Angel Cox, an ELA teacher at Watauga Middle School, has accomplished her dream to become a published author. Her first anthology, *A Day in the Dark*, was published in January. This is a collection of dark short stories. Her first novella, *The Ladies of New Salem*, was published this spring.

The story is a historical fiction that takes facts about the famous Voodoo princess, Maurie Laveau, and mixes it with the magic and fantasy that only New Orleans can conjure. Maurie Laveau was a woman that has been shrouded in mystery for two centuries. Her life as the most famous Voodoo princess is one that will live on forever. *The Ladies of New Salem* intertwines fact with fiction to tell a story of ghosts, Voodoo, witches, and the most fantastic city in all of North America, New Orleans. Her spirit can still be felt today in the shadows of the streets and in her resting place in Saint Louis Cemetery #1, which is visited by hundreds of people daily.

Angel traveled to New Orleans on September 6th for a book signing that took place in the same setting as the story. Thais Seville, the owner of Pirate's Alley Café, graciously hosted with William Faulkner's home as the backdrop for this event. The history and culture of New Orleans was the inspiration for the story, so it was only fitting to go back there for the author's book signing.

Both books can be found on Amazon in paperback and ebook formats.

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