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Mercury Retrograde Press announces a launch event to celebrate SHORN, the first book of *The Sky Seekers* and the debut novel of author Larissa N. Niec.

The event is being hosted by Wordsmiths Books on July 19, 2008 at 7:30 pm and will feature a reading by the author, an exhibit by artist Ari Warner, who drew the map for the book, and tapas-style food and drink.

A fantasy novel about oppression and resilience, the consequences of vengeance and the malleable nature of truth, SHORN represents an exciting new voice in fantasy.

In SHORN, the land of Avelos is beset by enemies conspiring to destroy her—and killing winds that confound her wisest seers. But the greatest danger may lie with the Avelune, once the rulers of Avelos and now an abused minority. Their oppression, and the truth suppressed by those who fear them, may prove the country's undoing.

Mercury Retrograde Press is a new independent press based in Sandy Springs, GA. Mercury Retrograde publishes fantasy, science fiction, and the unclassifiable. They specialize in unconventional authors and works that might undeservedly slip through the cracks at bigger houses. SHORN is Mercury Retrograde Press's first release.

Wordsmiths is located at 545 N. McDonough St., on the square in Decatur, Georgia.

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