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STREET TEAM APPLICATIONS WILL BE OPENING SOON

With the release of Kingdom of the Forgotten quickly approaching, author Charissa Weaks has alluded to street team applications opening again soon. Sources close to the author say this will happen at the end of July and will be announced across her social media platforms.

Stay tuned for more details!



AUDIOBOOKRELEASE



Release day for The Witch Collector audiobook is upon us! July 11th is the day. If you're not on the Street Team but want to be involved in sharing about the release, just watch Charissa's socials and the Rebel Reader FB Group.

Charissa will share pre-made graphics in the group, but you are welcome to simply share her posts or even make your own to match your aesthetic. She appreciates the support either way!

VIPPORTAL UPDATE



Charissa is in the middle of editing Kingdom of the Forgotten, but she still plans to add some bonus content to the VIP Portal for Rebel Readers. She has two short stories that she plans to post in the coming months along with some printable goodies.

To sign up for your VIP account, <u>click here</u>. Charissa will grant access every Friday beginning in July.

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APOLLYCON'24 TICKET RESALE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



On June 9th of this year, there was a quick but brutal battle for Apollycon 2024 tickets. Tensions were as high as the demand, leaving many readers distraught and disappointed.

But readers shouldn't give up hope! <u>An Apollycon ISO Facebook group</u> has been created by the founders where readers can watch for sales of tickets. We expect more people to resell their tickets closer to the event date in 2024. All information about how to snag a resale can be found in the FB group.

LIBRARY CAMPAIGN IS OPEN UNTIL 8/15/23

Win a signed set of hardbacks plus swag and merch



Supporting local libraries AND making The Witch Walker series available to more people is the goal of this campaign. Check your local library and find out if The Witch Walker series books are available. If not, request them! Request all 3 books for more entries (just submit the form again to make sure every entry counts).

What's up for grabs? A signed hardback set of The Witch Walker series plus a box of goodies, swag, and merch.

Any questions? Feel free to DM on any social media <u>Nicki Carignan</u> (Starseternall82) or email starseternall82@gmail.com

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Is anyone else still thinking about The Wolf and the Witch and have theories galore taking up residence in your head? And don't even get me started on the couple teasers we've gotten so far for book four. Kingdom of the Forgotten is going to rip my heart out and I am so ready for it!

Here's a snippet of my review. This novella was a genuine and complete ode to strong women who are constantly being treated as "fragile" solely because of their gender. and a testament and proof of how strong women are, both mentally and physically, and how incredible it is when they find a man who treats them as such. like the f cking warrior they are.

MEET THE READER:



MANDY JADICK *<u>AREAD LIKETHERESNOMIDNIGHT</u>*

I'd LOVE to see theories from everyone else, it's one of my favorite things about being part of a book community!

- Mandy Jadick @read_liketheresnomidnight

WANTYOUR LETTER FEATURED?

Your letter to the editor can be a review, a kind word about something you read in the gazette, a think piece on publishing or the book world, something within the reader community you're excited about, and anything else that might be fitting. There are so many options! Just click below to complete the form.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT WE'RE READING



"The best book I've read in years."



CHARISSA: <u>The first book in an epic romantic</u> <u>adventure</u> that combines sweeping fantasy with breathtaking paranormal romance. A heart-soaring tale of passion and great destiny—of the tormented Fey King Rain, the woodcutter's daughter Ellysetta, who would be queen, and their eternal quest for true love in the mystical Fading Lands.



NICKI: <u>Book 3 of the To Bleed a Crystal Bloom</u> <u>series</u>, a dark fantasy romance Rapunzel retelling. This story follows Orlaith as she learns who she in a world full of men telling her what she should be. A twisty tale with fae, sea creatures, magic, and a heartbreaking journey.

KRAVENTHEHUNTER



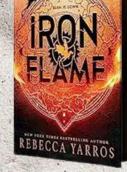
In typical fantasy reader fashion, social media has taken notice of the new superhero villain movie coming out in October: <u>Kraven the Hunter</u>. Ultimately this character is a villain of the Marvel universe, and fantasy readers are taking notice.

