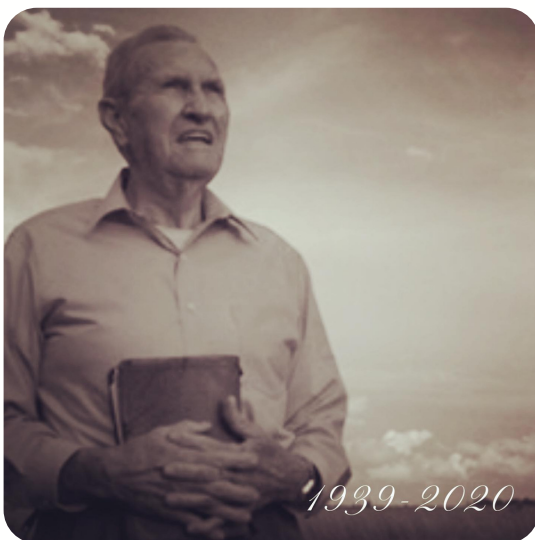
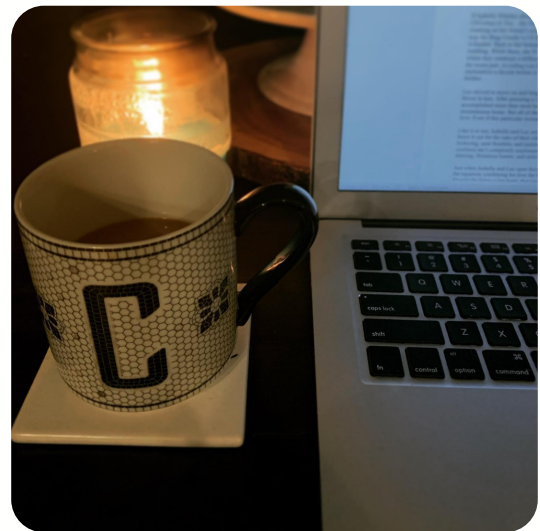




## *A New Year*

As I get older and wiser, I find myself trying to remember that my time in this world is finite, so it's best not to wish life away. I came to a point where I always wished for tomorrow or Friday or the weekend or the next vacation or a certain holiday. Of course, it's fine to look forward to breaks and fun events, but in an effort to be more present, I needed to stop rushing life. Granted, this isn't easy to do. 2020 certainly provided a plethora of reasons to look forward to a new year, right??



## *Some Catching Up...*

In 2020, three big things changed my world (besides Covid). I signed a book deal for the Witch Walker novella trilogy, I lost my dad, and went back to a day job. It was a year full of firsts, and one of the most difficult years of my life. I soldiered on, as we must, and though I'm still adjusting to this new normal, I think I'm doing pretty okay. I'm working a lot, so my writing and editing time is crunched, but I'm still on track to meet my deadlines.

Speaking of deadlines...

## *Release Date and Cover Reveal News...*

With the struggles of 2020, releasing ***The Witch Collector*** this month just couldn't happen. Luckily, my publisher gave me space and time after my dad's passing to deal with the responsibilities facing me. That said, the new release date is **9/28/21**. Seven short months! AND...so that readers don't have to wait too long between books, book two, ***City of Ruin***, releases on **2/1/22**. The release date for book three, ***A God's War***, is still to be determined, but it shouldn't be too long after CoR.

As for The Witch Collector cover reveal? That's happening **July 7th**, and the lovely folks over at **Storygram Tours** on Instagram will be leading the charge on that front.

### **More dates of note:**

- **7/7/21:** Cover Reveal and eARC sign-ups via Storygram Tours (You can sign up!)
- **8/22/21 - 8/28/21:** eARC Review Tour on Instagram. This is when pre-order links will be available.
- **9/26/21 - 10/2/21:** Storygram Release Tour
- \*\*There will be more fun around these dates. I'll let you know what other tour companies will be involved in my next newsletter, so stay tuned!

