

JOSS WALKER'S FEBRUARY DISPATCH

They Call it Going Wide

"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."

— J. M. Barrie, *Peter Pan*

Hello you glorious creatures,

I've been thinking a lot recently about why we—meaning authors—do what we do. My alter-ego is on tour for a new novel and has been fielding this question in all its variation: "When did you know you were a writer?"

It throws me, because I can't remember a time when I wasn't a writer. From a very, very young age, I was composing little poems and short stories. It was just a part of me, as natural as breathing. I'm a storyteller. I have imaginary friends who desperately want to make more friends. (They're much more outgoing than me.)

The better question is: When did you decide to become a fantasy writer?

When I started reading some of the brilliant modern fantasy floating around, and realized how powerful a magical world can be. I was drawn to this like a werewolf to a full moon. Compelled...

Let's be honest—I've had a lot of creative help in this endeavor. From those first brainstorming sessions with [Alisha](#) to the more current ones with [R.L.](#), we've created the worlds together. But let me tell you—combining imaginations the way we do creates something utterly combustible. We build off each other's ideas, reframe motives, write new spells, tie in our mythological roots. I dream of Jayne in the ether sometimes, and that goes right into a story. Sitting across from R.L., trying out new ideas, is one of the most satisfying aspects of my life. Magic is just so damn FUN!

One day, I hope to build a drawbridge into a more epic world. One where I make all the rules, and am not bound by the vagaries of reality. It's exciting to me, thinking of the possibilities. It's why I love fantasy so much—the endless opportunities for creation. It's a very powerful art form.

Speaking of power... and why we do what we do...

Recently, there have been [stirrings in the fantasy world](#) about how big corporations take advantage of the very authors who build their platforms. It's an age-old conundrum—we need them, and they need us. But in the brave new world of indie publishing, when shenanigans are afoot, when ads stop working, when the sales start to drop off, we have to assess what's happening and make shifts that work best for our businesses.

To that end, I've decided to move the Jayne Thorne series out of the exclusive Kindle Unlimited program, and take the series wide. I've loved the KU process, and am not ruling out moving certain books back into KU as is appropriate. But it's time for Jayne to spread her quite formidable wings, and be available anywhere you, my precious reader, want to buy your books.

I would also love to sell direct eventually, but until then, you can now get the Jayne books off any platform, from your library (YAY!), and, if you're interested in signed copies and special swag, from a fabulous new store called [The Signed Bookshop](#). We're busy getting the backlist up and running there, and I'm excited to plan out some beautiful new special editions and the like.

Hence, I verily call unto thee...go forth, and buy books! You can start here... [THE KEEPER OF FLAMES](#), Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian #3, will be out June 27. The [audio](#) will be out August 8. Both are available for pre-order digitally, and print is hot on its heels. There will absolutely be a special hardcover edition at the Bookshop, so if you're interested in pre-ordering that, we will have a link ready soon!

Here's what you'll see from Jayne and her team next. I think you're going to love this one.



A lost fire goddess. An arrogant new ally. And a secret magical society on the brink of extinction.

All Jayne Thorne wants to do is work with her sister to track down their missing father. Instead, she is tasked with another assignment from the CIA: go to Rome and acquire a necromantic grimoire linked to a lost fire goddess.

As Jayne struggles to work with her new partner, a smug and infuriating magician who knows exactly how to push her buttons, she realizes this mission may reveal clues to her father's whereabouts. To make matters worse, the deadly terror organizations have caught wind of

this powerful grimoire, and their dark magic has created all manner of terrifying new obstacles for Jayne to overcome.

The closer Jayne gets to finding her father, the more she uncovers about the secret society he was part of. When she realizes their enemies are closing in on these hunted magicians—and targeting her sister, too—she must expand her magical abilities, trust in her partner, and risk her life for the truth... or else the power of the fire goddess could wind up in the wrong hands.

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I just love the dark, earthy tones of this feed. Perfect witchy vibes.

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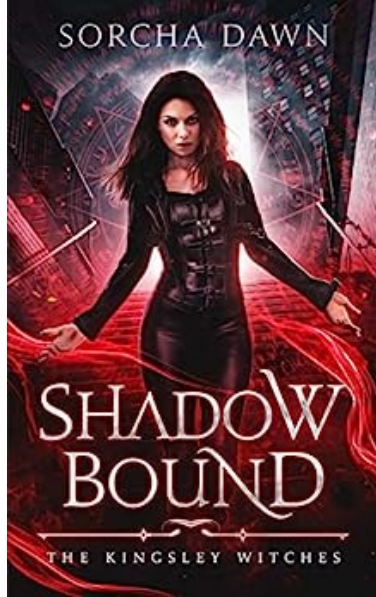
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Before discovering she was part of a powerful family of witches, January Kingsley's biggest worry had been trying to put her college degree to good use after graduation.

Now she and her sisters have a magical legacy to uphold. The only problem? January is a terrible witch. As in, embarrassingly bad.

But that doesn't stop her Aunt Aradia from sending January on a mission to retrieve a relic stolen by a ruthless vampire.

Ozias Covaci is as brutal as he is handsome. His



thirst for justice rivals the freeze in his heart until he gets a taste of the witch sent to stop him.

With a demon assassin on their tails, he can either keep his witch safe or choose vengeance, but he can't do both. Is their passion strong enough to save them, or is it bound to destroy everything they hold dear?

SOUNDS COOL!

In Linaria, dragons are revered as gods.

Airships command the skies.

And across the land, war is brewing.

Devastated by their father's death, Moroda and her sister struggle to make ends meet. Things go from bad to worse when a rogue dragon destroys their city.

Fleeing on a sky pirate's airship to escape the chaos, the sisters find themselves penned in by untrustworthy companions, a bloodthirsty warlord, and dragons on the rampage.

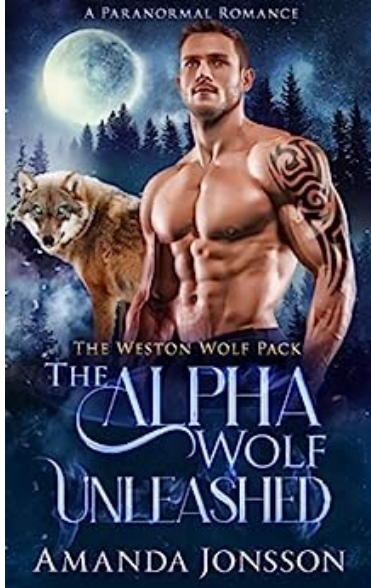
For Moroda, who would do anything to protect her sister, nowhere is safe. Not even the sky.

The balance of power in Linaria is tipping. Can one woman make a difference?



I'M IN!

Living outside of the regulated wolf pack that is mandated by the laws that govern their kind isn't for the faint of heart. The price that rugged alpha wolf Justin and his striking fated mate Carly have to pay for their freedom is high as they must



work in the shadows to solve the mystery of local murders by wolves and carve their path back out in the open.

But their relationship is in turmoil, too. Carly is developing primal and powerful leadership instincts that force her to challenge Justin's long-standing status as alpha. Their fight for the top has sparks flying and their passion burning as fiery as ever. Because as much as they both want the lead, neither of them can deny their all-consuming desire for each. But there can only be one leader, and something has to give...

With murderers on the loose, and powerful outside forces interfering and threatening to take everything close to their hearts, there is much more than just love and power on the line.

A passion so fierce, it has the power to burn down the whole world with them. That is if the world doesn't end them first.

With the stakes higher than ever, will love prevail or be consumed in the fires of primal instinct?

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The perfect book list!

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