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### A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Reader,

Another year has come and gone. So much has happened and changed over the last twelve months, so many things I could've never imagined. It's been a learning curve year, and I appreciate you guys hanging in there with me while I adapt to this career & new growth. It hasn't been the easiest year, but it's been exciting, and I know there's more fun ahead.

My schedule for 2024 is fairly set. We're just tweaking it some now as we detail each project, event, and the things we're learning are yearly or quarterly happenings. In the midst of travel and other general chaos, I have a ton of writing / editing to do to meet my deadlines, so now I not only have Nicki as my PA, I've also trained two assistants (RoyeAnn and Brooke) to run the Etsy shop, and I'm working on hiring a social media guru so I don't fall behind on content. Hopefully, this additional help will provide a cushion since this is going to be a "hibernate and work" year for me when I'm not on the road. What I need most is time, so this should help.

Outside of planning for 2024, I'm still editing and \*trying\* to get into the holiday spirit! Covid and illness have been in my house, so it hasn't been the best month so far, but we're on the mend! I always feel excitement this time of year, especially as I look ahead. I hope you do too!

Thanks for being here and for your unwavering support through the date changes with Kingdom. You guys get me through the times that feel impossible. You have my eternal love.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy this quarter's gazette! Don't miss the holiday card art download inside!

~ Charissa

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### **KINGDOM OF THE FORGOTTEN PREORDER INCENTIVE**

Kingdom of the Forgotten arrives March 12, 2024 and readers of the Witch Walker series cannot wait!

A preorder incentive will be announced in January and will consist of.

- A soft-touch art print mailed directly to customers who order signed print copies via Etsy February 15 - March 15
- A digital art print mailed for all submitted ebook preorders

There are four art pieces currently commissioned through Jemlin



NEW DATE: 3.12.24

that will be revealed in January. Where to provide proof of preorder will be announced at that time. Links for places to preorder the book can be found on Charissa's online links here.



Since the *Kingdom of the Forgotten* release date is being pushed to March 12th, Charissa won't be taking signed book pre-orders for book four until February 15- March 15. Books should ship in early April. All four books will be available at that time in paperback and hardback.

While the Etsy shop is always open, signed books will only be available 3 times next year. We recommend liking the shop on <u>Etsy</u> if you want a notification when new items are added.

### **BOOKSHOP.ORG**

Did you know when you buy from bookshop.org you raise money for local and independent bookstores? And, if the author is an affiliate, they're paid 10% more than other platforms? Charissa's landing page for this can be found <u>HERE</u>.

If you can, help support local bookstores by shopping local and small for the holiday season.

# LIT HAVEN BOOKTIQUE SIGNATURE EDITION

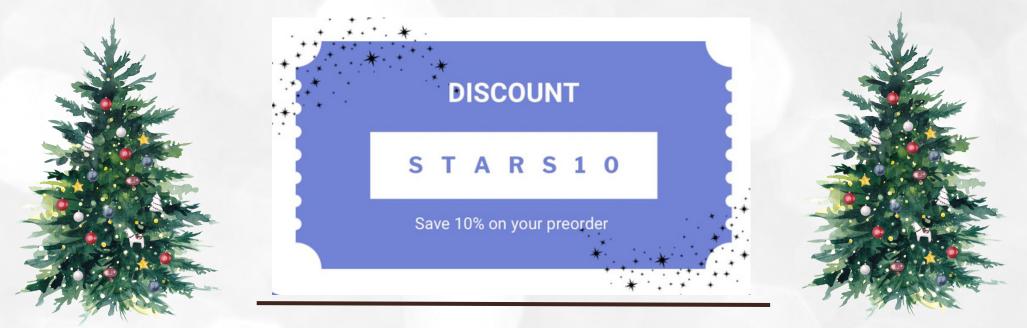


• THIS EDITION INCLUDES:

Lithaven Booktique blew everyone away when they revealed their special edition of The Witch Collector. To see all the details as well as the art on the reversible dust jacket be sure to go to <u>LitHavenBooktique's website</u>.

This special edition is in the preorder stage only and is set to ship June 2024, but the preorder only lasts until 12/28/23, so sneak in one extra gift for yourself for the holidays. See code below for a discount!

