



Cindy Kibbe

(writing as C.K. Donnelly)

Fantasy Author

Cindy Kibbe (a.k.a. C.K. Donnelly) is an award-winning author and journalist. The first two books of her fantasy series *The Kinderra Saga*—*Trine Rising* and *Trine Fallacy*—have garnered top awards and reviews as well as have sparked the imaginations of fans around the world.



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Cindy Kibbe's journey toward becoming an award-winning fantasy novelist was a long one with stops in healthcare, information technology, journalism, and freelance careers along the way.

Her lifelong love of fantasy and writing took a more literary turn in 2000 as passion and perseverance came together to create the world of Kinderra. When she could not find traditional literary representation, the self-proclaimed “unsuccessful quitter” dove into self-publishing, which led to the release of *Trine Rising*, *The Kinderra Saga: Book 1* in August 2020.

Since its release, *Trine Rising* has won four literary awards to date and has received many 5-star reviews. *Trine Fallacy*, *The Kinderra Saga: Book 2*, released August 2021, is following the success of its predecessor, earning praise and top reviews from book reviewers and influencers. *The Unsuccessful Quitter*, her author's journey from unknown to award-winning writer, was published in December 2021. *Trine Revelation*, *The Kinderra Saga: Book 3* is slated to be released late summer 2022.

Mirana’s fight to bring peace to the land and the battles she faces against her own inner darkness will continue in future novels. The *Kinderra Saga* is also planned to include prequel trilogies of two pivotal characters, a sequel series featuring the next generation of magically gifted Pinals, and a graphic novel series following the adventures of the elite fighting force, the il’Kin. Other planned *Kinderra Saga*-branded items include a jewelry line and personal- and home-fragrance products based on the themes and settings of the series.

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Selected Awards & Reviews

Trine Fallacy, The Kinderra Saga: Book 2

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2021 BEST BOOK AWARDS
Finalist: Fiction/Fantasy



2022 IPA Award
Epic Fantasy



2022 BRONZE AWARD
YA Fantasy



2022 IRDA WINNER
Action/Adventure

IndieReader

5 Stars

"Trine Fallacy [has] energy, intensity, and a few breathtaking plot twists that will engage and enthrall the reader."



Received Four Readers' Favorite
5-Star Reviews



EDITOR'S PICK

"Young adult and fantasy readers will relish this world of magic and war, with characters facing grief and self-doubt."

Trine Rising, The Kinderra Saga: Book 1

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2021 BRONZE MEDAL
YA Fiction - SciFi/Fantasy



2021 IPA Award
Fantasy



2021 IRDA WINNER
Young Adult



2020 NYC
Big Book Award
Epic Fantasy



2020 Booklife Prize by
Publishers Weekly
Quarter-Finalist:
Young Adult Fantasy

KIRKUS
REVIEWS

"Get It" Verdict

The Prairies Book Review

"A stunner...This is a winner"



Reedsy Discovery
5-Star Review



Goodreads
5-Star Review



Readers' Favorite
5-Star Review

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Appearances

Writer's Journey Podcast with K.S. Gray — Interview — Feb. 27, 2022
The Journey is Real with C.J. Peterson Podcast — Interview — Nov. 23, 2021
Barnes & Noble, Nashua, NH — Sept. 8, 2021
Changing Hands Bookstore, Phoenix, AZ — Author Event — Aug. 26, 2021
Off the Shelf with Denise Turney Podcast — Interview — July 24, 2021
Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore, San Diego, CA — Author Event — March 29, 2021
DC Gomez: Inside the Mind of Authors Podcast — Interview — Jan. 29, 2021
Southern New Hampshire Books & Brews MeetUp Group, Manchester, NH — Author Q&A — Jan. 28, 2021
Upper Valley Science Fiction/Fantasy MeetUp Group, White River Jct., Vt. — Author Q&A — Dec. 16, 2020
Dishin' It Up with Jan D'Atri (KTAR 92.3FM) — Live Radio Interview — Nov. 14, 2020
Bookery Manchester Bookstore, Manchester, NH — Author Event — Oct. 29, 2020
GreatHER Purpose Podcast with Sarah Nicole — Interview — Oct. 1, 2020
Changing Hands Bookstore, Phoenix, AZ — Author Event — Aug. 27, 2020
Channel 3TV/CBS 5 — AZ Family - Olivia's Book Club — Live TV Interview — Aug. 26, 2020

Press

The PhiX, "Fountain Hills Author C.K. Donnelly Wins Award" — May 3, 2021
PHOENIX Magazine, "Read It" — November 2020
New Hampshire Magazine, "Creating Worlds: A Q&A with 'Trine Rising' Author C.K. Donnelly" — November 2020
Fountain Hills Times, "Cindy Donnelly releases YA fantasy novel" — Aug. 26, 2020
Chandler Lifestyle Magazine, "Well Read," Book News Brief — August 2020

Presentation Topics

Following are topics Cindy Kibbe has addressed as a speaker or is prepared to present:

UNLOCKING THE 5 KEYS TO NOVEL WRITING: Wondering what it takes to pen an award-winning book? Award-winning fantasy novelist C.K. Donnelly brings an enlightening discussion on effective storytelling. Her presentation covers the following five essential elements of novel writing that apply to all genres: Story Arc, Character Arc, Point of View, Show vs. Tell, and Exposition.

WORLD-BUILDING: NOT JUST FOR FANTASY AUTHORS: All fiction authors must create the worlds within which their characters are immersed. Learn tools and tips to make your novel settings come alive and enhance your story.
