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**A spine-tingling tale rooted in Caribbean folklore about an ordinary girl who must use her extraordinary bravery--and a bit of magic--to save her island home from jumbies, the scary spirits that haunt the forest.**

Corinne La Mer isn't afraid of anything. Not scorpions, not the boys who tease her, and certainly not jumbies. They're just tricksters parents make up to frighten their children. Then one night Corinne chases an agouti all the way into the forbidden forest. Those shining yellow eyes that followed her to the edge of the trees, they couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they?

When Corinne spots a beautiful stranger speaking to the town witch at the market the next day, she knows something unexpected is about to happen. And when this same beauty, called Severine, turns up at Corinne's house, Corinne is sure that danger is in the air. She soon finds out that bewitching her father, Pierre, is only the first step in Severine's plan to claim the entire island for the jumbies. Corinne must call on her courage and her friends *and* learn to use ancient magic she didn't know she possessed to stop Severine and to save her island home.

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"Endlessly addictive and hypnotic . . . Baptiste has a lot of fun remixing the classic Haitian folktale *The Magic Orange Tree*, while adding her own original touches." —*Essence*

"A well written tale full of action with enough scary elements to satisfy fans of Adam Gidwitz's *A Tale Dark and Grimm*." —*School Library Journal*

"It's refreshing to see a fantasy with its roots outside Europe . . . This is a book worth reading simply for its originality." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Entrancing and engaging . . . Baptiste enters an all-new folktale adaptation into our regular fantasy lore . . . Original. Haunting." —*A Fuse #8 Production*

**A *Washington Post* Kids Post Book Club Selection**

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