
THE REBEL READER GAZETTE

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Reader,

I can't believe the end of the year is so quickly approaching. Time flies when you're busy and ruled by deadlines, doesn't it?

I do love this season, for many reasons. I love planning for the year ahead, decorating for all the holidays, cooking comfort foods, and the cozy, cooler weather. Usually, I get a lot of reading done at the end of the year, but the next three months will be devoted to polishing *Kingdom of the Forgotten* for publication.

A couple of other projects are niggling in the back of my mind too. I tease and share what I'm working on in my Patreon if you'd like more insight. I'm toying with a historical fantasy that I'll finish drafting *after* I finish the Witch Walker series, which must happen by August 15th, 2024 for... reasons 🤔. I think it would be good for me to work on something shorter before I jump into another series that will require my attention for a few *years*.

Other than writing through the next few months, I'll be visiting with my family and enduring the remodel of our home which seems to be neverending.

Thanks for being here and for your support. I hope you enjoy this quarter's gazette!

~ Charissa

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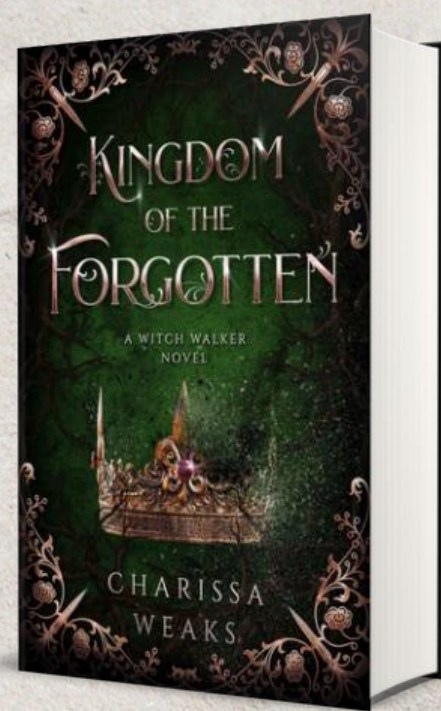


HEADLINE: KINGDOM OF THE FORGOTTEN RELEASE DATE CHANGE

Mark your calendars for January 23rd! In September, Charissa announced that the release date for book four in the Witch Walker series will be moved from 11.28.23 to 1.23.24. The publishing timeline was too tight to make certain this chunky book was as polished as it needed to be.

However, if you pre-ordered the ebook, please be aware that Amazon canceled all pre-orders with the date change. If you'd like to re-order or to check your pre-order, you can do that [HERE](#).

Note: There *will* be a pre-order incentive announced in November! It involves art!



NEW DATE: 1.23.24

ETSY SHOP *Holiday* **UPDATE**

Due to the number of requests, Charissa has decided to take pre-orders for signed copies (paperback & hardback) of books *one through three* between 10/5 and 10/19. These should be deliverable *before Christmas* depending on where you're located. Visit her [ETSY](#) on 10/5 and bring your discount code located further in the newsletter!

Since the *Kingdom of the Forgotten* release date is being pushed out, Charissa won't be taking signed book pre-orders for book four until December. That pre-order period will run from 12/15 to 1/15 (might extend if there's interest). Books should ship by mid-late February. All four books will be available at that time in paperback and hardback.

CITY OF RUIN AUDIOBOOK

The *City of Ruin* audiobook preorder is now available! Links can be found [HERE](#).

The audiobook releases on 11/7/23, and will be the perfect refresher of the series before book four releases in 2024.



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FANTASY AUTHOR FEATURE: HELEN SCHEUERER

Did you love *The Bridge Kingdom*, *The Witcher*, or *Throne of Glass*? Then Helen Scheuerer might be the author for you. Readers have been raving about her debut adult romantic fantasy series and for good reason. *The Legends of Thezmarr* offers a sprawling fantasy world brimming with magic, monsters and mayhem.

Full of enemies-to-lovers tension and delicious spice, the series kicks off with Book 1, *Blood & Steel*, followed by the recent sequel, *Vows & Ruins*. It tells the story of warrior-in-training Althea Zoltaire, who fights to secure her place in an elite guild charged with the protection of the five kingdoms.

