

JOSS WALKER'S SEPTEMBER DISPATCH

Happy Fall, and Read On for A Big Surprise!

Hello, you glorious creatures!

Is everyone thrilled to be back in the land of pumpkin spice? I've never had one—the syrup isn't gluten-free—but I did make a batch of pumpkin pancakes the other day, and they were delightful! It's been cooler here, which has allowed for longer walks, lots of thinking time, and that urge to start nesting for winter. September really feels like the start of my year. I am entrenched in the back-to-school habit—new notebooks, new pens, new things to learn. Research stops for no one.

I'm glad to see you're enjoying the newsletter and the variety of book-related content we're providing. Several of you asked for more book suggestions, which I am happy to provide. There's a very special swap below with my lovely co-writer [R.L. Perez](#), whose new book [IVY AND BONE](#), a Hades/Persephone retelling, is out now! And I'm currently reading a truly unique fantasy by L. Penelope called [SAVAGE CITY](#). It rather defies description, but let me say, to be in Leslye's mind must be a lot of fun. It's incredible.

There was also a request for "Writing Secrets." To which I say, yass! Going forward I'll include some fun, behind-the-scenes looks into the writing of these books and stories and the writing life in general. Cool?

Let's start with this: I hate timelines. Timelines are the devil. Not only is it math, but there is also the pesky problem of dates. Putting a date on a story creates its own issues. Not putting a date and instead referring to a time frame—for instance, saying 30 Years Ago—can also cause heartburn. R.L. and I just dealt with this in a little something you're about to see. Because we're writing urban fantasy, I like to ground the stories in reality using small details here or there. In this case, I used the Nirvana concert in Dublin in 1992. Thirty Years Ago. Perfect. BUT... we had to move the time frame to be 26 Years Ago... and Nirvana wasn't touring Dublin then. After long thought, I chose the Cranberries, instead. Sometimes, it's just easier to go ahead and slap a real date on a story, and hope your readers understand that things, they do change.

Now... why should I care if something happened 30 or 26 Years Ago, you ask???

Voilà...

BOOK NEWS

I have a surprise for you! Would you like to read a brand-new story from the Jayne Thorne cosmere? I give you, Volume 1 in our new miniseries – The Guardians.



A fierce magic tied to the natural world. A duty-bound magician. And the woman who will test his destiny...

Long before Jayne Thorne discovered her powers, a very old magic existed. One destined to protect the world from an impossible and deadly power.

Karam Newport is a Guardian, part of a secret society of powerful magicians tasked with devoting their lives to protecting the source of all magic: the Torrent. Only a Guardians' unique powers can keep the wild forces of the Torrent from leaking into the world and destroying all mankind.

But Karam's destiny becomes uncertain when he meets a woman who challenges his way of thinking. Now, he envisions a different kind of future for himself: one of hope and love.

When a magical terror organization seeks to unleash the Torrent, Karam must make an impossible choice: live his life with the woman of his dreams or die trying to save the world from the unstoppable force of the Torrent.

The Guardians is a spin-off mini-series from the world of Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian. Be prepared to watch these incredible magicians conquer worlds, test their fates, and work to defeat the evil forces trying to control the universe.

Looks and sounds amazing, right? And it is. And better yet – I have an exclusive, limited-time offer that I'm only sharing with you, as a member of the Dispatch, and my Readers and Rouges Facebook group. For this week only, the pre-order price is \$.99. On release day, the price will go up to \$1.99.

GIMME THAT DEAL!

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 [@bookishbehavior](#)!

I really love the classic feel of this feed. The spines are gorgeous, as are the props and backdrop. It gives me a newfound appreciation for beautiful book covers and stacks! 😊

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FEATURED BOOKS & BARGAINS

Book recommendations, promotions, and giveaways just for you!

A dangerous deal with the devil gives one witch more than she bargained for...

Prue is an earth witch, blessed with power from the Triple Goddess. Still mourning the loss of her twin sister, Prue summons the devil himself from the Underworld, intent on bringing her sister back from the dead. But when she meets him—a handsome man named Cyrus—he is more deadly and alluring than she anticipated. Prue tricks him into binding his blood with hers, granting her access to his powers over the



dead.

But the bond also unlocks the gates to the Underworld, unleashing the spirits within.

Now Cyrus is bound to her in more ways than one.

Desperate to close the gates and save the mortal realm from unholy destruction, Prue and Cyrus must work together to undo their bargain. But against her better judgment, Prue is enthralled by his seductive nature, and she finds herself falling for the devil himself.

*This fantasy romance is a Hades and Persephone retelling with a twist, full of steamy romance, dark paranormal themes, and allusions to Greek mythology. Perfect for fans of **Kingdom of the Wicked** and **A Touch of Darkness**.*

SOUNDS COOL!

**Here are a bunch of fantasy freebies for you!
Just click on the image to browse the selection.**



Free Fantasy Books

With Strong Female
Main Characters



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LITERARY LAUGHS

Something funny to brighten your day!



rawsauce

I wanna record an audiobook that's 8 hours of breathing and page turning. Then just "Oh you mean out loud?" right at the end.

This is hilarious. Who would listen to all 8 hours of that? 🤔

Source: [Devour Books](#)

JOSS WALKER'S READERS & ROGUES

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