

Holiday traditions, book deals, and a fun insta!

Merry everything, you glorious creatures!

How do you celebrate the holidays? We are Christmas folk, but it's a relatively low-key setup. We often travel to family so it doesn't make sense to go hog wild, but there are a few special items that make it in—specifically, my <u>Christmas Spider</u>. I also have an ancient nutcracker that I procured when I was a kid from my grandparents, and I always feel so merry when I get him out of his wrapping paper. I was a nut (ahem) for The Nutcracker ballet when I was a child, and still am. That's what signals the holidays to me - the soaring strains of Tchaikovsky's brilliant symphony, the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies, and of course, the rat king and the Nutcracker prince doing battle. Apparently, I was living in a fantasy realm all along.

Work continues on the next Jayne Thorne novel—and R.L. is bringing some serious research to the book, which takes place in Paris. Last month, the lucky girl got to visit many of the spots that are featured in the book! <u>Here's a look</u> at some of the fun stuff she got to experience. I am SOOOOO jealous!

Thank you so much for the wonderful response to <u>**THE EIGHTH ROAD</u>**. We so appreciate the reviews, the emails, and the shares. Sofia and Jayne and Cillian are in for some serious trouble in <u>**MASTER OF SHADOWS**</u>, so it's good for you to read the prequel and see just how Sofia came into her magic—and tried like hell to suppress it.</u>

I would love to hear some of your favorite holiday traditions! Drop me a line at <u>Joss@JossWalker.com</u>, or respond to this note. I'll share my favorites in the next missive.

And with that, I hope you have snow on the ground, a bevy of holiday movies to watch, some hot chocolate and candy canes to hand, and all the books you could possibly want.

Happy Holidays!

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 <u>@tralynsbookbag</u>!

This one gives me all kinds of autumn vibes, and I can't get enough of it! Give her a follow **here**!



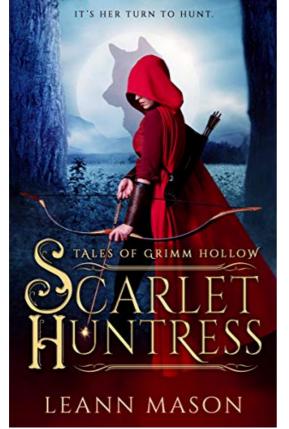
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Book recommendations, promotions, and giveaways just for you!

The woods have always housed my nightmares.

It's where my grandmother was torn apart by wolves. Where, for years, I was held captive by evil shape-shifting witches. I thought it was for my Shaman abilities. I was wrong.

> But their ritual failed. Instead of dying, I survived, while another's blood stained the forest floor.



In my escape, I discovered Grimm Hollow—a place deep in the forest in which I hoped to hide. The secret town teems with magic and a Shifter who wants to help me hone my skills. But the big, bad witchy-wolf is hot on my scarlet tail, and he won't hesitate to destroy everyone and everything to get me back—or kill me.

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BRING ON THE BIG, BAD WOLF.

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