

THE UNNAMED

By Mike Duran

The blood they shed awoke a power they couldn't stop...

When RUBY CASE, an unassuming crippled woman, raises a boy from the dead, she creates uproar in the quiet coastal town of Stonetree and unlocks a centuries-old curse. The resurrection draws Ruby and her agnostic minister, IAN CLARK, into a quest for answers. Behind the quaint tourist shops and avant garde apothecaries, they discover a history of deceit. For long ago a deal was struck. Through a human sacrifice the township summoned a Pantheon—an ancient pagan deity—that has quietly held sway, manipulating events, and silencing all who oppose it. Yet a battle is brewing, the resurrection is the first volley, and Ruby's caught right in the middle. But can she overcome her own brokenness in time to stop the insidious entity, or will she be its next victim?

Ruby woke more than a dead boy, and the secrets she's unleashed threaten to destroy them all.



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