

## Nocturne The Fourth Talisman Book 1

For the Shadow is a tight passage, a narrow door, whose painful constriction no one is spared who goes down the deep well. After decades of civil war, the Via Sancta has declared victory over humanity's basest instincts. Anger, hatred and greed are suppressed by intricate Marks on the skin. Wards have tamed the wild psychic magic of the ley. Four of the six cities still stand, and if a few rebel Nightmares haunt the ruins of the other two, the Church has dismissed them as toothless. Alexei Bryce is a priest in the storm-wracked southern capital of Novostopol. He hunts deviants whose Marks have inverted, driving them mad. When a prominent doctor violently turns, Alexei stumbles across a conspiracy at the highest levels of the Via Sancta. The trail leads to Kasia Novak, a tarot reader with dangerous secrets of her own. The cards say their fates are intertwined — but only if the threads aren't snapped short. Now the ley is rising again. A Nightmare has infiltrated the city, bent on finding Kasia. And Alexei discovers that his faith's victory over the darkest recesses of the human soul is more fragile than he imagined. What is your deepest desire? Money? Power? Revenge? Lust? I'll give to you. Malach is many things. Corrupter of the pious. Survivor of the Via Sancta's bloody campaigns. Implacable enemy of all it stands for. He's primal desire made flesh, and the thing he wants most is a child. Half-bloods are fragile creatures, but if this one survives, it will be monster, a savior — or both. Praise for City of Storms "Richly textured and fabulously conceived. Ross drapes a tense political thriller in a trench coat of dark fantasy. Readers should expect the unexpected." —Kirkus Reviews "A masterpiece of magical fantasy which mixes its unique concepts into the darkest psychology of the human mind and its most base physical desires and emotions. Action, excitement, and darkness in all the right places. An unmissable and original read." —K.C. Finn for Readers Favorite, 5 Stars "A rousing adventure [and] skillful fusion of history, fantasy, and religion. It contains word paintings with arresting beauty and a three-dimensional character that is torn between duty and loyalty. I definitely recommend City of Storms for its unique twists, turns, and brilliant storyline." —Vincent Dublado for Readers Favorite, 5 Stars

This is the book that started it all! The basis for the smash hit Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, Gregory Maguire's breathtaking New York Times bestseller Wicked views the land of Oz, its inhabitants, its Wizard, and the Emerald City, through a darker and greener (not rosier) lens. Brilliantly inventive, Wicked offers us a radical new evaluation of one of the most feared and hated characters in all of literature: the much maligned Wicked Witch of the West who, as Maguire tells us, wasn't nearly as Wicked as we imagined.

In the fourth volume of the Fourth Talisman series, Nazafareen risks everything on a desperate gamble to stop the Vatrass once and for all... With Meb safely among her own people, Nazafareen has finally embraced her dangerous fire magic. She is the Fourth Talisman, destined to free the heirs from the wards binding their own extraordinary power. With Nocturne and Solis poised on the brink of war, the choices she makes will decide the fate of mortals and daevas alike. Determined to confront Culach and make amends, Nazafareen goes to Val Moraine, setting off a chain of events that ultimately leads her deep into the perilous wasteland called the Kiln and the faceless enemy waiting there. But the ancient hatred that shattered the world a millennium before is stronger and far more devious than she and her companions imagine. Is the Viper truly dead? And can Nazafareen triumph without facing the darkness that lurks within her own heart?

Frederic Chopin, a Polish virtuoso pianist and piano composer of the Romantic period, is widely regarded as the greatest Polish composer, and one of the most influential composers for piano in the 19th century. Franz Liszt was a Hungarian composer and virtuoso pianist of the 19th century. This book is not so much a biography of Chopin as it is a way of better understanding Liszt and the circumstances of his time. Though critics of Liszt's book have assailed it for various literary infractions, it is not without merit. There is much to be learned within its pages about both Chopin and Liszt.

In the second volume of the Fourth Talisman series, Nazafareen's path takes a twist, setting her on a journey into the heart of the maelstrom... It's been a thousand years since the Avas Vatrass tried to burn the world to ashes. A thousand years since they were imprisoned in the brutal wasteland called the Kiln. But revenge is a dish best served cold—even, apparently, by the children of fire. In Delphi, Nazafareen joins forces with the followers of Dionysius to rescue her friends from the Oracle's dungeons and seek out the three talismans whose extraordinary powers stopped the Vatrass before. With her own breaking magic growing stronger by the day, she must walk a razor's edge to control her volatile temper. And if the Vatrass find the talismans first, their last hope will die. In the frozen wastes of the Valkirin range, Victor Dessarian strikes an uneasy bargain with bitter enemies to keep his tenuous grip on the Maiden Keep. The other holdfasts are coming for him. But it's a traitor within Val Moraine's walls that may prove to be his downfall.

