

Blood Circus

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Synopsis

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An Indie Next Kids' List Great Read

In this lush and terrifying debut—perfect for fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Children of Blood and Bone*—Camila Victoire creates a future where cruelty and spectacle hold the keys to subjugating humans on a ravaged earth. At the end of the twenty-first century, climate change and famine almost ended humanity until the discovery of the Klujns, a barbaric, humanoid species with strangely colored eyes and even stranger abilities. Their crystal claws and bones fertilize barren soil, and their tender meat is a super-protein. Klujns are both humans' saviors and natural-born enemies, meant to be hunted and used.

When sixteen-year-old Ava finds herself on the wrong side of a military fence erected to protect the North American Territory, she's captured by Klujns and made to participate in the Blood Race, a macabre tradition where young human hostages compete to the death for Klujn amusement. At first, she is terrified, but as Ava observes Klujn behavior that contradicts what she's learned, she begins to wonder: Are Klujns as different as she was led to believe? And, as she fights for her life, does it matter?

Inspired by four years on the road with a traveling circus, where the word itself embodies an entire culture built on dark spectacle, Camila Victoire delivers a twisted coming-of-age tale that combines elements of fantasy, magical realism, and suspense. *Blood Circus* will capture fans of Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games* and Tomi Adeyemi's *Children of Blood and Bone*. Its masterful worldbuilding, plot twists, and boundary-pushing Blood Race are wholly immersive—and compel listeners to call their own long-held assumptions, values, and belief systems into question.

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