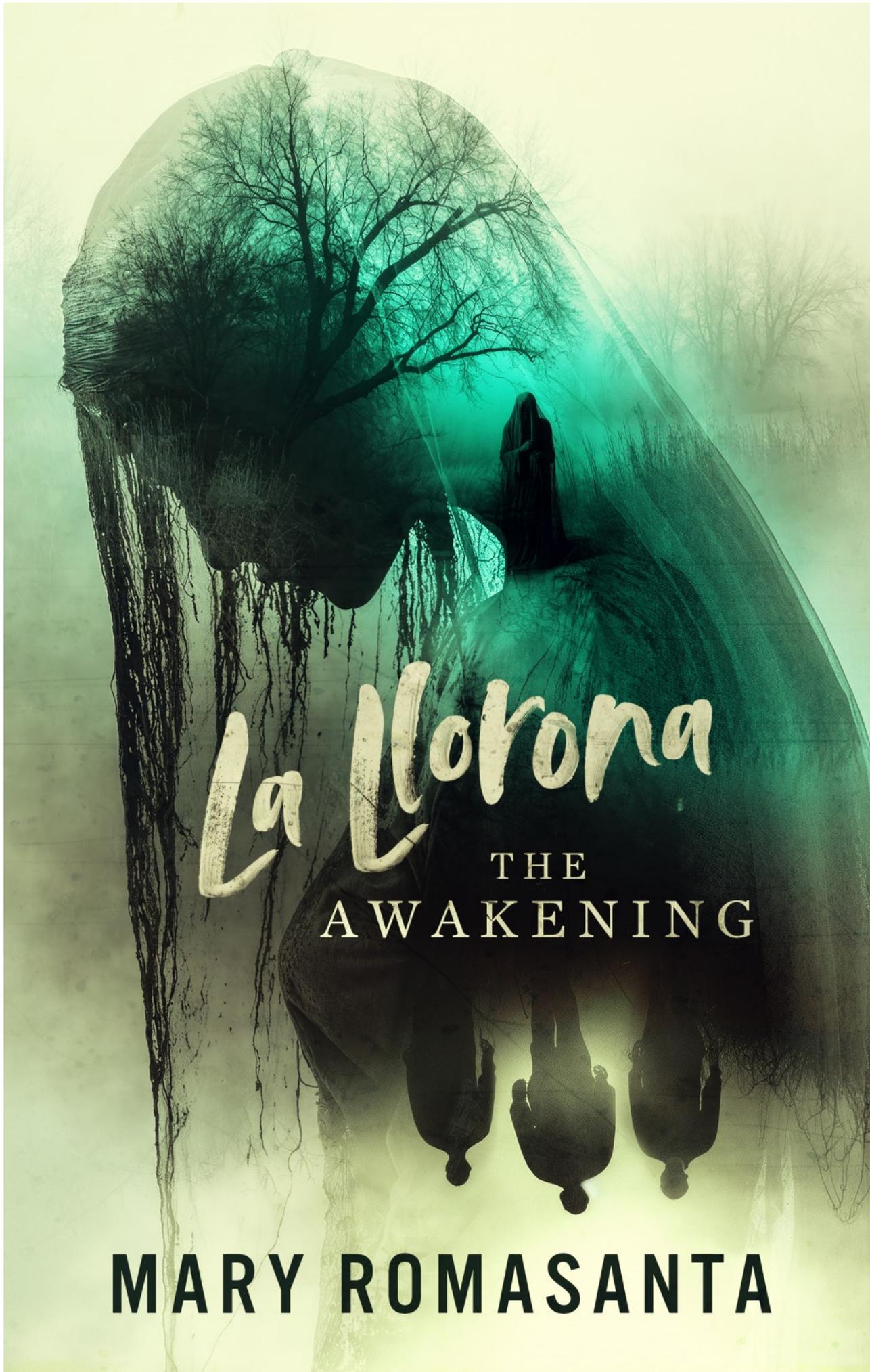


She's Calling from the Water: La Llorona: The Awakening Reimagines a Legend That Won't Stay Buried

Mary Romasanta delivers a haunting psychological thriller where grief opens the door to something ancient—and it answers.



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San Antonio, Texas Mar 20, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Acclaimed author, technologist, and founder of Sagga Publishing House LLC, **Mary Romasanta**, announces the release of her haunting new psychological thriller, *La Llorona: The Awakening*—a bold reimagining of the legendary Weeping Woman that explores the fragile boundary between despair and survival.

Already earning critical acclaim, the novel has received a [5-star review from Reader Views](#) and has been recognized as [IndieReader Approved](#), marking it as a standout in the psychological thriller space.

Blending Korean and Mexican cultural folklore with cutting-edge technology and emotional depth, *La Llorona: The Awakening* introduces readers to **Mi-Ra**, a woman unraveling under the weight of grief and guilt. As whispers of La Llorona begin to call her toward the water, Mi-Ra becomes convinced that surrender may be the only escape from her pain.

But she is not alone.

Determined to save her, **Ruth**, a fiercely loyal and brilliant technologist shaped by her own losses, teams up with **Paul**, an engineer haunted by his brother's suicide. Together, they deploy advanced monitoring technology to track Mi-Ra's movements and vital signs—racing against time to stop grief from becoming fatal. As the legend tightens its grip, the novel asks a chilling question: Can technology save someone from themselves—or from something far older?

A Story Rooted in Truth, Transformed Through Fiction

For Romasanta, this novel is more than a thriller—it is deeply personal.

“Writing is a deeply therapeutic process for me,” says Romasanta. “Many of my stories are shaped by real emotional experiences—especially grief and the relationships that define us. This story was born from my own reflections, as well as the stories others have trusted me to hold.”

Drawing from a lifetime of proximity to death and spiritual mystery—growing up as a pastor's daughter across from one of the largest cemeteries in San Antonio, with a mother who worked as a florist in funeral spaces—Romasanta channels lived experience into a narrative that feels both intimate and unsettling.

“I spent years trying to suppress what I witnessed and felt,” she shares. “But I've come to understand those experiences weren't random—they were preparation. My work is about acknowledging that darkness is real, but so is light.”

A New Voice in Psychological Suspense

With a career spanning two decades in IT before transitioning into writing, Romasanta brings a rare dual perspective to her storytelling—merging technical precision with emotional resonance. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with degrees in Public Relations and Communication Studies, she now dedicates her work to amplifying underrepresented voices and challenging limiting beliefs, particularly among BIPOC mothers.

Her latest novel stands out for its:

- **Fresh cultural reimagining** of the La Llorona legend
- **Intersection of grief and technology**, rarely explored in psychological thrillers
- **Emotionally grounded characters** navigating loss, guilt, and resilience
- **Atmospheric tension** that lingers long after the final page

A Story for Anyone Who Has Faced the Dark

At its core, *La Llorona: The Awakening* is not just about fear—it's about connection.

“This story speaks to something universal,” Romasanta explains. “The feeling of being alone in your darkest moment. But it also reminds us that even then, there are people who will stand beside us, fight for us, and refuse to let us disappear.”

Through Mi-Ra and Ruth, readers are invited into a deeply human story about love, endurance, and the quiet, powerful ways people show up for one another when it matters most.

Availability

La Llorona: The Awakening is available wherever books are sold, including [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and [Bookshop.org](#).

About the Author

Mary Romasanta is a writer, technologist, and mother of three. After a 20-year career in IT, she transitioned fully into storytelling, crafting narratives that explore spiritual warfare, psychological tension, and the human condition. Her work is driven by a mission to confront darkness with honesty while illuminating the resilience of the human spirit.

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