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Irmgarde Brown Announces Independent Campaign for
Children in the City of Czars: A Novel

After the successful debut of her novel, **Sister Jane**, and its companion, **Sister Jane's Lenten Journal,** Irmgarde Brown announces her next anticipated book, **Children in the City of Czars, A Novel,** which will go on sale early December 2023.

The book chronicles the struggles of three siblings in Post-Soviet Union on the street life and in the broken orphanage system. Orphaned by the death of their mother to tuberculosis, the oldest, Fedya, tries his best to care for his younger sisters, but fails. When he surrenders them to the orphanages, he believes they will be safe, but instead one is bullied and nearly killed while the youngest is adopted out of the country illegally. Fedya joins a street gang that has a major run-in with one of the most powerful mafia organizations in the city of St. Petersburg. Although he survives the massacre of his cohort, he is hounded across the city and into Latvia by the boss's henchman. Despite their difficult circumstances, the siblings have a quixotic hold on hope that they will be reunited again one day.

The book has strong coming-of-age and family life themes. Although it is aimed for adults, it has a strong crossover to older YA's. The book will soon be available for pre-publication orders on most online bookstores.

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