

JOSS WALKER'S OCTOBER DISPATCH

Witches, please! Happy Halloween and Blessed Samhain to you!

Hello, you glorious creatures!

We've entered what I believe to be the finest time of the year—Halloween! Though COVID wiped out door-to-door trick-or-treating in my neighborhood (👻) there are still traditions to be kept. Namely, carve my porch pumpkins, sneak a few mini Snickers, or better yet— Milk Duds!—put on a spooky movie and make a big pot of chili. And since I am not a fan of anything too terribly scary, so that just means something with witches or fairies or similarly cool fantasy. Maybe a rewatch of Vampire Diaries is in order???

Speaking of watching... Have y'all watched FATE: The Winx Saga yet? Dark academia meets battle magic, fairies and dark witches, all things teen angst—and MAGIC! I love it. So I'll probably be deep into season 2 of that. Or maybe Hunger Games—which is, truly, the scariest concept ever, if you think about it. I've been following along on the ACOTAR news from Sarah J. Maas, (there's a rumor Outlander's Sam Heughan is involved, and hello, Tamlin. Season 2 of Leigh Bardugo's super cool adaptation of her Grishaverse, Shadow and Bone, is coming soon, too. What else should I be looking for?

Books-wise, my alter ego has been hard at work on reading for the 8th season of [A WORD ON WORDS](#), and while I rarely get to do full-blown fantasy, there was a great book on my list that you might enjoy called [THE CARTOGRAPHERS](#). Very interesting supernatural mystery with maps at its heart. It hit some of my favorite tropes, too: found family, dark academia, and women finding their power in mysterious situations. You'll love it.



Closer to home, we have some exciting news! The [audiobook of MASTER OF SHADOWS](#) releases October 25, just a few short days from now! We adore our narrator Erin Moon—she's absolutely fabulous. We can't wait to hear what you think!

Also, our chunky new short story [GUARDIANS OF SILENCE](#) is live! The reception so far has been great. It's slightly different tonally from the Jayne books—more romance, less sass—but takes deep dive into Amanda's backstory, Jayne's boss at the CIA, which is a vital storyline to the future of the main series. You can grab a copy on Amazon or through KDP. Speaking of...Like many authors in the indie world, I go back and forth about whether the eBook(s) should stay in the Amazon ecosystem or go wide. What's your preference?

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Rachel and I are working on book 3 in Jayne's story, [THE KEEPER OF FLAMES](#). Exciting times—it's unbelievable to think we're nearly halfway through the series!

Also, if you're interested, there will be an omnibus edition of TOMB and SHADOWS coming shortly, both print and digital. I know most folks wait until there are three books, but since these are so long, I figured why not start with two? And this way, we can get THE EIGHTH ROAD into print for the first time! FLAMES will be out in the spring, God willing and the creeks don't rise, so a little duality now can't hurt. More on that next time.

And one more thing...Rachel is working on this fabulous side project for her Ivy & Bone series. Check out her [Kickstarter](#) campaign for it!

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 [@booksandbasilisks/](#)

I'm in love with the autumn vibes of this feed! Perfect for the season. 😊

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Hi. I'm Nora, and I bring people's worst nightmares to life.

Everyone needs a hobby, right?

Gah. Don't look at me like that. It's not like I do it on purpose. *I'm cursed.* Like bonafide needle-pricking, frog-kissing, poison-apple *cursed.* Except worse because in addition to slowly chipping away at my soul, this thing will eventually kill me too.

Let me start over...

It all goes back to wishes. The damned things come true around me but in the worst possible way. And I don't mean that lightly because, well... sometimes people wind up

dead.

The kicker? Once I grant my quota of ill-fated desires, that's it for me. *Finito.* I know because there were others before me. Just our sick family heritage. We screw people over, and then we die. Hell of a way to live, right?

I think I might be the last one too. I've searched my whole life and found nothing. No answers. No cure. Not one hint of magic in this entire world besides me.

Well, that is... until today.

SOUNDS COOL!

Kill him or die.

Anima's existence is about one thing—exterminating demons. She's an assassin for the Tenebris Witches and her next assignment is to kill the President of Hallowed Grounds MC. Except, when they meet, she can't fulfill her task. Torque isn't the ruthless Princep of Bloods they declared him to be, he's much more.

Time is running out and Anima knows what happens to assassins who don't satisfy their contracts. She never meant to spare him, but if

what he says is true, then her entire life had been a lie.

Anima finds herself out of her depth in a world she only partially understands. The realms are interconnected with half-truths and deceit. She'll need to lean on the enemy to save the world.



I'M IN!



A cursed witch, four intriguing young men, and a shadow realm hidden within their academy.

My name is Willow Oliver, and I'm descended from a bloodline of powerful yet cursed witches. At least, that's what my mother claims. Most people think she's crazy.

My new academy buzzes with a familiar energy. One that half the student body doesn't seem to notice. The others simply disappear through hazy shadows, vanishing into thin air. Three of the four men I'm magnetically drawn to have skin that feels like electric when we touch,

something magical hidden under the surface of each of them.

The more I uncover, the more I doubt my sanity, making me consider one of two things: I'm going crazy, too, or maybe my mom was right after all.

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October

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LITERARY LAUGHS

Something funny to brighten your day!



WHEN SOMEONE SAYS

THEY'RE GOING TO
THE BOOKSTORE

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Guilty! Who could say no to a face like that? 🐾

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