



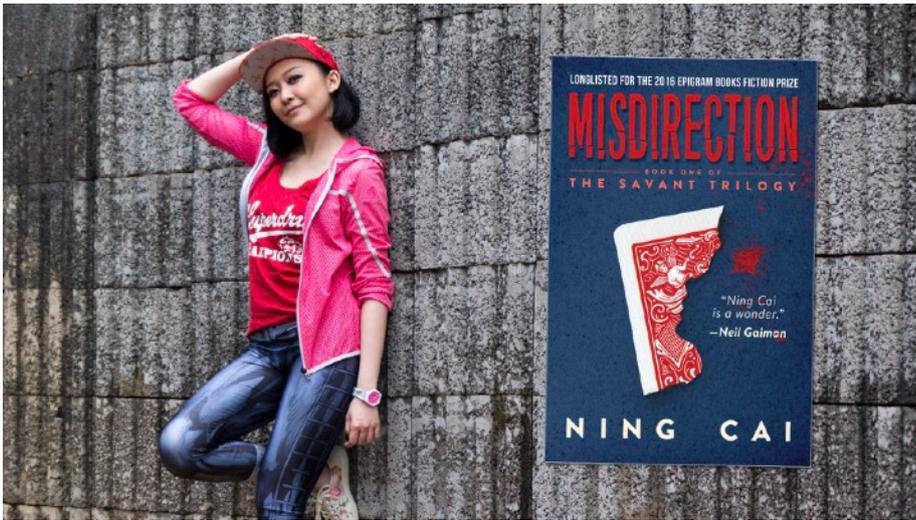
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Epigram Books releases Ning Cai's latest YA thriller, *Misdirection*

The book is the first in a new young adult trilogy called The Savant Trilogy



SINGAPORE — Epigram Books is pleased to announce the release of *Misdirection*, the first book in a new YA trilogy — the Savant Trilogy — written by multi-talented Ning Cai, international magic celebrity and author.

The book will be available from Epigram's online store (epigrambooks.sg) as well as LocalBooks (localbooks.sg). It will also be available at all major bookstores.

Ning Cai is the author of the Singapore Literature Prize-shortlisted memoir *Who is Magic Babe Ning?*. She is also the co-author of three additional books: a travel account (*Adventures of 2 Girls*, with Pamela Ho), a middle-grade novel (*Magicienne*, with Don Bosco), and a creativity self-help guide (*Game of Thoughts*, with John Teo).

Misdirection is her first solo fiction work and revolves around a teenage savant on the trail of her family's killer. When parkour champion Maxine Schooling wakes from a three-year coma, she has no memory of how her parents and little brother were killed the night she was attacked.

However, using her newfound photographic memory, she covertly helps her hacker BFF with the police investigation of a savage serial killer on the loose.

In her race to track down the Singapore Spectre, Max finds herself embroiled in a conspiracy involving stage illusions; a secret exposé; and a controversial mega church headed by a powerful man.

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Praise for *Misdirection*

“A fast-paced YA thriller, packed with mystery, magic and a touch of romance.”

— Lang Leav, bestselling author of
Sad Girls and Sea of Strangers

“Good mystery stories and magic tricks both rely on deft hands, artful distraction, charming onstage characters, and a flashy finish that leaves you wondering how the author pulled it all off—and Ning Cai puts on a great show!”

— E.C. Myers, award-winning author of
Fair Coin and The Silence of Six

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About the author

For over a decade, she was known as “Magic Babe” Ning, a multi-award-winning stage illusionist and escape artist known as “the sexiest woman in magic”. Lauded for her death-defying acts and record-setting feats, Ning has performed her brand of deadly sexy magic to an international audience on stage and on TV.

After a brief period of retirement, she returned in 2017 as the mentalist Ning: Mind Magic Mistress. Besides being engaged as magic consultant for various projects, she has starred in popular TV shows such as *Meat and Greed 2*, 《吃饱没? 3》 (*Eat Already? 3*), *Love in a Time of Change* and *Record Breakers*. A TEDx speaker and committee member of SCWO’s Women’s Register, Ning is also the creative director of Mighty Magic Lab, a kids edutainment company which focuses on empowering children with creativity and confidence through magic.

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About Epigram Books

Epigram Books is Singapore’s largest independent publisher. It was formed in 2011 to champion Singaporean literature, and publishes all manner of fiction — novels, short stories, plays, graphic novels, chapter books and picture books. It is best known for publishing award-winning books such as *The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye* and *Ministry of Moral Panic*, and popular series such as *The Diary of Amos Lee* and *Sherlock Sam*.

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