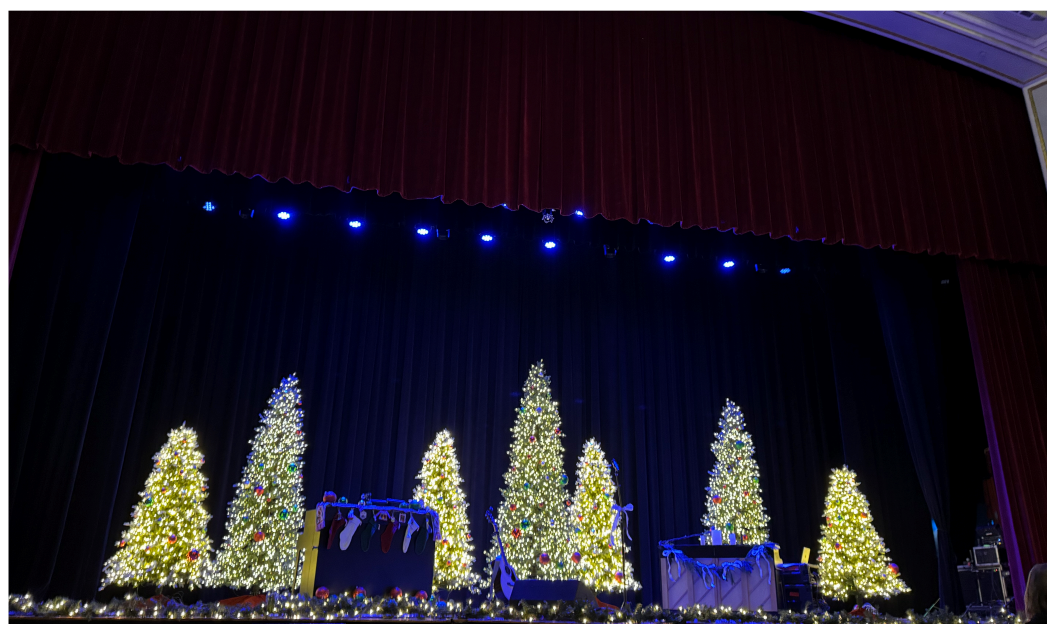


# Melissa's Review

Highlights and stats from author Melissa A. Geary



*Great seats seeing Chris Young for his Christmas Concert!*

## December 2025

### Closing Out the Year

I made the push to complete my reading goal in December and I'm pretty impressed with myself! I got a lot of listening in while getting ready for the holidays and managed to get through the entire ACOTAR series in 12 days which feels like it should be a record. I also maxed out my hoopla borrows which I've never done before, but take as a personal challenge to do again!

BOOKS READ (DEC)

11

BOOKS READ (2025)

60

CHAPTERS REVIEWED  
(2025)

20

### Reading Superlatives 2025

#### Favorite Ongoing Series

The Witch Walker  
Series by Charissa  
Weeks

#### Favorite Completed Series

The Montague  
Siblings Series by  
Mackenzi Lee

#### Favorite Completed Duology

The Shepherd King  
Duology by Rachel  
Gillig

#### Favorite Mystery/ Suspense Novel

The Room Next  
Door by Wendy  
Walker

#### Favorite Audio Book Narrator

Tim Campbell  
(Witch Walker  
series, Loom Saga)

## Looking Forward

I am focused on setting smarter goals for myself this coming year. I know I need to keep putting my physical and mental health first and the rest will follow so I'm going to keep with the same theme I set myself for 2025: Do more of what makes me happy.

I think it worked pretty well considering all I was able to accomplish. I'm excited to see what I can achieve in another 365 days with this mindset at the forefront.

More specifically I hope to spend more time on the *Shadow Series* and come up with a timeline for publication for *Consumed by Shadows* (book 2). I also want to spend more time working on my poetry, though I do not currently have plans to publish a second collection. I also have ideas



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to rebrand my small business which I am excited to share once I'm ready!

## FUN FACT #006

Many of the characters in *Born in Shadows* were named after people in my life, though I often changed the name to a variation or to a translation in a different language. Most of those characters are background ones, though a few take more prominent roles in the sequel *Consumed by Shadows*.

Keep up-to-date with me and all of my creative endeavors by following my linktree!