The sparring and hazing of the new trainees border on deadly, but even more dangerous is her growing attraction to Wilder Hawthorne, her unwilling warrior chaperone.

Helen's work has been praised for her strong, flawed female characters and action-packed plots, as well as her touch-her-and-die heroes and found families. Originally from Sydney, Australia, Helen now resides on Lord of the Rings soil in New Zealand, where the epic mountain scenery inspires her writing daily.

The Legends of Thezmarr, the companion novel, *Slaying the Shadow Prince*, plus Helen's previous epic YA fantasy books can be found on Amazon and read for free in Kindle Unlimited.



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HELEN'S BOOKS

THE LEGENDS OF THEZMARR



CURSE OF THE CYREN QUEEN



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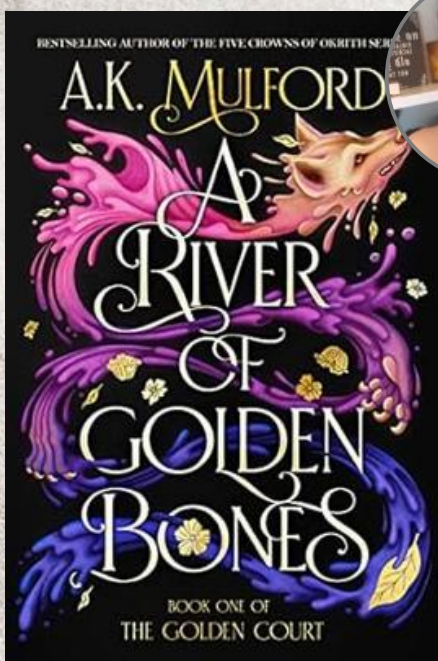


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WHAT WE'RE READING



CHARISSA: I was recently lucky enough to receive an ARC of this awesome book and to provide a blurb for Ali. Full of adventure, love, gender exploration, and self-discovery, *A River of Golden Bones* follows Calla's journey through treacherous Wolf kingdoms, monster-filled realms, and the depths of their own heart in this thrilling romantic fantasy.



NICKI: I just started this ARC from SM Gaither that releasea on 10/12/23. It is filled with some of my favorite tropes including: found family, he falls first, and cute animal sidekicks. It is book one in a duology about an elf out for revenge. The author stated it was her spiciest book yet!

ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE



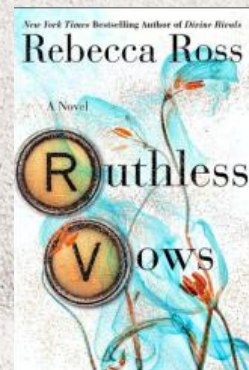
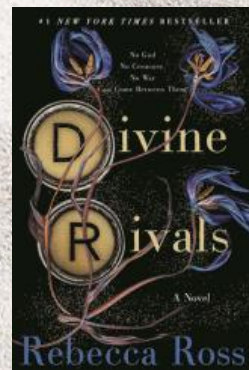
Charissa was able to do an early viewing of All the Light We Cannot See for Netflix last month. ATLWCS is a book that's dear to her heart, and the four-part drama series releases on Netflix Nov. 2nd!

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
A New York Times Book Review Top Ten Book
A National Book Award Finalist

From Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

RECOMMENDED READING

Did you know Charissa also writes Historical Fantasy? She hopes to delve into that genre soon! Recently, she read Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross and loved it. Book 2 comes out in December. Have you read book one yet?



