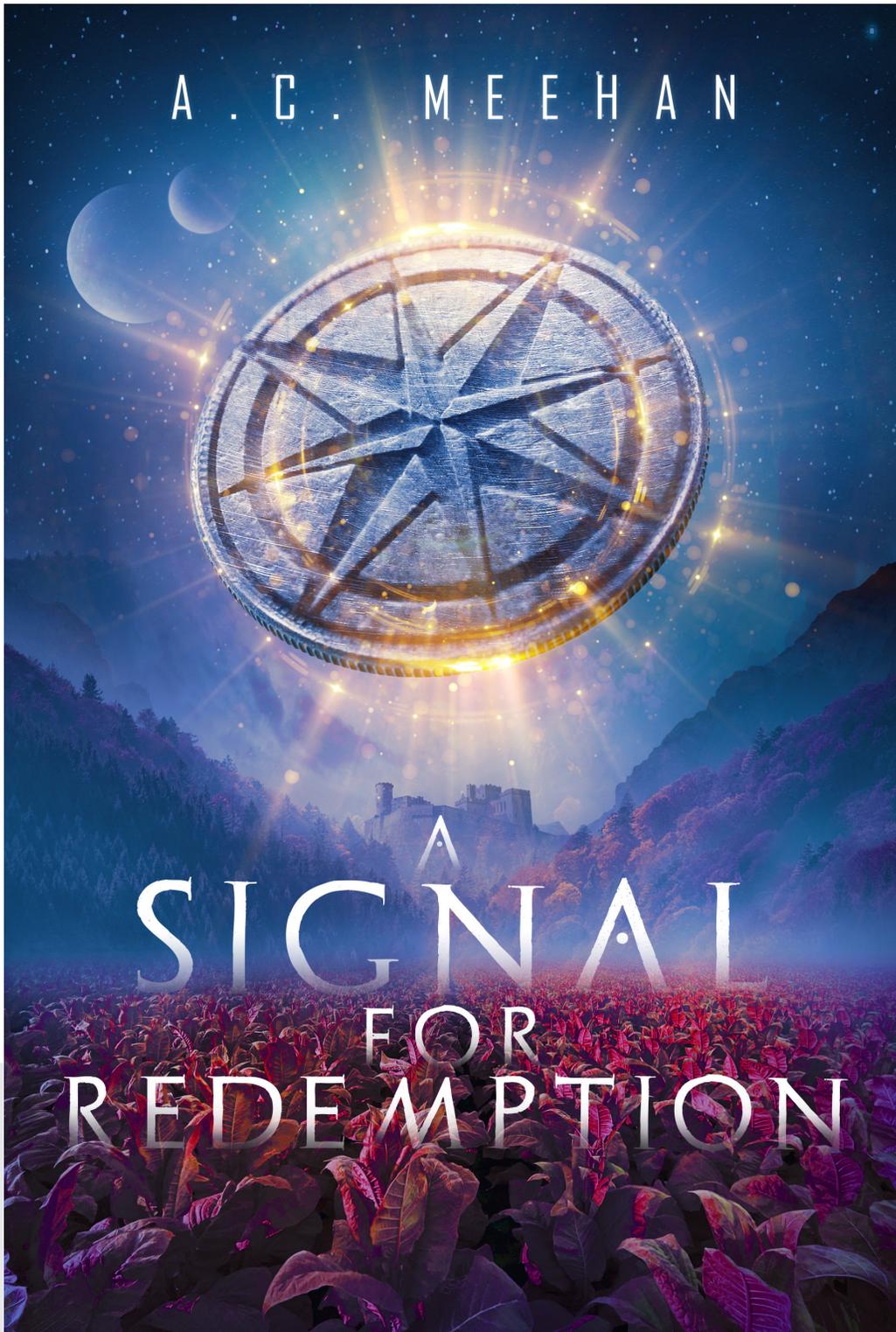


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Author Biography

A. C. Meehan is a science fiction author – and word-loving, language-obsessed writer, editor, and strategic communicator.

Amanda C. Meehan writes science fiction focused on people and centered on emotion. She graduated from Kenyon College (the world’s perfect environment for writers) with a bachelor’s degree in English, and after a few years in the real world, earned an interdisciplinary master’s degree in Communication, Culture, and Technology from Georgetown University.

Her professional career has spanned a wide range of industries, including aerospace, biotechnology, financial services, and manufacturing. Throughout, her work has been at the intersection of science and communications, focused on helping people understand and relate to specialized, technical topics in a strategic context.

As a novelist, Amanda puts this experience to use in crafting stories that combine sharp observation and an exploration of individual perspective. Her new novel, *A Signal for Redemption*, will be published in early 2022.



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Book Details

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CATEGORY: Science Fiction

In the distant future, Piers Haldon is the last, best hope for *Redemption*: an interplanetary ark ship bringing settlers to their new home. As they orbit the planet, the Empath is charged with a critical mission: scout the planet and find a way for the ship to avoid catastrophe.

Arriving a thousand years behind schedule, after a failure in the ship's time-drive, the rundown and overcrowded vessel can no longer support the settlers who have called it home for generations. But, on arrival, the settlers realize all is not as it should be on the planet's surface.

