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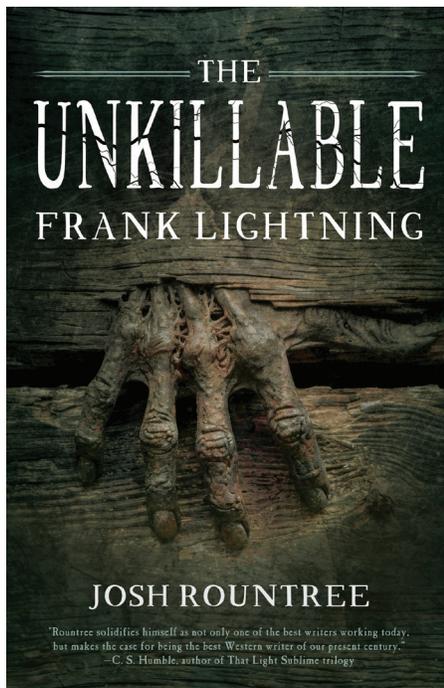
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THE
UNKILLABLE
FRANK LIGHTNING
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In this adventurous retelling of Frankenstein in the Wild West, a resourceful woman struggles with the man she loved before she made him into a monster.



Catherine Coldbridge is a complicated woman: a doctor, an occultist, and, briefly, a widow. In 1879, her husband, Private Frank Humble, was killed in a Sioux attack. Consumed by grief, Catherine used her formidable skills to resurrect her husband. But after the reanimation, Frank lost his soul, becoming a vicious undead monster.

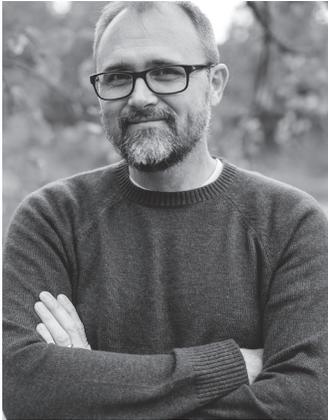
Twenty-five years later, Catherine has decided she must make things right. She travels back to Texas with a pair of hired killers ready to destroy Frank. But Frank is no longer a monster; he is once again the kind man she knew. He has remade himself as the Unkillable Frank Lightning, traveling with the Wild West Show and even taking on a mysterious young ward.

Now, Catherine must face a series of moral dilemmas that cannot be resolved without considerable bloodshed.

With his signature lean, clean prose that reads like Raymond Chandler, Josh Rountree (*The Legend of Charlie Fish*) has penned a *Frankenstein*-inspired tale unlike any other. With equal parts Cormac McCarthy and Stephen Graham Jones, Rountree coalesces myth and legend into a dramatic tale of love, death, and its terrible aftermath.

“With *The Unkillable Frank Lightning*, Rountree solidifies himself as not only one of the best writers working today, but makes the case for being the best Western writer of our present century.”

—C. S. Humble, author of *That Light Sublime* trilogy



Josh Rountree is a novelist and short-story writer who writes across multiple genres but focuses mostly on horror and dark fantasy. His novel *The Legend of Charlie Fish*, released by Tachyon Publications to wide acclaim in 2023, was selected for the *Locus* Recommended Reading List and named one of Los Angeles Public Library’s best books of the year. More than seventy of Rountree’s short stories have been published in a variety of venues, including *The Deadlands*, *Beneath Ceaseless Skies*, *Bourbon Penn*, *Realms of Fantasy*, *PseudoPod*, *Weird Horror*, and *The Year’s Best Dark Fantasy & Horror*. Several collections of his short fiction have been published—most recently, *Death Aesthetic*. Rountree lives in the greater Austin, Texas, metropolitan area with his lovely wife of many years and a pair of half-feral dogs that command his obedience.

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