

JOSS WALKER'S AUGUST DISPATCH

Thank You, Childhood Dreams, And What Can We Do For YOU?

Hello, you glorious creatures!

I'm writing you from my home state of Colorado, where I am visiting my parents to celebrate my Dad's 88th birthday! My brothers are coming, too, so it is a family affair. This annual pilgrimage to the woods is life-affirming for me. The air here is clearer, the skies bigger, the memories abundant. My shadow self, the wild child who spent her days wandering in the woods and rocks, sniffing the bark of trees to determine chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla (yes, tree sap has intense scents) and fighting against coming home in the evenings is very accessible. I write so well out here. The words just flow without effort. Be it the altitude or the access to my original imaginations, it's a fun week, every year.

Our house was on a dirt road in the foothills, 30 minutes to the nearest civilization, and there weren't a ton of people around, though there were a few kids my age. I'm sure many of you are watching *Stranger Things*, yes? That idyllic childhood, where you were only limited by your imagination and you ran in packs with a few select friends, is something I will always be grateful to have experienced growing up. Also grateful not to have an upside-down world here, though there are many oddities that come from growing up in isolation. A writer's brain, for one. I was a writer from the beginning, consuming story and spitting it back out with my own strange touches from the time I could hold a pencil. That's what Colorado did for me, for sure. Did I ever imagine I'd be a full-time writer? A dream come true, for sure.

Speaking of writing...Thank you so, so much for the incredible support for the release of **MASTER OF SHADOWS**! The book shot to the top of a couple of categories and has stayed there, trading firsts with **TOMB OF THE QUEEN**. It is so exciting to have more stories in the Jayneverse, and I can't wait to share more. **R.L.** and I are writing like mad, working on both the beginnings of the Guardians mini-series as well as the next book in the series, **THE KEEPER OF FLAMES**. We're working with our amazing cover artist **Kim Killion** this week, developing the perfect look for this story. Jayne is growing as a character, as a person, as a magician, and as a woman, which has been so much fun to experience. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for loving her as much as I do.

Of course, the obligatory reminder: if you've read the book and love it, please consider **leaving a review**—it helps your fellow readers decide whether they'd like to give Jayne a try. So wave those wands, friends. Much appreciated!

Poll

This newsletter is for you. Do you like the freebies and giveaways we feature?

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READER OF THE MONTH

Each month, I feature a bookstagrammer who's caught my eye! If you'd like to participate, be sure to use the hashtag #josswalkerbookstagram and tag me at @josswalkerbooks!

This month's pick is [@katiesreadingnow!](#)

Another impressive candle collection! I love the autumnal vibes of her feed, plus those bookshelves are just gorgeous! 😊

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FEATURED BOOKS & BARGAINS

Book recommendations, promotions, and giveaways just for you!

Forget Murphy—it should be called Minerva's Law.

Paranormal affairs officer Minerva Lucent has always wanted to stand out by making a difference in the supernatural world. Unfortunately, she's only managed to stick out—like a sore thumb. Her stun spells often misfire and freeze people by mistake. Her magical restraints have been known to pull objects to them like magnets. And last week, her truth spell caused a perp to start singing in verse.



But when a coveted guardian position opens up, Minerva's determined to finally show everyone that she's the witch for the job. She makes a plan to redeem her reputation, and she's about to set it in motion, when her old finishing school pal, Roxana Goldenscales, shows up on her doorstep in dire need of assistance.

Can Minerva enact her plan *and* help Roxana (knock on wand!)? Or will she have to choose between becoming a guardian and being a good friend to her old mate?

SOUNDS COOL!

LITERARY LAUGHS

Something funny to brighten your day!

Me: No serial killer will ever lure me into their murder van. I'm too smart for that.

Murderer:



Yep. I'm doomed 🙄

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