From this one image alone, it's safe to say readers will

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be rooting for this wild Russian and fan-casting him in their favorite books. In theaters everywhere October 6, 2023. Will you be watching?





In May, Charissa's Rebel Readers held a group read of The Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros. On Friday, June 23rd, the cover to book two in the Empyrean Series was revealed across social media. Readers seem excited-if a little anxious-to return to Xaden and Violet's story and world.

Have you read The Fourth Wing yet?

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EARLY CANDLE ACCESS: NIGHTSHADE



CANDLES

Okay! This is a surprise for most of you! You have through Saturday evening (tomorrow) to order your candles earlier than the rest of the world. There are 13 candles, and the art and designs are all so gorgeous.

Here's what to do.

Visit <u>this link</u> Sign in with code: SECRET1030 Use discount code LUNA15 That's it!

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There's so much good stuff over at <u>Phases and Pages</u>! The Enemies to Lovers and Good Girls merch is phenomenal.

PHASES AND PAGES RE-STOCK&

NEW MERCH

Brittany also re-stocked the Virago design and added some new pieces to the Witch Walker line, including the tumbler to the left, a sticker set, and a milk carton that is too adorable. Check it out! Use code NICKIIO

CRAB APPLE BOOKS NEW DESIGN

To say we love the new <u>Crab Apple Books</u> designs is an understatement! You can get In My Bloodgood Era or In My Witch Walker Era on mugs and tees. Both designs are so perfect!!



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TRAVEL & LEISURE

RARE PARIS'24



Charissa recently announced that she will visit France in April of 2024. First up, on April 5th, she will attend a Pop-Up Book Signing held annually by her French publisher, Editions Bookmark, (location TBD). Then, on April 6th, she will sign books at <u>RARE Paris</u>. Editions Bookmark will make early copies of French editions available for both signings since TWC doesn't release in France until May.

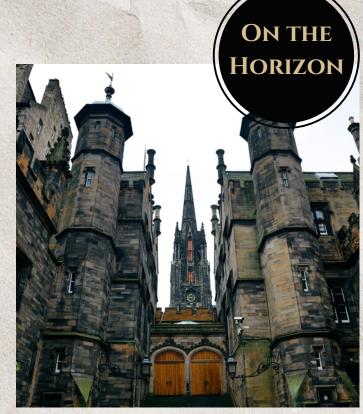
Even better, Charissa's books will be printed in paperback and illustrated hardback, and will be sold in bookstores across France.

TRAVEL MUST-HAVE



A Virago hoodie from <u>Phases and Pages</u> is perfect for upcoming travel! The colors are fabulous, the design is amazing, and the comfort is next to none.

These have been re-stocked as of 6/29, so hurry to snag yours. You can use code NICKIIO for a discount.



It's like we're playing Where in the World is Charissa?

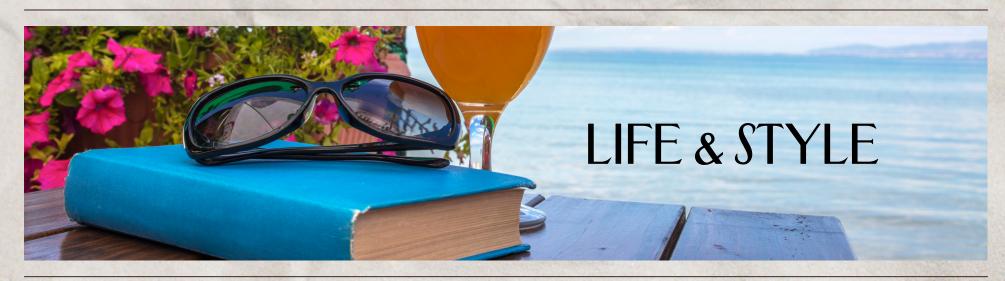
Stay tuned for possible news on a future Edinburgh sighting.



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READER LIFE: GETTING STARTED ON BOOKSTAGRAM BY ERIN MCDANIEL

Have you been debating creating a Bookstagram account? I am here to tell you my start on Bookstagram and to encourage you that if you've been wanting to do that, please just go for it! For a long time, I had been wanting to really find a community of friends. After some time working as a respiratory therapist during COVID, I had lost sight of reading and self-care and had been in survival mode. But, I decided it was time to get back to things that made me happy, including reading. I needed a hobby, something that added light and positivity into my life.