- Exclusive Hardcover case with foiling, and/or specialty print finishes
- Exclusive Double-Sided Dust Jacket with foiled details on the outside, & scene-specific artwork on the inside
- A bound "to the reader" Author Letter
- Gorgeous End Sheets
- Hand-signed tip-in sheets on the first 1500 books sold, anything exceeding 1500 will include a Digital Signature only.
- Exclusive detailed Interior Formatting
- Edge add-on option \* Edge add-ons will be available to everyone



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# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

### WHAT WE'RE READING



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CHARISSA: After seeing this book around, and upon Nicki's rec, I finally downloaded it and was instantly hooked. This book is right up my alley, with gorgeous prose and wonderful worldbuilding. I've researched ancient Ireland so much, so this book makes me happy! Have you read it? Even though I'm only a handful of chapters in, I have a feeling it's going to be a phenomenal read!

NICKI: After a slight reading slump, I picked up this beauty by Alexis L Menard. A fantasy romance filled with tropes like: found family, morally grey MMC, spice, rivals to lovers, marriage of convenience, and deadly family secrets. This might be a top read of the year for me.

### BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES



For dystopian fantasy lovers and lovers of The Hunger Games trilogy, this movie hit theaters a few weeks ago and has been circling social media.

Following Coriolanus Snow, the villain from the Hunger Games, before he became president and Lucy Gray Baird the tribute from district 12.

The movie is giving readers nostalgia and exceitment with relatively positive reviews from critcics and movie goers. This begs the question, is dystopian fantasy about to make a comeback?

### A GIFT TO YOU!

This art of Raina, Hel, and Nephele from City of Ruin, made by Millie @scribbbubbles on Instagram, got a little holiday kick this year! Download a copy!



# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

### **CASTLE IN THE SKY**

Castleinthesky Art on Etsy will be offering a fun art bundle in the new year for Witch Collector fans. One of these will be character overlays. For updates follow @castleintheskyy and watch her <u>Etsy page</u>!

#### FOLLOW ON IG HERE

### **IMAGINE BOOK SHOP**

Imagine Book Shop has Witch Walker series merch in the works for 2024! Bookmarks, prints, and overlays are in development and on the way. Follow Imagine on their <u>Etsy</u> and instagram pages for updates.

### Follow on IG Here

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#### FRENCHILLUSIKATEDEDITION



The Witch Walker French illustrated edition has been revealed. This will release in May 2024. An illustrated hardback with digital edges as well as the icon-covered paperback will be available.

# OPENING 1/1/24

ATTENTION! Are you a licensed business looking to make and sell your own Witch Walker products? An application for all potential merch partners will be opening at the beginning of January 2024.

All requirements can be found in the application.



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# TRAVEL & LEISURE WHERE YOU CAN FIND CHARISSA IN 2024



Readers have been making plans to see their favorite authors in 2024, and if Charissa is on your list, then here are all the places she will be in 2024. Get your tickets, pack your bags, place those preorders, and come meet one of your favorite fantasy authors.

2023

RARE Paris: April 6, 2024

**Events**:

<u>Apollycon Washington DC</u>: April 25 - 28, 2024 <u>Utopiacon Nashville,TN</u>: June 21 - 22, 2024 <u>RARE Edinburgh</u>: September 6 - 7, 2024 <u>Romantasy Bookcon Orlando, FL</u>: October 3 - 5, 2024



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## LIFE & STYLE

### CHARISSA'S FAVORITE Holiday Recipe: Brownie Affogato





This recipe is so easy and so delicious! We make it every year. All you need is:

- Brownies (I make a fudgy pan full with extra chocoloate chips)
- Vanilla bean ice cream (or any ice cream!)
- A hot espresso shot or two
- Fudge, caramel, chocolate chips or chocolate shavings

Just place your warm brownie in a coffee mug, top with a scoop or two of ice cream, then pour your espresso on top and add extra toppings if desired. I promise, this is an easy, elegant little dessert!

