



Nicole Boyle Rødtnes **The City of the Black Widow (1)**



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*The City of the Black Widow* is the first book in a dramatic dystopian YA trilogy set in the city of Viduana.

**Nicole Boyle Rødtnes** (born 1985) is a popular Danish children's book and YA writer

**SYNOPSIS**

In Viduana, men and women live parallel lives under strict control. The city is ruled by three widows who have everyone in their iron grip. Outside the city walls, war is raging and people are desperately lining up to be admitted to the safety of the city. Only very few succeed.

Clara, Silas and Emma have lived in Viduana since they were small children. Each of the now face terrible predicaments:

**Clara** is turning 18 and she must participate in the city's procreation program.

**Silas** lives on the men's side where he works as a slave. His visions of a better future can only come true if he sacrifices what he holds the dearest.

When **Emma's** mum dies, she moves in with what turns out to be her grandmother: the merciless leader of the city, the Black Widow. But Emma carries a secret that could be her end if anyone finds out.

Clara, Silas and Emma have no other choice but to challenge the tyranny to escape the shackles.

*Welcome to Viduana where being in love is forbidden and every attempt to escape is punished with death.*



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