In September of 2022, I decided to create my Bookstagram account, <u>@sinfulshelves</u>. Creating an account can be daunting and the pressure can sometimes really be on, but creating a book account is easily one of the best things I have ever done. I started out by just taking super basic photos of books in my living room, and my account has slowly evolved into an extension of me and my creative side that I am always so excited to share with the amazing friends I have made on Booksta. Sharing things I love, interacting with amazing people, including Charissa and her PA Nicki has been a dream come true.





Whether you just want to take pretty photos and talk about your day, share book reviews and recommendations, or just totally swoon and post Charissa's books over and over again (like I usually want to, haha), Bookstagram is an amazing creative outlet and community that is unlike any other. I have made friends on Booksta that I will have my entire life. So, I encourage everyone who has been on the fence about creating an account, go for it! Take that photo, it doesn't have to be professional or perfect, and share it! Tell us about your day, your favorite reads, your hopes and dreams! The Booksta community and myself are so excited to see it, and if you ever need help or encouragement or just a person to talk to, myself and others in the community are only a DM away. We can't wait to see your amazing account come to life. WWW.CHARISSAWEAKS.COM

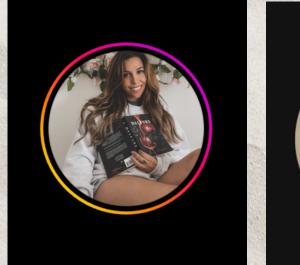
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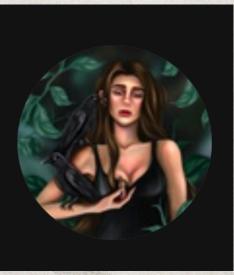
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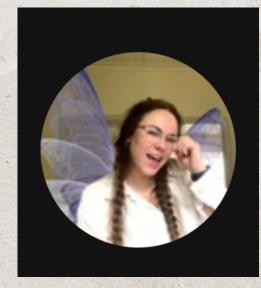


<u>Mikayla Nicholson</u> <u>@morallygreykay</u>



<u>Celeste Raina</u> <u>Acelesteraine</u>





<u>Sam Ellen</u> <u>Ahaus.of.Fables</u>

<u>Rosie</u> s <u>Acourtofthornsandrosie</u>

CHARISSA ADDS NEW TIERS TO

WITCH WALKER SERIES ART

PATREON

In an effort to accommodate requesting and international readers, Charissa added two higher tiers to her <u>Patreon</u> last week. The \$15 and \$20 / monthly tiers include a paperback or hardback copy of her upcoming releases after at least three months of membership. International patrons can benefit from subscribing to Patreon with no shipping as Charissa has arranged to work with her publisher and Ingram Books to ship books directly from international facilities rather than from the States. She will mail signed bookplates to participating readers.

She also added merch to some of the tiers that is mailed by Patreon after various lengths of membership. Patreon is a fun, NSFW time! Be sure to check it out!

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Last week, Charissa announced her current art commissions, and we are so excited! Kaja from @bookishaveril is creating all the merch art for Patreon, a NSFW piece of Raina and Alexus, and a tarot deck (major arcana).

Letters by Lila will be creating a stunning "I'm My Own Fucking Hero" design for Charissa's Etsy, and Jemlin will be creating the art for KotF. Stay tuned! More to come!

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CONTRIBUTE TO OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

We here at the Rebel Reader Gazette want this newsletter to grow. We also want it to involve and include Charissa's readers as much as possible. We are open to ideas for columns and features too, as well as ways to spread the word about our gazette. We plan to feature an author each quarter beginning in June, and we will also announce a request for the Life and Style reader feature as well (see Kelsy's post). All you have to do is submit a bookish story that tells us a little about



you and something about our bookish world.

If you have ideas for the newsletter, or if you would like to submit an example piece for a column you think would work well for this online paper, then feel free to submit a proposal to us at contact@charissaweaks.com

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