In a world where cities sprawl like half-submerged skeletons, Maia has spent her entire life hidden within the mountains of New Zealand. Her only companions being her ailing grandfather and a nomadic dog named Huck, Maia resents being alone. She spends her days wandering the ruins of a population long-gone, dreaming of a place where the few humans left behind can start again—a place her grandfather insists is a myth. But Maia cannot escape a strong and mysterious force calling her out into the world, as well as bizarre events following her around the island. There is something strangely enchanted about the land in which she lives ... or is it her? When Maia hears a rumor that people are heading to The Old Arctic Circle half a world away, she knows this is where her destiny lies—until a devastating turn of events seems to shatter any hope of reaching her destination. Clinging to the edge of her life, Maia must come face to face with the transformative power of fate, discovering the one thing she has spent her life running from may be the only thing to save her. The first book in The Forgotten Ones trilogy, The Weight of a Thousand Oceans is one woman's haunting story about the astonishing, sometimes heart-wrenching perseverance of the human spirit across a deeply forsaken planet.

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Hoping to save his family, one man enters his realm's most glorious tournament and finds himself in the middle of a political chess game, unthinkable bloodshed, and an unexpected romance with a woman he's not supposed to want.

The Councilate controls everything except the truth. With it, he shall destroy an empire. Tai Kulga lost the rebellion and his best friend on the same day, stripping him of everything even as a strange power flooded his bones. When the friend returns as a spirit guide, it feels like a second chance—but his friend is not who he was, and the Councilate is not done oppressing his people. Trouble with lawkeepers lands Tai's surviving friends in a prison camp, and he goes underground seeking the last of the rebels, to convince them to break his friends free. Along the way he meets Ellumia Aygla, runaway Councilate daughter posing as an accountant to escape her family and the avarice of the capital. Curious about the link between spirit guides and magic, her insights earn her a place among the rebels, and along with Tai's new power help turn the tide against the colonialists. But as the rebels begin to repeat the Councilate's mistakes, Tai and Ellumia must confront their own pasts and prejudices, before the brewing war turns them into the monsters they fight. Experience the start of an Epic Fantasy Series filled with unexpected heroes, dark magic, intrigue, and non-stop adventure. Suitable for all ages, it's perfect for fans of D.K. Holmberg, Will Wight, and C.J. Aaron.

A newly translated collection of subversive French fairy tales by writers from the Belle Époque The wolf is tricked by Red Riding Hood into strangling her grandmother and is subsequently arrested. Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella do not live happily ever after. And the fairies are saucy, angry, and capricious. Fairy Tales for the Disillusioned collects thirty-six tales, most newly translated, by writers associated with the decadent literary movement that flourished in late nineteenth-century France. These enchanting yet troubling stories reflect the concerns and fascinations of a time of great political, social, and cultural change. Recasting well-known favorites from classic French fairy tales, as well as Arthurian legends and English and German tales, these decadent fairy tales feature perverse settings and disillusioned perspectives, underlining such themes as the decline of civilization, the degeneration of magic and the unreal, gender confusion, and the incursion of the industrial. Complete with an informative introduction, biographical notes for each author, and explanatory notes throughout, these subversive tales will entertain and startle even the most disenchanting readers.

Sorcerer Christaan De Rein's return to Liverpool does not go well, starting with the fact that his trusted apprentice, Higgins, dies on the way. Then again, Higgins dies a lot. Of course, Rein doesn't expect to be welcomed with open arms after being banished for nine years, but a cryptic summons from The Musician herself cannot go unanswered. But when Rein arrives all is in chaos. People with fairy blood are turning up dead. The Forum Magicae is undone and the Curators sieged. And in another world altogether, where Earth is just a legend, a girl named Niena and a cursed lyre hold the key to saving both realms. Or destroying them.