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BOOKISH AVERIL COLLECTION



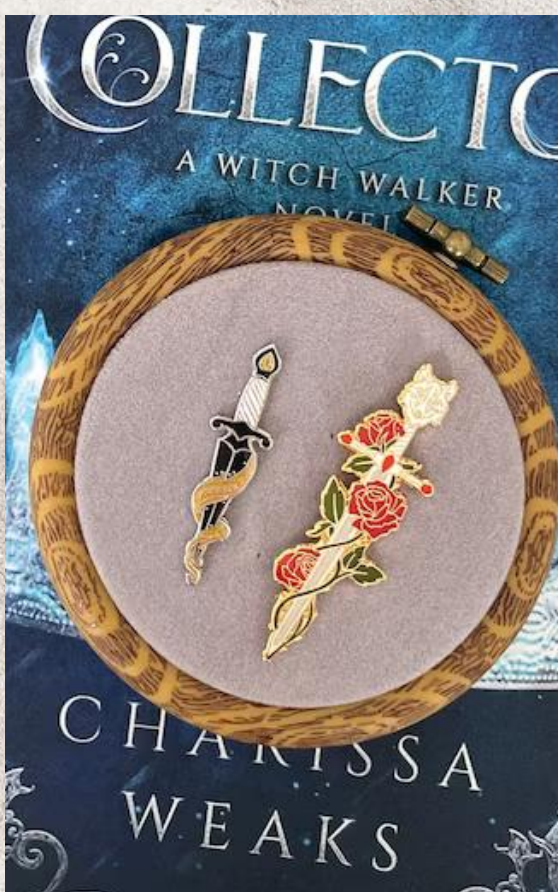
Have you checked out the Bookish Averil Collection on Etsy? There are so many fun products with Kaja's designs.

Kaja is also working on a tarot deck, so stay tuned for news on that!

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COCO'S COMMON ROOM



New merch alert! The Witch Walker series now has stickers and enamel pins that are available from Coco's Common Room on Etsy.

Two designs are currently available, "God Knife" and "Neri's Humanity."

They're both considered special editions, so do not wait to snag these.

[Shop the collection here.](#)

BETWEEN THE PAGES JEWELRY



Incoming! There is even more merch to be excited about! Character name necklaces from Between the Pages Jewelry are coming soon. They're stunning! Keep an eye out!

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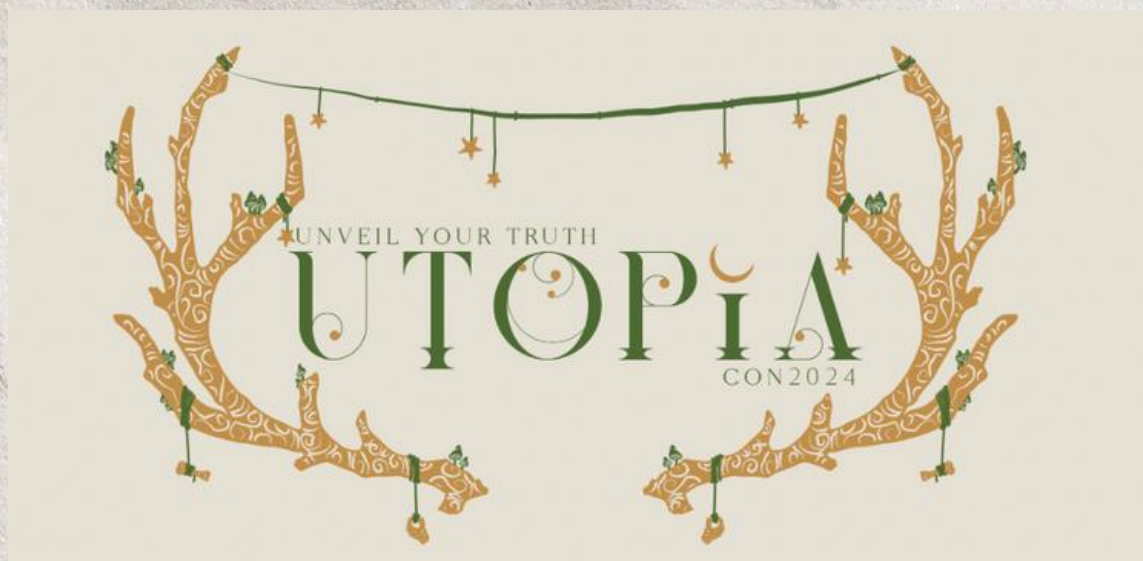
APOLLYCON PRE-ORDER

For readers heading to Apollycon in 2024, Charissa has opened her preorder. The preorder has books 1-4 in paperback and hardcover editions as well as Rebel Reader shirts and totes in a few different designs.

Be sure to check these out and get any orders in as soon as possible. The form will close on 3/1/24 with payments due on 3/15/24. Merch will not be available on hand and a limited supply of books will be available for purchase on site. Most authors run out of stock early, so preorders are the best way for event goers to get their must haves.