The settlers expected a technologically advanced civilization, and are shocked to discover a bygone feudal society of swords, blacksmiths, and horse-drawn carriages. Missing the vital technology that they so desperately need, they have no way to land. Piers must find others on the planet who share his psionic ability while navigating a dangerous world—one ruled by rebellious noble families on the brink of war. Finding the Empaths and channeling their collective psychic force is the only chance he has of guiding the ship to a safe landing. But, should he fail, those on ark ship will be doomed to a fiery end.

Piers knows that he can't save the ark ship on his own, but, for the sake of the passengers on *Redemption*, he's willing to do what it takes, or die trying.

A Signal for Redemption is the first book in the New Foundation Project series by A.C. Meehan. The book will be available as an eBook and paperback on Amazon in early 2022.

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Chapter Excerpt

EXCERPTED FROM CHAPTER 7

Piers tried to make sure he didn't look in any one direction for too long, and to focus on his food for long intervals between rounds. No one was paying much attention to anyone else, so he figured it wouldn't be the most prudent thing to just stare at *everything* interesting. And by all the shining stars, everything was interesting. There were probably thirty or forty people here – and not a single person he knew. On the very rare occasions on *Redemption* when he'd been around people he didn't know, there'd always been some he knew well in the mix, too. Now here were forty people who had stories and experiences he couldn't possibly imagine. How could he not stare?

He was down to the last swallow or two of the telik, which was soothing. As he tipped the mug back, he closed his eyes, braced himself and dropped his psi screens. Crowds, even just groups, could sometimes fill his mind so fast the headache came without warning. In this whole room full of seemingly relaxed people, there would surely be a few who were hiding stronger feelings.

Nothing. Not even the soft, blurry background sort of energy he always – always – felt on the ship when he was this Open. Piers Reached, indiscriminately; not many of *Redemption's* Empaths could do that. Usually Reaching was directed at someone in particular, a sort of empathic tap on the shoulder. After his psi ability had been activated, it had taken Piers a while to understand that most others couldn't do what he could do, keeping the signal of his Reach focused enough to carry his own emotions toward no specific destination.

Still nothing. One last thing to try. He Scanned. This, too, he could do without a target, though it was harder, and more of a strain. There was something! Faint – feeble, even – and gone before he could Reach out to it. It was like seeing a shadow disappear around a corner, a glimpse that revealed neither shape nor source. The flat psychic silence from before settled back into Piers's awareness even as he stretched to follow the trace of someone that he was sure he'd felt. He felt shaky, like he'd just done something dangerous, and maybe he still wasn't safe. Screening didn't feel like enough; he started Blocking to deliberately push away any psi touch that might come.

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Main Characters

Piers Haldon is the 28-year-old son of the current captain of the ark ship Redemption, and he's been sent to the planet as a landing scout. Since he is a powerful Empath, he has an additional mission: to find other people with psionic ability, and channel their collective psychic force to guide the ship to a safe landing. Determined to play his part in Redemption's legacy, Piers is ready to face the unknown and navigate a new world – but he wasn't counting on having to do it completely on his own.

Davyn Ralen was raised alongside a nobleman's son and trained to be part of the Queen's Guard, but an accident drove him to seek his fortune elsewhere. He treasures three possessions: a unique dagger, a small talisman, and the horse that once belonged to his late foster brother. Now, at 21, he's the stablemaster at a livery inn and he's finally getting used to the quiet life. When his adopted family is struck by a deadly virus, the inn's horses – and his own – are stolen, and a girl is kidnapped from the inn, he can't just hope someone else will save the day.

Ariisa of House Aryn is eighteen and contracted to be married to a rich lord she's never met. She'd rather stay home and protect her ancestral House from the predatory politics of a would-be king. When she is separated from the escort taking her to her betrothed, she has an unexpected opportunity to join a group of like-minded nobles who are ready to fight back.

Rane of House Wyth is worried about his older brother, the heir, who is going along with their powerful neighbor's machinations and seems to be aligned with the wrong politics. Rane has been trying to avoid having to choose between supporting his brother and fighting against tyranny, but when it becomes a matter of saving his friends' lives, the decision is made. He'll fight his brother if that's what it takes to preserve everything else that matters.

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Sample Interview Questions

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What authors have influenced you most?

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Where did the idea for this book come from?

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What's your next project?

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How do you think your communications career impacts your writing?

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What drew you to science fiction?

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How do you approach the balance between plot and character?

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When did you know you wanted to be a novelist?

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How do you make time to write?

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What's the theme of the book, and why is it important to you?

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Is there a character you most identify with?

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Target Audience

READERS OF SCIENCE FICTION

Readers who enjoy character-driven, light science fiction will be drawn into this story as Empath Piers Haldon struggles to save the ark ship Redemption. In this futuristic tale, readers will find themselves invested in exploring this narrative as it weaves through the experiences of its four main characters.



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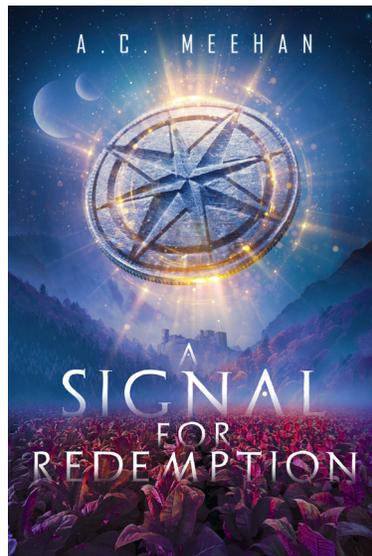
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