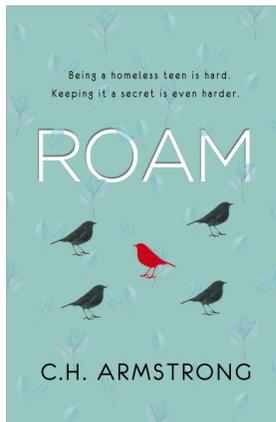


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(NOVEMBER 7, 2018) Central Avenue Publishing is excited to announce the February 5, 2019 release of *ROAM* by C.H. Armstrong. Inspired by the homeless community in Rochester, Minn., *ROAM* has been referred to as “THE PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS meets CINDERELLA in an uplifting and hopeful young adult novel about a homeless teen.”



SYNOPSIS: Seventeen year-old Abby Lunde and her family are living on the streets. They had a normal life back in Omaha, but thanks to her mother’s awful mistake, they had to leave what little they had behind for a new start in Rochester. Abby tries to be an average teenager—fitting into school, buoyed by dreams of a boyfriend, college, and a career in music. But Minnesota winters are unforgiving, and so are many teenagers. Her stepdad promises to put a roof over their heads, but times are tough for everyone and Abby is doing everything she can to keep her shameful secret from her new friends. The divide between rich and poor in high school is painfully obvious, and the stress of never knowing where they’re sleeping or where they’ll find their next meal is taking its toll on the whole family. As secrets are exposed and the hope for a home fades, Abby knows she must trust those around her to help. But will her friends let her down the same way they did back home, or will they rise to the challenge to help them find a normal life?

With high rankings from online bookstores, *ROAM* has had a strong start and has been one of our more popular books on NetGalley, regularly receiving 4 and 5 star ratings from educators, booksellers and librarians. Additionally, a Nov. 2018 favorable review by KIRKUS called *ROAM*, “An empathetic tale that treats homelessness with respect and makes it visible.”

Multiple award-winning author Brandon Hobson, whose novel *WHERE THE DEAD SIT TALKING* was shortlisted for the National Book Award, says of *ROAM*, “C.H. Armstrong sings with a brilliant, powerful youthful voice as she portrays a narrator who experiences what it’s like to be homeless with her family, while dealing with the emotional and complex daily challenges of attending a new school. We, her readers, are drawn in from the first page. This lovely book has tremendous heart.”

Bestselling author, Lorna Landvik, author of *PATTY JANE’S HOUSE OF CURL* and *OH MY STARS*, reviews *ROAM* saying, “In her warm and hopeful novel, C.H. Armstrong has created a spirited heroine who triumphs over her circumstances thanks to those who believe in her; friends, family, teachers and ultimately, herself.”

An Oklahoma native transplanted in Minnesota, Armstrong holds a B.A. in Journalism with a minor in History from the University of Oklahoma, and is also the author of *THE EDGE OF NOWHERE*, which was inspired by her family’s experiences in 1930s Oklahoma during the one-two punch of The Great Depression and Dust Bowl.

Armstrong is currently scheduling her Winter and Spring Book Tour to promote *ROAM*. To request an interview, school visit, book signing, or other public speaking event, contact the author directly at charmstrongbooks@gmail.com or by phone at (507) 269-2910.