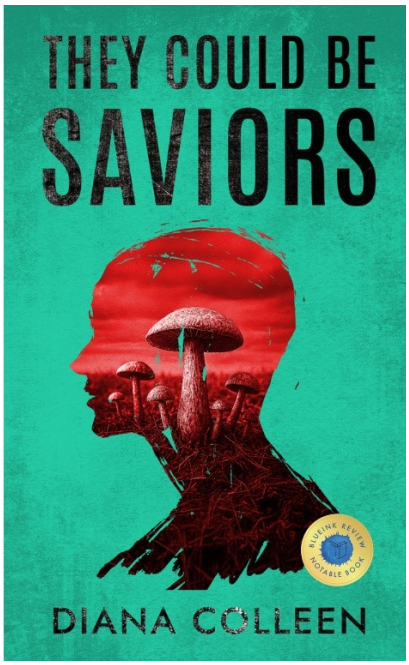
THEY COULD BE SAVIORS

DIANA COLLEEN | FIVE-TIME AWARD-WINNING NEAR-FUTURE ECO-THRILLER



FIVE KIDNAPPED BILLIONAIRES. NO RANSOM.

A hidden compound. A sisterhood of psychedelic therapists determined to make the men who broke the planet fix it.

Josh Latham, CEO of the world's largest corporation, is abducted alongside four other billionaires. Their captor, Mel, believes these men could solve climate change if psychedelic therapy can make them care about something beyond money and power.

But Mel is drinking again, time is running out, and her plan is unraveling. As the captives resist and the stakes escalate, everyone must confront how far they are willing to go to save the planet.

If the mission fails, nobody goes home. Not the billionaires. Not the women who took them.

The story in one sentence

What if the only way to save the planet is to kidnap the billionaires destroying it?

At a glance

Genre: Near-future eco-thriller • Publisher: PLH Press • Published: January 13, 2026

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For readers of Nine Perfect Strangers, Black Mirror, and Margaret Atwood.

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About Diana Colleen

Short bio (approximately 55 words)

Diana Colleen is a Canadian novelist and psychedelic facilitator based in Kelowna, British Columbia. Her own experience with psychedelic-assisted therapy inspired They Could Be Saviors, her five-time award-winning debut novel about climate change, billionaire power, and the possibility of transformation. She believes hope is the consequence of action.

Medium bio

Diana Colleen is a Canadian novelist and psychedelic facilitator born and raised in Kamloops, British Columbia. After a traumatic event, she moved to Seattle and spent much of her adult life in Washington State before returning home to British Columbia in 2026. In 2018, psychedelic-assisted therapy helped her through a profound personal crisis and changed her understanding of what transformation could look like. That experience inspired They Could Be Saviors, her five-time award-winning near-future eco-thriller about billionaire power, climate accountability, and the possibility of change. She believes hope is the consequence of action. Colleen is also running for U.S. president in 2028; she identifies as Canadian and is constitutionally eligible to run.

Long bio

Diana Colleen is a Canadian novelist and psychedelic facilitator born and raised in Kamloops, British Columbia. After a traumatic event, she moved to Seattle and spent much of her adult life in Washington State, returning home to British Columbia in 2026 and settling in Kelowna.

In 2018, psychedelic-assisted therapy helped Colleen through a profound personal crisis after years of trying to put earlier trauma behind her. The experience changed her life and opened up possibilities she had struggled to imagine. It eventually inspired her debut novel, They Could Be Saviors, in which a sisterhood of psychedelic therapists kidnaps five billionaires in a desperate attempt to confront the climate crisis.

The five-time award-winning near-future eco-thriller confronts the psychology of extreme wealth and asks why the people with the greatest power to address climate change are not expected to do more. Colleen writes for readers who are angry about the state of the world but unwilling to give up on it. Her guiding belief is that hope is the consequence of action.

Colleen is also running for president of the United States in 2028. She identifies as Canadian, lives in Canada, and is constitutionally eligible to run. Her campaign gives her another platform to discuss issues she believes deserve greater attention.

Awards & Critical Acclaim

They Could Be Saviors has received five literary awards. The Kirkus “Get It” designation is a separate critical distinction, not counted as one of the five awards.

Five awards



Literary Titan Gold Book Award



Readers’ Favorite Book Award Winner



BlueInk Review Notable Book



Firebird Book Award Winner



Digital Books Today — First Place

Selected editorial reviews

“A unique and compelling exploration of topical issues.”

— Kirkus Reviews — “Get It” designation

“Unputdownable”

— Independent Book ReviewRead full review

“This is a well-plotted, expertly written story.”

— BlueInk ReviewRead full review

“Fans of Black Mirror, Margaret Atwood, or Chuck Palahniuk will probably devour it.”

— Literary TitanRead full review

“A must-read for lovers of smart, idea-driven thrillers and morally complex characters.”

— The Prairies Book ReviewRead full review

“It is one of those books you wish had happened in real life.”

— Readers’ FavoriteRead full review

Selected appearances

KOMO 4 News • The BookFest author chats • Reader Nation 2026 signing author • Tacoma Lit Fest signing author • Authors on Fire Podcast • Shake It Off with Mert and Lucas Live • Psychedelic Scene

Interview Resources

Suggested interview angles

Billionaire-ism and the double standard of accumulation When someone's home is packed floor to ceiling with possessions they will never use, we recognize that compulsive hoarding can signal a mental health condition. Yet when someone accumulates more wealth than they could spend in multiple lifetimes, society often celebrates it. Why do we judge these forms of accumulation so differently? Colleen uses 'billionaire-ism is a mental illness' as a provocative social critique, not a clinical diagnosis.

Billionaire accountability for climate change Why ask eight billion people to change their individual behavior while giving the world's roughly 3,400 billionaires comparatively little scrutiny? Colleen argues that changing the behavior of those with extraordinary wealth, consumption, and corporate influence could have far greater impact—and that those who helped cause the damage should be held accountable for fixing it.

Psychedelic therapy, trauma, and hope How Colleen's personal experiences informed her fiction and her belief that hope follows action.

A Canadian novelist running for U.S. president Why is a Canadian novelist born and raised in Canada constitutionally eligible to run for president of the United States, and what does she want to discuss through her 2028 campaign?

Suggested interview questions

- Why is accumulating possessions beyond any possible use recognized as a problem, while accumulating more wealth than one could spend in several lifetimes is celebrated?
- Why do you believe the world's roughly 3,400 billionaires should bear greater responsibility for the climate crisis than billions of individual consumers?
- How did psychedelic-assisted therapy influence the novel's premise and characters?
- Why write a hopeful story about climate change?
- What led you, as a Canadian born and raised in Canada, to run for U.S. president in 2028?
- What conversations do you hope the novel and your campaign will spark?

Press materials & requests

Interviews, review copies, editorial images, book-club conversations, and author appearances may be requested by email. A companion discussion guide is available free to Hopefuls newsletter subscribers or for purchase on Amazon.

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