



Autokrator **A Novel by Emily A. Weedon**

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I am a gender criminal. I am Unmale, yet I write as though I am a person. Autokrator is the story of my crime.

Born nameless, in a rigid, autocratic society that has relegated all women to non-person status – Unmales – two women fight against their invisibility.

The disappearance of yet another Domestic means Cera must take on extra duties and tend the rooms of The Cratorling, the young successor to the autocracy. Face-to-face with him, Cera realizes he is her son, taken from her at birth. She vows to make herself known to him, no matter the cost.

Driven by a Machiavellian mind and ego, Tiresius has successfully hidden her Unmale status in plain sight for years. She rose through the ranks of the autocracy to reach the highest levels of government. She revels in the power she has attained, but her ruse makes her a gender criminal, an act punishable by death.

Both Cera and Tiresius are determined to achieve their goals, but, for better or worse, their actions begin to dismantle the framework and foundations of the autocracy itself.

Hopeful and cautionary, *Autokrator* reimagines gender and power in society against the backdrop of an epic, deeply etched, speculative world.

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