SIGNING: UTOPIACON



UTOPIACON is June 21-22, 2024 in Nashville, TN and Charissa will be attending. This event will have panels, readings, signings, and more.

All the information can be found on their website and FB group. Different ticket tiers are available to purchase now on Eventbrite.

RARE
PARIS



RARE Paris will be held on April 6th, 2024 at the *e Palais des Congrès de Paris*, and Charissa will be in attendance! If you live close and would like to attend, or if Paris is on your bucket list, you can purchase tickets here.

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LIFE & STYLE

7 HAUS RULES FOR AN ENGAGING BOOK REVIEW

HOW TO SHARE SPOILER-FREE BOOK REVIEWS THAT PROVIDE CRITIQUE WHILE ALSO BEING RESPECTFUL TO THE AUTHOR AND OTHER READERS BY SAM ELLEN

1. **Author Courtesy.** It is recommended to refrain from tagging authors in reviews to avoid unintentional harm. Unless the author has communicated they like to be tagged in positive reviews, this is a safe practise. Reviews are for readers. As an alternative, you can use the hashtag of the book name so the author can find it if they wish (remember social media is a shared space of authors and readers). For ARC's the author may ask for a link to the Goodreads / Amazon review after release which should always be provided.

2. **Write notes.** Plot points, questions, thoughts, tropes. This helps when you come to the written review, but also helps when filming to be able to refer back to your unfolding experience. Highlight favourite quotes or scenes—great in a Kindle!

3. **Share key information.** What would you want to know as a reader? Genre, age range, star and spice rating, tropes, series information, next book release date, formats available, CW's, fan art (ALWAYS credit the artist). This can be shared throughout the video to keep the viewer engaged.

4. **Start on a positive note.** Talk about what you enjoyed first. What were your favourite parts / characters? What do you think worked well? How did the cliffhanger make you feel? Are you excited for the next book? Talk broadly about the plot without specifics.

5. **Analyse.** Move onto your critique by exploring how all of these elements worked together. This could be plot flow, inconsistencies, or what you felt wasn't engaging.

6. **Centre yourself.** When framing your review remember to always center yourself and be honest—this is how YOU felt, what YOU observed. Every review is a subjective opinion. No book is inherently 'bad' (unless problematic!). There will always be someone who loves what you hate. The book is neither fantastic nor poor objectively speaking. It is your subjective opinion as a reader. No matter how objective you try to be, it is always coloured with your own interpretations, experiences, comprehension, and reading journey. Engaging in critical thinking about the book—whether that be positive or negative—has the same result. Negative reviews can entice people to read books just as much as positive ones. Presenting your thoughts as your opinion helps to avoid your review being interpreted as a judgment on the author or other readers.

7. **Vibes.** Use the 5-star rating system, but ultimately rate it on how that book honestly made you feel. This helps to not be swayed by others' opinions, because ultimately, you experienced the book at that moment in time and you should trust yourself.



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HEART OF THE SHADOW KING (BRIDE OF THE SHADOW KING BOOK 3) BY SYLVIA MERCEDES



Sylvia Mercedes' Bride of the Shadow King series is now complete. Book 3 was released on 9/30/23.

This is an enemies-to-lovers and arranged marriage adult fantasy romance trilogy. Perfect for lovers of a slow-burn multi-POV story of love and betrayal.

Check out the completed trilogy [here!](#)

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KICKSTARTER ANNOUNCEMENT



There's been lots of special edition discussion floating around lately! What we can tell you is that yes, special editions ARE coming, one of which is sponsored by Charissa's publisher, City Owl Press, via Kickstarter beginning October 9th. There will be special art and an exclusive bonus scene.

Should you have questions, we recommend directing your inquiries to City Owl as this is their Kickstarter, so they will be most suited for providing the correct answers. Plus, Charissa will be buried in edits through October. The campaign will run through 11/9. If it's not a fit for you, that's okay! We can only advise patience 😊


If you're interested in following the campaign, [click here](#).

THE CROWN COLLECTION

Coming soon

UPCOMING PROJECT

Crown Collection: Fantasy Romance
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