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Minneapolis Author Pens Book on Religion, Homosexuality and War
Novel bridges gap between LGBT and Christian communities

Where religion meets sexuality, sparks are bound to fly. C.M. Harris's debut historical saga *The Children of Mother Glory* illuminates the honest struggles of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and, yes, straight people throughout the past century without relying on dichotomy of villain and victim.

At the heart of the novel stands Glory Potter, a pacifist minister who comes to power during World War I. The choices the enigmatic matriarch makes, both for herself and her church, become inextricable from her repressed lesbian nature. The novel tracks her life and closeted love affair as well as the embattled history of conscientious objectors during the most popular war in American history. It also presents the lives of Glory's "children," three parishioners indelibly shaped by the Potterite church who go on to make their own harrowing choices in sexuality and belief. By the close of the novel, Glory's followers learn that sometimes the apocalypse we seek is the one we bring upon ourselves.

LGBT periodical, Lavender Magazine, has called *The Children of Mother Glory* "deft and riveting" while Quaker radio personality, Mark Judkins Helpsmeet, calls it "deep and empathic."

Harris's upbringing in a pacifist sect informed much of the novel. She will be reading from the work and signing copies at Outwords Books in Milwaukee on May 11th at 7pm.

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