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ABOUT ME

Natalie Kikić is a speculative fiction writer and daughter of immigrants from the former Yugoslavia. She holds a Bachelor's in Slavic Languages & Literatures and writes haunting and romantic fiction inspired by her heritage.

She is currently querying an Adult Gothic horror-romance novel titled *House of Lavender*.



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HOUSE OF LAVENDER

THE HACIENDA meets CROATIAN FOLKLORE

When Petra travels to Croatia for the first time, she expects to uncover the metaphorical ghosts of her immigrant mother's past. But the ghost she finds in her ancestral home is real—and it wants *vengeance*.

#vacationgothic #rotgirlsummer

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“This House is her
inheritance.
Her *roots.*
Her *blood.*”

She is *nothing* without it.”

COMPS

- The Hacienda
- The Witch of Tin Mountain
- She is a Haunting (but Adult)

HOUSE OF LAVENDER

Adult, Gothic Horror-Romance

Beware the House of Lavender—something dark blooms there.

2025, Croatia:

Petra Babić has always longed to know more about her mother’s past before coming to America. All she’s inherited are tales of loss, the untimely demise of her father and grandparents. But after her mother’s death, Petra discovers a shocking secret: her grandmother is actually alive. Searching for answers, Petra ventures to her ancestral home, known for its sprawling lavender field—and the spirit that haunts it.

1895:

Slut. Sinner. Witch. No matter how many people Magdalena Derokov heals, the rumors persist. So when she’s asked to heal the matriarch of the grand House of Lavender, she sees a chance to gain a new reputation, and maybe even love. Yet the malaise afflicting the house is more than mere sickness. When her healing efforts fail, resulting in heartbreak and betrayal, she seeks eternal revenge against the family that ruined her.

Back in the present, Petra investigates the hauntings with the help of a handsome local named Luka. But when she uncovers Magdalena’s mission to kill all those her family loves, she realizes Luka may be her next victim. To finally end her family’s curse, Petra must vanquish Magdalena—and confront the true darkness of her inheritance.



ABOUT

Originally from California, Natalie Kikić grew up on stories of her parents' life in the former Yugoslavia. Her passion for her heritage led her to earn a Bachelor's in Slavic Languages & Literatures from the University of California, Berkeley. Natalie's work explores Balkan folklore, belonging, and hauntings, both ghostly and romantic.

When not writing, Natalie can typically be found wrapped in a blanket with a cup of chai, meticulously planning her next travel itinerary, or hyperfixating on a new hobby. She currently resides in Massachusetts with her husband and two polydactyl cats.

(Kikić is pronounced *Kee-kitch*)

SHORT WORK

FOR THE PRICE OF ONE NIGHTMARE

Haven Speculative

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<https://www.havenspec.com/for-the-price-of-one-nightmare>)

MY GRANDFATHER IS A...

Women Write the Balkans*

(Forthcoming)





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