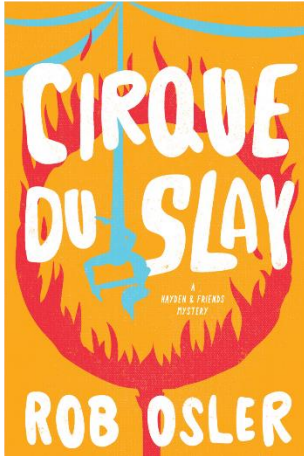


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When swanky circus Mysterium comes to Seattle it brings aerialists, acrobats, magicians, a Michelin-star dinner . . . and murder!

About Cirque du Slay

The circus becomes the stage for a high-profile murder investigation.

With quirky LGBTQ+ amateur sleuths, *Cirque du Slay* will delight readers looking for a madcap mystery with high-flying excitement!

Pint-sized Seattle middle school teacher and gay dating blogger Hayden McCall and his best friend Hollister are invited to a fundraiser for Bakers Without Borders. The celebrity performer, Kennedy Osaka, is the artistic director of Mysterium, an upscale circus arts show combining magic, acrobatics, and a Michelin-star dinner. But Kennedy is a no-show—until she's found dead in her hotel suite.

When frenemy Sarah Lee is discovered in the room with the body, Hayden and Hollister are on the case to find the real culprit before Sarah Lee is charged with the crime.

The suspects for the murder are as unique as Mysterium itself: a Russian trapeze artist, a cowgirl comedian sharp-shooter, an over-cologned operations director, a feisty, green-haired costume manager, and *Adrenalin!*, a sexy troop of Romanian male acrobats... If Hayden and Hollister are to clear Sarah Lee of suspicion, they'll have to outsmart a killer for whom trickery is art.

Praise for Hayden & Friends Book #1: Devil's Chew Toy



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