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**COMING IN OCTOBER 2007, AN APOCALYPTIC THRILLER
FROM AN EMERGING LATINO AUTHOR.**

Extinction is the Verdict for Humanity's Crimes in SOLSTICE, a New Speculative Fiction Thriller

TROY, MI – In *Solstice*, a new thriller by first-time author **Ulises Silva**, written words can be used to murder. And in the hands of one person, written words can be used to plunge the world into a series of haunting, supernatural catastrophes threatening to exterminate all of humanity.

What would you do if anything you wrote could come true?

This is the question asked in *Solstice*, where people known as Scribes have the power to make any story they write come true. Most use their gift to write stories of theft, misfortune, even murder. But a Scribe named Nadie is writing a different kind of story. Enraged by the rampant injustice and corruption of a world gone mad, she decides to use her power to write humanity's extinction.

Itztli "Io" Okami, a Japanese-Mexican anti-heroine, is a member of The Editors—clandestine field agents policing Scribe activity. Having succumbed to her own despair and rage, Io uses the immunity of her secret profession to indulge her aimless vigilantism. Her belief that only cruelty can destroy cruelty sustains her insatiable desire for vengeance against a corrupt and apathetic society. But when Nadie threatens to punish the whole of humanity for history's crimes, Io is forced into a reluctant partnership with a Scribe, Jai Lin Kup, to try and stop the outbreak of global mass hysteria and cataclysmic violence.

As society crumbles all around her, Io must confront her own despairing outlook on crime and punishment in order to stop Nadie. It's a race against time that will bring Io to the edge of madness, and to a final, but costly, redemption.

A gripping fusion of science fiction, horror, and other literary influences, *Solstice* questions the power and scope of the English written word through Io's character arc. Silva crafts an ominous, suspenseful story about vengeance, loss, and absolution. He offers a searing indictment of our current socio-political climate, as well as a cautionary tale about how mass media shapes our everyday reality.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ulises Silva is an emerging Latino author who brings a new multicultural perspective to speculative fiction. *Solstice*, his first published novel, pays homage to his mainstream and academic influences, and represents a new Latino entry into the genre. To set up an interview, a book signing, or an appearance, or to order a review copy of *Solstice*, contact **Tragical Mirth Publishing** at **248-556-6579** or via e-mail at **marketing@verytragicalmirth.com**.

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