

# THE QUICKENING D.B. Winston · Library Sell Sheet

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## Hook

The Dominion turned magic into licensed property. Now the control grid is failing, and three fugitives are being hunted for what they know and what they are.

## Summary

For three hundred years, the Dominion has enforced order through the Lattice—towers, bindings, and a suppression net that makes power measurable, taxable, and punishable. Now the bindings are slipping. A boy with strength the Lattice can't explain, a younger boy who can unmake magic with a thought, and a princess who survived the Dominion's tuning and knows what the Lattice is really doing are hunted across a fractured continent with knowledge the empire can't allow to exist.

## What Makes It Different

Magic-as-infrastructure: licensed practitioners, suppression grids, towers with failure modes. The trilogy examines three competing answers to the same question: who controls power, and at what cost.

## Why Patrons Will Check It Out

High-concept magic system plus chase momentum. Clear rules, real consequences — the Lattice suppresses magic the way a government controls information. Series starter with political complexity and character arcs that don't reset between books.

**Themes:** Authoritarian control, institutional failure, appropriation of natural resources, power economics, resistance, found family.

**Series:** Book 1 of 3 (Chaos and Order). Book 2 in progress.

**Content Notes:** Moderate–strong fantasy violence. References to imprisonment and authoritarian oppression. Coerced magical procedures under authoritarian control. No profanity. No explicit sexual content. No sexual assault.

**Audience:** Adult (Trade/General). Crossover appeal for older YA.

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