In the fifth and last volume of the Fourth Talisman series, the worlds of the living and the dead collide in a final confrontation that will leave Nocturne and Solis forever changed.... Three talismans adrift. Two mad kings. One poisonous crown. As dark forces gather at the Rock of Ariamazes in Samarqand, Nazafareen discovers that there are worse places than the afterlife. The twisted creature pulling the Vstras' strings is holed up in the deepest level of the Dominion—and only she has the power to follow him there, though at the potential cost of her own soul. Prophecy claims the three daeva clans must unite to face their greatest enemy again, but two of the talismans have vanished and the third is a child more used to skulking in the shadows than leading an army. Meb the Mouse might be their last hope—if anyone bothers to take her seriously. And within the confines of the Rock, a dying king makes a pact with the devil, setting in motion a chain of events that could spell doom for friends and foes alike. WARNING: This book contains twists and turns, richly deserved comeuppances, shocking revelations, knock-down, drag-out fights, obsessive stalkers, some very nasty monsters...and, of course, true love.

A sinister wizard. A mysterious teacher. A kingdom on the brink of collapse. In the ancient kingdom of Havenglade, a brutal enemy is ravaging the countryside making his way closer to Gradur Castle. An aging king seeks protection from a council of loyal wizards. A peasant girl finds herself at the center of it all after bonding with a magical crystal and absorbing its magical essence. After losing her parents, Laurena was given the chance of a lifetime to study wizardry under the mysterious and renowned teacher Unai. Can she learn to harness the powers inside her before it's too late...'

Struggling to survive in the nuclear wasteland that is now Ireland, Joanna stumbles into another dimension and finds herself in Ireland's mystical dark ages, where she falls in love with Celtic king and fights to save his throne. Reprint.

Ryn Tyler's life changed the day she killed a demon. Now she's been thrown headfirst into a magical school for angels, with the power to become their savior in the war against demons. She trains in secret with her bad boy mentor, Marek, who's hiding a troubled past. Only Ryn has the ability to end the war and save the people she loves. But Ryn's fate doesn't just concern her new home. If she fails, humanity will fall... and the very world will be at stake. \*\* This digital box set includes all three books in the Divine Fate trilogy by USA Today bestselling author Alicia Rades. Join the battle of angels versus demons in this complete series! The Divine Fate series is a fast-paced, action-packed adventure for young adult paranormal and urban fantasy fans. Topics: angels, demons, teen romance, young adult paranormal romance, supernatural, paranormal romance books for teen girls, young adult urban fantasy series, teen fantasy, young adult fiction, teen fiction, magic, high school, young adult angels, modern fantasy, YA paranormal books, YA paranormal fantasy, complete series, fantasy and magic, teen and young adult books, young adult fantasy, teen books, young adult paranormal series

The second book in the World Whisperer series follows the tale of Isika growing into her destiny, even as forces from the Great Waste attempt to destroy her. Though Isika now lives happily with the Maweel, her problems seem to be following her. Apprenticing for the master potter and enjoying life with a real family occupy Isika's days, until a call for help from her beloved stepmother forces her to choose between her new life and her old. As Isika rushes back to the Worker village in hope of rescuing her stepmother, she is thrust into a plot of deception and lies, maliciously pursued by evil forces. A journey deep into the desert will test all of her newfound strength and gifting. Jabari and the other seekers follow Isika with hopes of helping, until the moment they find themselves attacked by the endless evil and malice that seeks to destroy the World Whisperer. Together they will have to find strength and belief in one another... if they ever want to make their way out of the desert and back to the land they love.

What if you fell for the one man who could save you from your dark curse...or doom you to it? After her father moves the family to a village deep in a sunless forest, Liesel is bitten by a wolf, and unbeknownst to her, marked for a terrifying destiny. Befriended by a mysterious boy in the woods soon after, however, Liesel finds herself falling in love with Kurt, a romance that brings her closer to the darkness and the light than she's ever been before. In this retelling of Little Red Riding Hood, Liesel must decide whether to accept her fate for the sake of those she loves, or fight for the freedom to choose her own way. Buy "Girl in the Red Hood" to escape into the world of the Classical Kingdoms Collection, a set of fairy tale retellings for grownups who still believe in sacrifice, true love, and the magic of happily-ever-afters. This book comes after The Becoming Beauty Trilogy. Series Note: Girl in the Red Hood is book #4 in the Classical Kingdoms Collection, but it can be read as a stand-alone fairy tale novel.

