



## **Polly and the One and Only World: A Novel**

**Don Bredes**

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A next generation cli-fi fantasy, *Polly and the One and Only World*, by Don Bredes, introduces fifteen-year-old Polly Lightfoot and her raven, Balthazar, both on a mission to transport an irreplaceable grimoire through treacherous wastelands, government-controlled checkpoints, and hostile territories. Putting a futuristic spin on past events, Polly's migration parallels themes from the Salem Witch Trials, complete with heretics, religious zealots, and witches and mages burnt at the stake.

Pursued by the FTB (Faith and Truth Board), Polly finds an ally, travelling companion, and possibly more in Leon, who has some interesting skills of his own. Constantly battling the nature of good versus evil, Polly and Leon engage in refreshingly open debates about the state of the new regime and the world around them, "We're just specks, Leon. Tiny specks in an ocean of space and time." Deep thinkers as well as action and risk takers, Polly, Leon, and Balthazar lead the way in a fight for freedom, individuality, and change that is just as relevant today as it was years ago in Salem—and certainly will be in years to come.

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