

NEW ORLEANS, 1846: The reigning Voodoo queen is Marie Laveau, feared by her enemies and followers alike. Her daughter, Marie “Ree” Laveau the Second, is everything the cutthroat and principled queen is not—spoiled and entitled, with a wickedly rebellious streak—and defies her mother at every turn. But Ree’s world is turned upside down when she finds Marie comatose in the bayou, cursed by exiled Voodoo king Jon the Conjurer—Marie’s former teacher and lover, and her greatest enemy.

As Marie hovers on the brink of death, Ree races to uncover the secrets of her mother’s life in search of a cure, and gradually reveals a web of alliances, dangers, and deception. What’s worse, Henryk Broussard, Ree’s long-missing childhood best friend, returns as a witch-hunter of the Church, tasked with investigating her. With so many enemies circling, including a puritanical brotherhood of alchemists and the slave-holding mayor of the city, Ree must confront the past and face her mother’s demons that have now become her own—or die trying.

Told in alternating timelines—Ree’s journey in the present and Marie’s rise to power twenty-five years earlier—*The Quarter Queen* is an intimate yet epic portrait of a mother and daughter who have struggled all their lives to understand each other, and a captivating exploration of racism, family, and womanhood.

KAYLA HARDY is a mythology expert and multi-hyphenate author and screenwriter of Louisiana Creole descent. She earned a doctorate in English, specializing in creative writing and African American literature, from Binghamton University. Hardy is an adjunct professor at Binghamton University and an accomplished scholar of Black folklore, mythology, and Voodoo. *The Quarter Queen* is her first novel.

Read by Angel Pean and Adenrele Ojo



Runtime: 16h. 16m. • Unabridged

© 2026 Kayla Hardy. © 2026 Penguin Random House LLC. All rights reserved. Random House Audio, an imprint of the Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group. 1745 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. RANDOM HOUSE® is a registered trademark of Penguin Random House LLC. Jacket design and illustration: Sophia Chunn. www.penguinrandomhouseaudio.com



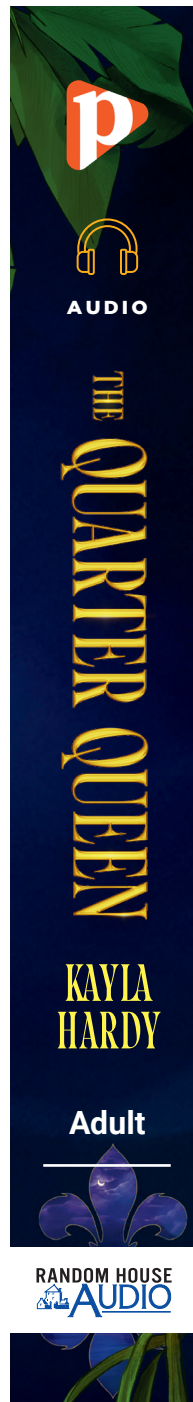
© 2026 Playaway. Patented.
All rights reserved.
31999 Aurora Road, Solon, OH 44139 USA
Designed in Ohio. Made in China.
www.playaway.com

The Playaway format is recommended for children ages 5 and up.

47699
ISBN 979-8-3317-1741-4



9 798331 717414



PLAYAWAY
THE ALL-IN-ONE AUDIOBOOK

