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NEW SPECULATIVE THRILLER ASKS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HUMAN WORTH BECOMES A SCORE

Colorado | June 2026 — Debut author CJ Arlow has released ***THE ALGO***, a speculative thriller set in a near-future Denver where algorithms measure human worth, creativity is treated as inefficiency, and every citizen's life is shaped by an Efficiency Score.

The story follows Jordan Reese, analyst at the Joint Nexus Administration, as she discovers the mission she's dedicated her life to may be designed to eliminate human choice. A series of glitches, hidden messages, and forbidden acts of creativity begin to reveal something darker beneath the promise of progress.

THE ALGO blends dystopian suspense with a timely question: what happens when the systems designed to help people quietly begin deciding who they are allowed to become?

The book includes immersive transmedia elements that extend the story beyond the page, including an interactive Efficiency Score tool that lets readers experience a fictional version of the scoring system at the center of the story.

"*THE ALGO* started with a question I couldn't shake," said Arlow. "What happens when human worth becomes a score? The Efficiency Score tool lets readers explore that question as they step inside the story."

Professional reviews have praised *THE ALGO* for both its pace and relevance. **Kirkus Reviews** called it "an engaging cautionary tale of what could lie ahead in a tech-saturated world" and gave the book its "Get It" verdict. **IndieReader** named *THE ALGO* "IndieReader Approved," calling it "impossible to put down" and a debut that "will leave readers thinking long after the final page."

Available now through Amazon. Media kit: cjarlow.com.

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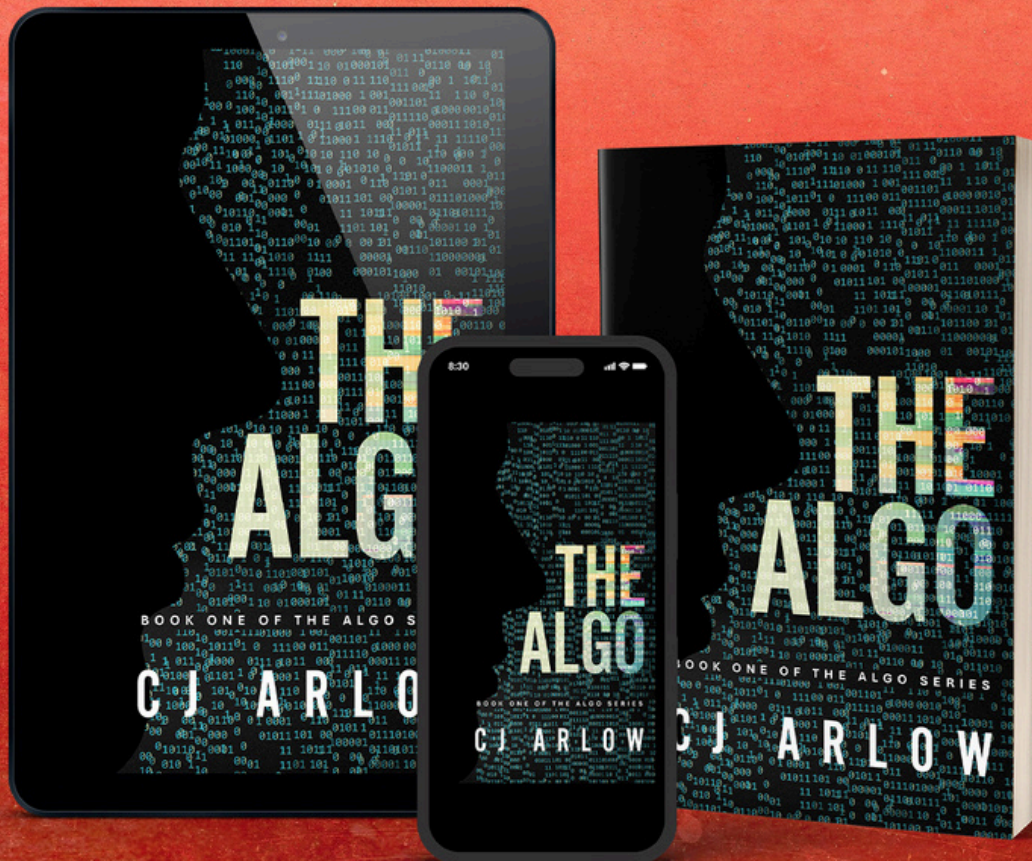
CJ Arlow writes speculative fiction exploring technology, creativity, human nature, and the systems shaping modern life. *THE ALGO* is his debut novel and first book in a planned trilogy.

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FREEDOM IS A GLITCH.

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