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Author of Romantic, Contemporary Fantasy for Teens

*"Darkly romantic and steeped in Southern Gothic charm, you'll be **compelled** to get lost in the Heirs of Watson Island series."*

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Compulsion

HEIRS OF WATSON ISLAND, BOOK 1

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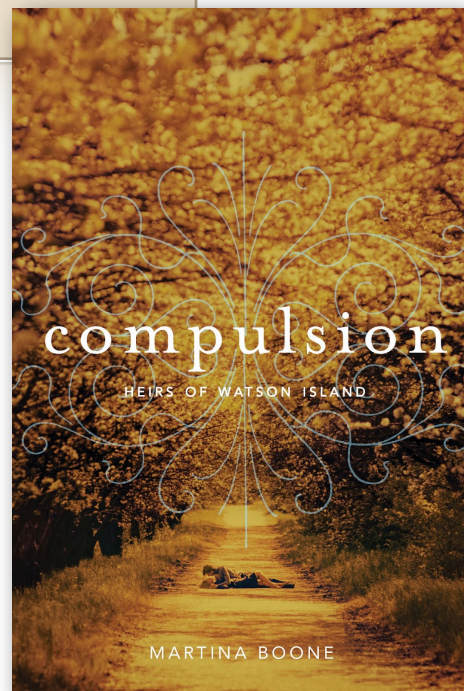
Three plantations. Two gifts. One ancient curse.

When loss is all you know, how do you find true love?

All her life, Barrie Watson has been a virtual prisoner in the house where she lived with her shut-in mother. When her mother dies, Barrie promises to put some mileage on her stiletto heels. But she finds a new kind of prison at her aunt's South Carolina plantation instead—a prison guarded by an ancient spirit who long ago cursed one of the three founding families of Watson Island and gave the others magical gifts that became compulsions.

Stuck with the ghosts of a generations-old feud and hunted by forces she cannot see, Barrie must find a way to break free of the family legacy. With the help of sun-kissed Eight Beaufort, who knows what Barrie wants before she knows herself, the last Watson heir starts to unravel her family's twisted secrets. What she finds is dangerous: a love she never expected, a river that turns to fire at midnight, a gorgeous cousin who isn't what she seems, and very real enemies who want both Eight and Barrie dead.

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About Martina

Born in Prague, Martina spoke several languages before she learned English after moving to the United States. Her 2nd grade teacher teased her for not pronouncing the "wh" sound right, so she set out to master "all the words." She's still working on that.

Meanwhile, she loves reading and writing books about beautiful, vicious, magical worlds that intersect our own. She loves books you can't put down, with settings you want to move into, and characters you can't forget. And romance. Did we mention romance?

The founder of AdventuresInYAPublishing.com, a Writers Digest 101 Best Websites for Writers site, Martina also runs the First Five Pages Workshops for writers getting ready to submit their manuscripts to agents and editors, and she's the founding member of YASeriesInsiders.com, a blog dedicated to connecting fans from various fandoms with authors and great new series books.

Compulsion, the first novel in her Heirs of Watson Island YA Southern Gothic trilogy, will be available from Simon & Schuster, Simon Pulse October 2014.

Speaking

“Martina makes storytelling come alive with organic, interactive techniques that allow kids to step into the shoes of an author by making the writing process real and accessible. She makes the discussion of writing playful and imaginative, making participants forget that beneath all the fun, true learning is taking place.”

- **M. Graff, Teacher, Prince William County Schools**

“In an era when authors and illustrators need to build a platform to be heard – and have so many options to do so – the knowledge Martina shared in the workshop helped me crystallize my message and pick the social media outlets that will give the most value for the time I have to invest in them.”

~ **Carol Barreyre, YA writer and Regional Advisor, SCBWI North Texas**

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