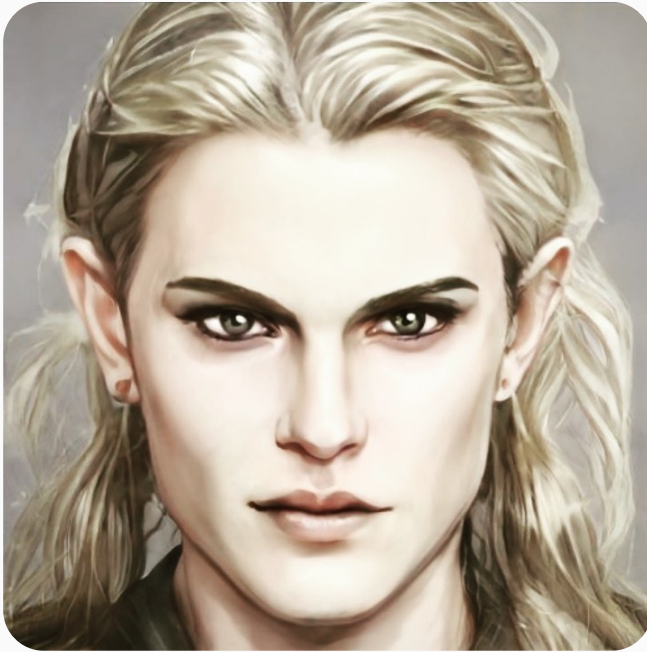
## *A Glimpse Into the Witch Walker World*



I made this map on Inkarnate to help guide me through this world as I work on books 2 and 3, and even as I edit book 1. I'm a visual person, so I need this level of detail in order to know what my characters are facing, how geography plays into their travels, and since there are wars happening, I can see how each part of this broken empire defends itself. This is still a work in progress, but I have a bird's eye view of Raina and Alexis's world now.

Something to note is that a real map maker will take this rendering and create a better, more-to-scale version that will be printed in the front of each book. This is exciting! I never thought I'd write a book that needed a map.

## *Character Art*



COLDEN MOESHKA  
The Frost King



FIA DRUMERA  
The Fire Queen

More fun! I made these images of two of the characters from the novella trilogy over on ArtBreeder. But, like the maps, a real artist will take these imaginings and create lovely artwork that I plan to give away around release time along with other bookish goodies.

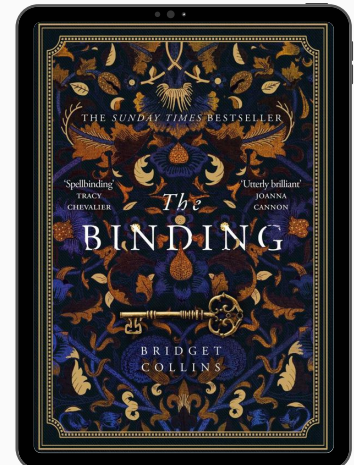
## *What Else I'm Working On...*

I'm writing a new novel, a historical fantasy story set in 1901 Marseille. Think *The Count of Monte Cristo*, only with magicians, Otherworlds, and more romance, but still LOTS of revenge. I'm even taking a tarot class in hopes that I can add that element.

I'm also still editing for authors via City Owl. Author Kristin Jacques has a fun historical paranormal titled *A Bargain of Blood and Gold* releasing in June. If you like KJ Charles, you'd love this book. Also on my list is a nautical fantasy adventure novel titled *The Girl Who Belonged to the Sea* by Katherine Quinn, and *The Wilde Card* by Ashley R. King, a tennis rom-com following on the heels of her successful debut, *Painting the Lines*. Later this year, Starla DeKreuyf will debut with a fun holiday novel, *Eight Days of Christmas*.

If you can't tell, I've been busy and will continue to be busy for the foreseeable future!

## *Books, Books, Books...*



First off, let me say that I have MAD LOVE for The Binding. It was so unexpected because I didn't hear much about this book when it released, but man it was wonderful. The structure-play was unique, and the romance...so well done. Also, The Witch's Heart. This is a beautiful Norse mythology retelling about Angrboda and Loki. There's also Skadi, whom I loved. That character was shown as the witch Skade in The Last Kingdom (Netflix and OMG it's amazing), so I was intrigued. Last, we have LORE. I'm not very far into this one, it's my bathtime reading material, but I'm thoroughly enjoying it thus far.

### **What are you reading??**

## *My Current Playlist*



SYML is giving me all the feels. His song Take Me Apart is perfection. Others on my list?

- You Should See Me In A Crown/Billie Eilish
- Madness/Ruelle
- Run Boy Run/Woodkid
- Seven Nation Army/Skald
- I Found/Amber Run
- Wolf Like Me/TV On The Radio

*Thanks For Reading! Come chat with me on Instagram :)*

*Charissa*