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**Trust what you see, not what you're told.**

In a society where males are obsolete, a woman's gifts are carefully engineered by members of the Weave. Girls like Dinitra, engineered by Sowers, are assigned their life purpose when they turn sixteen.

But sometimes, the Sowers get things wrong.

Dinitra's assignment takes her far from home to a colony where she uncovers the Weave's ugliest secrets. Tasked with training a fearsome mutant battle dog, she learns that her real purpose is something the Sowers never could have predicted. A resistance is growing, and the rebels are creating humans of their own—including males—and aim to topple the Weave in a brutal attack. Dinitra's loyalty is tested when she's captured by the rebels and develops a dangerous bond with a male warrior—a shameful crime that she may pay for with her life. In the final battle, she must choose a side: but can she live with what that means for those she loves?

Fans of *The Hunger Games* and *The Rule of One* will delight in this heart-pounding dystopian adventure.

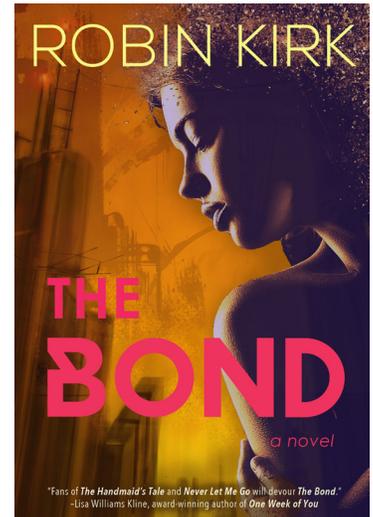
**Praise for *The Bond***

"Fans of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Never Let Me Go* will devour *The Bond*." -Lisa Williams Kline, award-winning author of *One Week of You*

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