A pirate fantasy & fairy tale retelling for readers who love adventure on the high seas. People who complicate my life earn the business end of my hook. Funny how that never seems to stop them. Think I'm exaggerating? I stand accused of colluding with Fomorian raiders who are abducting young mermaids... And one of the Lost Boys I rescued from

Neverland is being terrorized by a Faerie nightmare... A dark menace connects the two things. With the help of my pixie companion, I must solve the mystery while evading the interference of my meddling ex-lover. He's sinfully distracting, but the fun must wait. All those delectable sirens need rescuing. PRAISE FOR THE CAPTAIN HOOK SERIES: "What a great surprise this gem turned out to be..." Goodreads review "A pirate's view of Neverland - it is unique, shedding light on Peter Pan's escapades. Rescues filled with feats of derring-do show the audacity of Captain Hook. She's bold, determined, and has a softer heart than you might imagine for a pirate. Her crew is a fascinating mix of odd characters that you'll love getting to know. The author has a lyrical way of weaving words together that brings each scene to living color. I love it!" Goodreads review "...a great action-packed start to the series!" 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Having grown up in a civilization deep below the Earth's surface, sixteen-year-old Jansin is thrilled when her parents surprise her with a trip above ground, but disaster strikes when raiders attack her camp and take Jansin prisoner.

"The Accidental American" vividly illustrates the challenges and contradictions of U.S. immigration policy, and argues that, just as there is a free flow of capital in the world economy, there should be a free flow of labor.

The stars have gone... Long dormant relics bask in the light of a hundred comets, restoring magics of a previous age. Objects inert for eons become dangers and tools no one can ignore. The use of these artifacts will put everything at risk; all the while providing the greatest opportunity for human advancement in history. No matter what happens to the people of Godsland, the dragons have plans of their own. The Fifth Magic is Book Seven of the Godsland Series This epic fantasy series includes: The Dawning of Power trilogy: Call of the Herald (\*Free ebook), Inherited Danger, Dragon Ore The Balance of Power trilogy: Regent, Feral, Regal The Artifacts of Power trilogy: The Fifth Magic, Dragonhold, The Seventh Magic Dragon Airways Onin Ascension PRAISE FOR THE WORLD OF GODSLAND EPIC FANTASY SERIES: "I have ripped through the first three books in this series, and I'm hooked." - Keith Hughes via Goodreads "The story line is easy to follow and is exciting also very consistent through out all of the books." - Joan Wiffen via Google Play Books "Loved it! Great scope, wonderful characters, and a ripping good yarn! More please!" - Gil Cassier via Google Play Books "A great story with characters that become your friends." - Gillian Garner via Google Play Books "I've loved the whole series! There is suspense, action, adventure and the characters grab you. Social and moral content to make you think also. Great series." - Diana Porter via Google Play Books Fans of the following books and series are known to enjoy this epic fantasy series:

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Here is a new story of a woman's fight against an ancient evil in a world of swords, sorcery, intrigue, and danger. When her life is torn apart by sorcery and murder, young Caina Amalas joins the Ghosts, the legendary spies and assassins of the Emperor of Nighmar. She learns the secrets of disguise and stealth, of assassination and infiltration. But even that might not be enough to save her. For the evil that destroyed her family seeks to devour the entire world... Available for free in ebook format.

Medieval manuscripts resisted obsolescence. Made by highly specialised craftspeople (scribes, illuminators, book binders) with labour-intensive processes using exclusive and sometimes exotic materials (parchment made from dozens or hundreds of skins, inks and paints made from prized minerals, animals and plants), books were expensive and built to last. They usually outlived their owners. Rather than discard them when they were superseded, book owners found ways to update, amend and upcycle books or book parts. These activities accelerated in the fifteenth century. Most manuscripts made before 1390 were bespoke and made for a particular client, but those made after 1390 (especially books of hours) were increasingly made for an open market, in which the producer was not in direct contact with the buyer. Increased efficiency led to more generic products, which owners were motivated to personalise. It also led to more blank parchment in the book, for example, the backs of inserted miniatures and the blank ends of textual components. Book buyers of the late fourteenth and throughout the fifteenth century still held onto the old connotations of manuscripts—that they were custom-made luxury items—even when the production had become impersonal. Owners consequently purchased books made for an open market and then personalised them, filling in the blank spaces, and even adding more components later. This would give them an affordable product, but one that still smacked of luxury and met their individual needs. They kept older books in circulation by amending them, attached items to generic books to make them more relevant and valuable, and added new prayers with escalating indulgences as the culture of salvation shifted. Rudy considers ways in which book owners adjusted the contents of their books from the simplest (add a marginal note, sew in a curtain) to the most complex (take the book apart, embellish the components with painted decoration, add more quires of parchment). By making sometimes extreme adjustments, book owners kept their books fashionable and emotionally relevant. This study explores the intersection of codicology and human desire. Rudy shows how increased modularisation of book making led to more standardisation but also to more opportunities for personalisation. She asks: What properties did parchment manuscripts have that printed books lacked? What are the interrelationships among technology, efficiency, skill loss and standardisation?

