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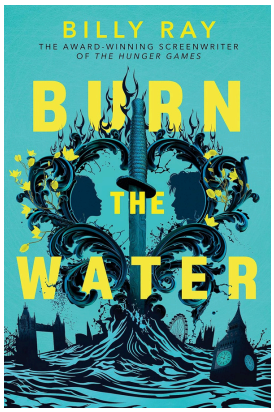

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Burn the Water by Billy Ray

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

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What's It About?

The year is 2425 and London is underwater. Three hundred years ago, rising oceans drowned a vast majority of the English Isle. London is now a jungle of dead skyscrapers and submerged streets. Fighting over the scraps of a world none can remember, two Houses -- the Crowns and the Rogues -- have been at war for three centuries. Rafe is the Rogue army's fiercest captain. Jule is the Crown army's deadliest soldier. They are vicious and merciless, courageous and beloved by their Houses. They are sworn enemies. And then they fall in love. It's a death sentence. But their love is all-consuming. As Rafe and Jule try to keep each other alive in their war-torn world, they are forced to confront new, horrifying threats to their loved ones while the hatred between their Houses only grows. When mysterious foreigners appear on their shores, the warring factions may destroy each other, unless their two most ruthless soldiers can convince everyone to come together & save them all.

Who Wrote It?

Billy Ray is an Academy Award-nominated screenwriter, director, and novelist known for crafting powerful, character-driven stories for both film and print. He wrote the screenplay for the blockbuster film The Hunger Games as well as Sunrise on the Reaping and earned an Oscar nomination for his work on Captain Phillips. His other credits include Shattered Glass, Breach, Richard Jewell, and the television series The Comey Rule. After decades in Hollywood storytelling, Ray expanded into young adult fiction with his debut novel Burn the Water, an epic dystopian romance set in a flooded future London. Across all mediums, his work explores courage, loyalty, and the human choices that shape history. Billy is also a big sports fan, specifically baseball. Check out the Word Nerd's conversation with Billy in this episode of 5 for 5!

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