### CHARISSA'S FRUIT TEA

4 Large Black Tea Bags (steeped in 6 cups of water with 4 cinnamon sticks and 2-3 tbsp whole cloves)
1 can frozen orange juice (no pulp)
1 can frozen lemonade
1/2 can frozen pineapple juice
1/2 tsp Ground cinnamon
1/2 Ground cloves

Steep or boil your tea with cinnamon sticks and whole cloves. Pour into a l-gallon pitcher. I leave my sticks and cloves in and remove them later! Add juices and ground spices and stir well. Add enough water to fill the pitcher (3 / 4 full

for thicker, fruittier tea). If needed, you can add sugar and more spice. Serve hot with a cinnamon stick.



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### FANTASY AUTHOR FEATURE: JENNY HICKMAN

Are you a fan of fated mates, morally gray men, and witty banter? Then <u>Jenny Hickman</u> might be the author for you. Readers have fallen in love with Jenny's new adult fantasy romance series. The Myths of Airren. Myths is a beguiling mash up of Irish mythology and swoon-worthy romance that follows two different couples on their journeys from hate to love.



The first book, A Cursed Kiss, follows a fae desperate to escape his curse and a naive woman desperate to resurrect her sister from the underworld. Together, they embark on a dangerous quest to kill an immortal.

Book two, A Cursed Heart, follows a cursed fae prince as he searches for his soulmate and a headstrong woman willing to do anything to escape an arranged marriage. Bargains are made, lies are told, and, eventually, true love is found.

The third and final book, A Cursed Love, is the heart-stopping conclusion to both couples' stories and the happily-ever-after they all deserve. There are also two companion novellas from the princes' points of view (Prince of Seduction and Prince of Deception) that give readers more insight into their world and their very cursed pasts.

Readers swoon over Jenny's male leads and praise her talent for keeping readers on their toes and infusing her stories with banter, humor, and a healthy dose of spice. Originally from Oakland, Maryland, Jenny fell in love with an Irish musician while studying abroad and now lives on the Emerald Isle with that same musician and their two children.

The Myths of Airren and Jenny's YA novella Married by Fate can be found on Amazon and on Kindle Unlimited. Jenny also wrote a YA Contemporary Romance Series, The PAN Trilogy and co-writes Adult RomComs with Australian author Natalie Murray. Their books, Hating the Best Man and Loving the Worst Man, can be found on Kindle Unlimited as well.

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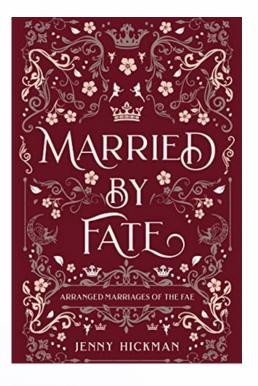
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### Learn more about Jenny here!



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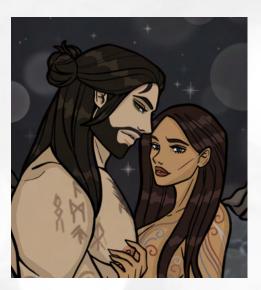
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### FOUR ARTISTS TO FOLLOW



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Averil the Artist <u>@bookishaveril</u>



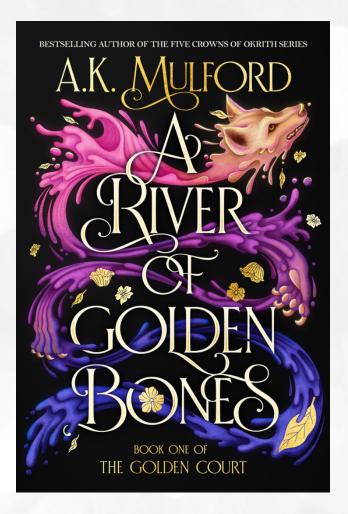
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<u>Eileen</u> @Tangerine.eileen

### A RIVER OF GOLDEN BONES

### **BY: A.K. MULFORD**



From the author of The Five Crowns of Okrith series, comes a new romantasy trilogy. Book one released on 12/5/23 featuring shifters, fated mates, one bed, fake dating, and a gender fluid MC.

This book is a journey of selfdiscovery as well as romance when a young heir comes out of hiding to save her sister from a malicious, powerful sorceress and her dangerous sleeping curse.