THE ordinary fields of psychological inquiry, largely in possession of the pathologist, are fringed by a borderland of occult and dubious experiment into which pathologists may occasionally venture, but it is left for the most part to unchartered explorers. Beyond these fields and this borderland there lies the legendary wonder-world of Theurgy, so called,

of Magic and Sorcery, a world of fascination or terror, as the mind which regards it is tempered, but in either case the antithesis of admitted possibility. There all paradoxes seem to obtain actually, contradictions coexist logically, the effect is greater than the cause and the shadow more than the substance. Therein the visible melts into the unseen, the invisible is manifested openly, motion from place to place is accomplished without traversing the intervening distance, matter passes through matter. There two straight lines may enclose a space; space has a fourth dimension, and untrodden fields beyond it; without metaphor and without evasion, the circle is mathematically squared. There life is prolonged, youth renewed, physical immortality secured. There earth becomes gold, and gold earth. There words and wishes possess creative power, thoughts are things, desire realises its object. There, also, the dead live and the hierarchies of extra-mundane intelligence are within easy communication, and become ministers or tormentors, guides or destroyers, of man. There the Law of Continuity is suspended by the interference of the higher Law of Fantasia. But, unhappily, this domain of enchantment is in all respects comparable to the gold of Faerie, which is presumably its medium of exchange. It cannot withstand daylight, the test of the human eye, or the scale of reason. When these are applied, its paradox becomes an anticlimax, its antithesis ludicrous; its contradictions are without genius; its mathematical marvels end in a verbal quibble; its elixirs fail even as purges; its transmutations do not need exposure at the assayer's hands; its marvel-working words prove barbarous mutilations of dead languages, and are impotent from the moment that they are understood; departed friends, and even planetary intelligences, must not be seized by the skirts, for they are apt to desert their draperies, and these are not like the mantle of Elijah.

After the death of her beloved Gramps, Delores Colchester, better known as "Itch," moves with her grandmother from Florida to Ohio. Starting over is hard, and Itch feels like an outsider in her new school, until she becomes friends with popular baton-twirling Gwendolyn. On the outside, Gwendolyn seems perfect: talented, smart, and beautiful. But she has a dark secret, which Itch begins to suspect and soon discovers is true. "Speaking up takes courage," Gramps had always told Itch, and she's about to discover just how much. Michelle D. Kwasney weaves a compelling story about child abuse, family, and friendship against the backdrop of the late 1960s. Itch is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

A heart prepared to die that has never lived or loved... Born with fragile health, Dawn Uxbridge has lived a sheltered existence. Her lonely days are filled by drawing fanciful landscapes and nurturing plants. When tragedy strikes, she finds herself alone and penniless with only one talent - a green thumb. Jasper, the Earl of Seton, is in need of a gardener to reclaim his derelict estate in the remote west of England. He expected a robust commoner, not a fragile young woman. With the next train a week away, Dawn has one chance to change the earl's mind and earn her place. But all is not as it seems at the ancestral manor. The estate is full of secrets, ravens cluster on the parapets, and a ghostly young woman cries out at night. This garden conceals a rotten heart, and it plans to squeeze the last beat from Dawn's... Keywords: gaslamp, fantasy, historical fantasy, fantasy series, speculative fiction, dark fantasy, paranormal, shifters, paranormal romance, gargoyles, female protagonist, historical romance, historical paranormal romance, victorian, victorian era, victorian romance, gothic, gothic fiction, gothic romance.

