



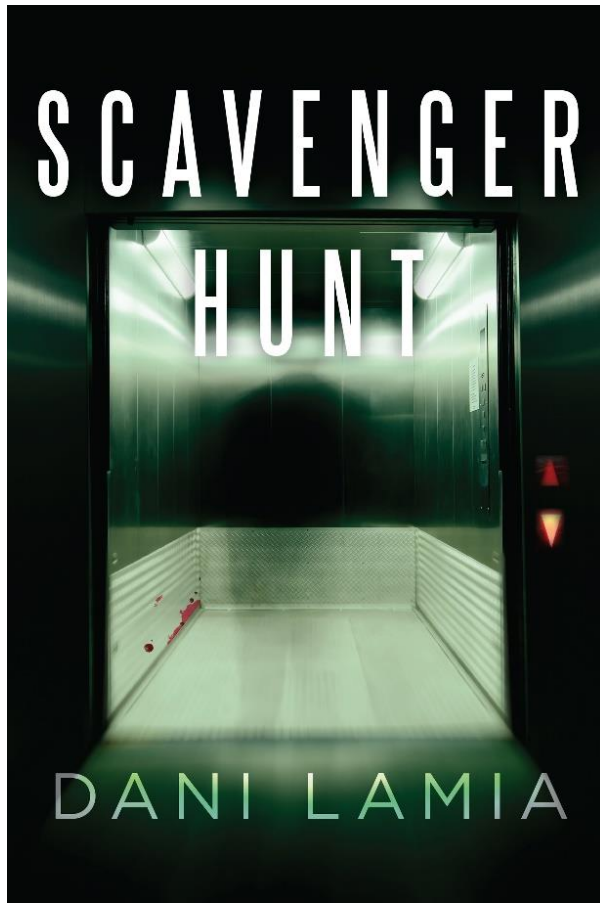
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**New Thriller by Author Dani Lamia Strikes Our Gamer
Survival Instincts**

Author's debut psychological thriller gives gamers a reason to always keep one eye open.



JAMUL, CA (July 2020)—Author Dani Lamia debuts a new book about a not-so-family-friendly **Scavenger Hunt**. In a world of wealth and power, siblings feuding over the estate of their recently deceased father are sent on a scavenger hunt with the family fortune as the prize. But things turn deadly as long-buried secrets are revealed and it becomes clear that only the winner will survive. This thriller taps into the egocentric motivations behind some gamers with a high-stake hunt. Video games have become an essential part of culture, and Lamia uses this to manipulate a classic game.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 quarantine, the gaming industry has seen amazing growth. Over 244 million people in the U.S. play video games, an increase of 32 million people since 2018, and they spent a record \$1.2 billion in June alone. Video games provide a positive mental break from the world and can be completely immersive. These games keep friends and families in touch, just like family game night used to. But Lamia knows that video games bring out a dark, competitive nature. This is brutally

explored in **Scavenger Hunt**.



As CEO of her father's game company, Caitlyn Nylo made Nylo Corporation a worldwide success, but at a cost. Along the way, she lost her marriage, and she rarely sees her twin daughters. Her job is her life, and it's the best game she's ever played.

After her eccentric father unexpectedly passes away, Caitlyn is stunned when she learns that instead of leaving the company to her, he has chosen to make his five heirs compete in one last game: a **Scavenger Hunt** with a twenty-billion-dollar inheritance waiting at the end. But it turns out that losing a life in this game is more than symbolic. When a live video shows the brutal murder of one of Caitlyn's greedy brothers, the surviving heirs discover a terrifying truth: someone is controlling the game.

Soon old secrets and sibling rivalry take a dark turn, as Caitlyn and the others confront the demons of their past in their search for clues. What began as a family scavenger hunt has been twisted into a maniacal death trap, from which the evil Game Master offers no escape. And when the game is over, only one of them will remain alive.

“... the action speeds to the exciting conclusion. This punchy and often witty novel will appeal to the game-player in everyone.”—*Publishers Weekly*

Dani Lamia has accepted the curse of a warped and deviant mind that bends reality, rending the fabric between the real and the unreal. Perhaps a form of schizophrenia, Dani prefers to think of it as wonderful inspiration for some deeply creepy but strangely intellectual horror stories that are pulled from those nightmarish visions. A student of the great horror writers (and filmmakers), Dani has turned a passion for twisted tales that unlock deep truths about humanity into a career focused on scaring the pants off readers.

Originally founded in 2006 with a focus on poetry, Level 4 Press has won nine literary gold medals and 24 finalist awards, including Forward Magazine Audiobook of the Year; Poetry Foundation Best Verse Drama; Bill Fisher Award for Best New Fiction; USA Book News Best Audiobook; Indie Excellence Awards for Best Poetry and Best Current Events Book; and Forward Magazine Book of the Year finalist.

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