



ORBIT UK WINS CULT HIT FOLK HORROR AT AUCTION

Orbit UK has won Philip Fracassi's *Boys in the Valley*, described as '*The Exorcist* meets *Lord of the Flies* by way of *Midnight Mass* - an atmospheric and chilling folk horror set in a remote orphanage in turn of the century Pennsylvania'. Commissioning Editor Nadia Saward bought UK & Commonwealth rights in this plus one further novel from Chris Scheina at Macmillan US, with Tor Nightfire holding North American rights.

Originally published by Earthling publications in 2021 as a limited edition hardback, *Boys in the Valley* sold out within a month and quickly gained a cult following, with *Publishers Weekly* saying 'horror readers will be hooked' and award-winning horror author Victor LaValle saying of the author: 'Fracassi makes terror read so damn beautifully'. Orbit UK will be publishing simultaneously with Tor Nightfire in July 2023.

Fracassi said: 'I'm excited to be working with Orbit UK on this novel and can't wait to get the story to more readers worldwide. Prepare to be scared.'

UK acquiring editor Saward said: 'We're in the midst of a horror renaissance right now, and this book is a feast for horror fans. Suspenseful, terrifying and heart-breaking in equal measure, this is a refreshing twist on the possession novel that will chill readers to their core. Philip is an exceptional horror writer and I'm thrilled to be publishing his work in the UK.'

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