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Nocturne, a wilderness of eternal night. Solis, a wasteland of endless day. It's been a thousand years since the Avas Vstras tried to burn the world to ashes. A thousand years since they were imprisoned in the arid death zone called the Kiln. But revenge is a dish best served cold—even, apparently, by the children of fire. As war brews again, a young woman named Nazafareen must learn to control her own volatile power to stop the creatures whose mad king sundered the realm into light and dark. Praise for the Fourth Talisman "A historical fantasy that crackles with electricity... Ross plots with Olympian vigor, packing her alternate version of Persia with complex characters and a multilayered mythos. A complicated follow-up that pushes its cast to the physical and emotional brink." —Kirkus Reviews "If you haven't read this series, you definitely need to get on it. Like yesterday." —Haddie's Haven "The world of Nocturne and Solis is comparable to the expansive fantasy worlds found in epics by Tamora Pierce, Cassandra Clare, and Sarah J. Maas. With her lyrical prose, expansive world-building, and mastery of various voices, Ross is my new favorite for long-running fantasy epics." —Crazy for YA "The world building is excellent. The book is fast-paced. What else can I say? Kat Ross hits another one out of the park." —I Love a Good Book "Absolutely fantastic! From page one it just hit the ground running... Ross has managed to create something truly magical, beautiful and complex." —Rattle the Stars "Perfect for fans of City of Brass... As much as I loved the characters, I have to say the plot in this story stole the show. I could not put this book down. I loved it, I loved it, I loved it." —Book Briefs "This series is an adrenaline rush." —Books2Blog "A passionate and riveting action-packed fantasy that will draw readers into a world of danger, deception and powerful forces... Fast paced, exciting and with so much going on, Nocturne was a superb read and leaves me dying to delve into the next novel Solis as soon as I can!" —The Rest Is Still Unwritten "The storytelling is lush and the adventure had me burning the midnight oil." —Love Books Group

Avenging Muse is the biography of Naomi Royde-Smith, a powerful early twentieth-century British literary editor who discovered and published the first works of such writers as Rupert Brooke, Rose Macaulay, and Graham Greene. Beginning at age 50, she became in her own right a prolific author of more than thirty novels in addition to plays, biographies, and cultural critiques posing as travelogues. She writes about fin de siècle Geneva, about London and working women between the wars, about journalism and theater, about artists and their promoters, about banal culture, about social class in disarray, about a world that lacks spiritual center. Bravely Royde-Smith also writes about the lives of women loving women, men loving men, and tales about ordinary men and women in love--or not. The historical environment surrounding her writing, as well as those about whom she wrote, was morally and legally hostile to exploration of sexualities. Her fictions, witty and empathetic, emerge from her own experiences. Royde-Smith enjoyed her work as a professional muse--literary editor in London of the prestigious Saturday Westminster Gazette and then the Queen; however, she did not enjoy being cast by writers, such as Walter de la Mare and Henry Spiess, as their personal muse. Indeed, in certain of her novels, she retaliated against men who trespass, attacking their self-absorbed use of women in the name of art. Her personal story corresponds with an increasing historical realization of women's rights, a realization that undermines romantic and neoromantic reverence for conventional muses. Her writings anticipate current literary and feminist theories of performative gender.

The Fourth Talisman Boxed Set: Nocturne, Solis, Monstrum, Nemesis and InfernoKat Ross

After ten years at war, Jev Dharrow looks forward to hanging up his sword, relaxing with a cool mug of ale, and forgetting that the love of his life married another man while he was gone. But when his ship sails into port, a beautiful woman wearing the garb of an inquisitor from one of the religious orders waits to arrest him. His crime? He's accused of stealing an ancient artifact with the power to start another war. Jev would gladly hand over the artifact to stop more suffering, but he has no idea where it is or even what it looks like. The inquisitor woman definitely has the wrong person. Inquisitor Zenia Cham grew up with nothing, but she has distinguished herself as one of the most capable law enforcers in the city, and she's next in line to become archmage of the temple. All she has to do is find the Eye of Truth, and her superiors are certain that Jev has it. He tries to charm her with his twinkling eyes and easy smile, but she's not letting any man get between her and her dreams. Especially not a thief. If Jev can't convince Zenia they're on the same side, find the artifact, and clear his name, his homecoming will turn into a jail sentence. Or worse.

A cryptic dream. A strange symbol. A magical ring. Will's life will never be the same. Lured away from his life at the orphanage by the promise of a family reunion, fifteen-year-old Will Save unwittingly embarks on an adventure through time and space. Catapulted into the distant past. Struggling to survive a dinosaur-infested land. Plagued by a mysterious shapeshifting ability. These are only some of the challenges Will faces as he battles mythical creatures in a desperate attempt to save a race of prehistoric humanoids from a deadly plague. Avalon is obsessed with altering the course of history. If she succeeds, Will's entire life will come crumbling down around him. Desperate to protect those he loves and reunite with his long-lost mother, he must accept his destiny and become the saviour everyone believes him to be. Can he live up to his name and save the world? Find out in this action-packed, pulse-pounding first installment in a brand-new YA series about courage, love, and destiny. What are you waiting for? Buy this book today before this timeline is altered and life as we know it ceases to exist. Release Schedule: The Nibiru Effect (Book 1) - January 15th 2019 The Virtuality Theory (Book 2) - February 2nd 2019 The Individuality Gene (Book 3) - February 20th 2019

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