



***The Official Mercedes Lackey &***

***Larry Dixon Fan Club***

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Heyla, Misty fans!

I thought you might like to see Misty's bio from her Amazon author's page:

Mercedes Lackey is the acclaimed author of over 145 novels and many works of short fiction. In her "spare" time she is also a skilled needleworker, jewelry maker, and collector and costumer of Asian ball-jointed dolls. Many of her works go to charity auctions for good causes. She has also been known to play City of Heroes MMORPG and D&D with a close group of friends. Mercedes lives in Oklahoma with her husband and frequent collaborator, artist Larry Dixon, and their flock of parrots. Over half of their parrots are rescues. Her website is [www.mercedeslackey.com](http://www.mercedeslackey.com).

I think the number of novels is now up to over 150. She really writes faster than I can read.

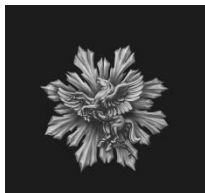
I remember that many years ago Queen's Own teamed up with a fan in Japan to acquire a male doll for her that someone redecorated to look like Vanyel. I can't remember if she kept it or auctioned it off for the Alex Foundation: <https://alexfoundation.org/> Misty was heavily involved in the foundation even when she was busy rehabilitating raptors, something that she is no longer able to do.

I was delighted to learn that she is also a D&D fan since my own novels are set on my world where my group played for over 20 years. I'm not familiar with the other game she plays.

I do like the books she coauthors with Larry. They usually contain gryphons and Tayledras 😊. His maps are available for sale through their Kickstarter page.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



## Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Herald, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

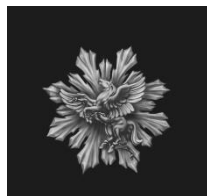
All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to [queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:queensownnewsletter@gmail.com)

- No new persona to announce this season.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours one of them? Let us know!

If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com), and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

**Special Perk!** If you have a Facebook account, you can join the Secret Room to RP with your persona and to attend the QO RP events. **The QO RPs are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM PDT.** (Please note we do **NOT** meet in November or December due to the holidays. **Danya is willing to pop into the secret room for an unofficial session if you ask nicely and she has the time.**). You are cordially invited! If another time and date would work better, please let me know at [shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com). Attendance has been a bit sparse.



## Valdemar Merch Announcement

Misty and Larry have launched a new line of merch:  
<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/zoe-crowdfunding/mercedes-lackeys->

[world-of-valdemar/description](#) Follow the link to sign up for notifications of updates to the site.

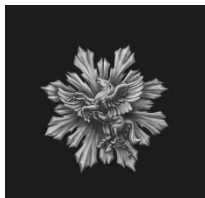


## **Request for Submissions:**

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Herald Nalei Rayskeline for Golden Grove: [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with Golden Grove in the subject line.

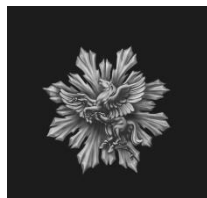
- (1) Let's build a new sewer system like the one in the capital, they said. It'll be great, no more bad smells stinking up the market, they said. No one ever bothered to think about the poor sot who would have to repair and clean it.
- (2) A gate opened unexpectedly into the council chambers...
- (3) It was a stupid thing to do, buying a horse that couldn't even trot. What did he even know about training horse or caring for them for that matter.

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send me contact information, I'd be happy to publish them!]



## Contest Announcement

**Book Review Contest:** Please send along book reviews for any of the Valdemar books, old or new. Please keep the reviews spoiler free. All entrants will be featured within our new book review section of the newsletter, unless requested otherwise. The winner will be announced once we have received at least 3 entries. The prize is a Hard Cover book copy of *Into the West*. This contest has been extended because we have not had any submissions. Please send in your submissions via email ([queensownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:queensownnewsletter@gmail.com) ).



## Book Reviews

This edition's reviews are by Herald Shayla.

*Winter Moon:* From LUNA Books, published in 2006. This trilogy of novellas includes "Moontide" by Mercedes Lackey, "The Heart of the Moon" by Tanith Lee and "Banshee Cries" by C.E. Murphy. All three stories are linked by the power of the moon with strong female characters who must discover the hidden powers within and the price that might have to be paid to be free.

*Tiger Burning Bright:* From Avon Books, published in 1995. Mercedes Lackey collaborated and co-wrote this masterpiece fantasy novel with Marion Zimmer Bradley and Andre Norton. Meet Dowager Queen Adele, ruling Queen Lydana, and Princess Shelyra from the House of the Tiger, which has ruled the tiny merchant city-state of Merina in times of peace and prosperity. Now a seemingly undefeatable enemy, the Emperor Balthasar, has come to destroy their city.

*Dead Reckoning:* From Bloomsbury USA Childrens, published in 2012 and co-written with Rosemary Edgehill. Meet Jett, a teenage gambler who disguises herself as a boy in the Old West, searching for her long-lost brother, and Honoria, a self-sufficient and clever inventor. Both these young women travel alone until they end up facing a zombie outbreak. The two team up to investigate the cause. There were hints at the end that there could be sequel

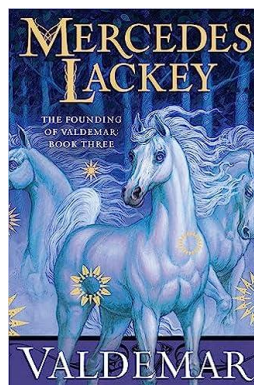
adventures, but so far none have been published. Not the strongest writing from either author, but a fun and delightful adventure perfect for a Spooky Season read.



## Publication News:



Here is the Amazon link to order *Gryphon in Light*, the first book in Misty and Larry's new Gryphon series: <https://www.amazon.com/Gryphon-Light-Kelvrens-Larry-Dixon/dp/0756414482>



The third book of the Founding of Valdemar series will be out in December:  
<https://www.amazon.com/Valdemar-Founding-Mercedes-Lackey/dp/0756417392>

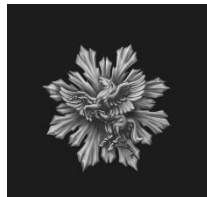
Here is a link to buy used copies of Misty's books for reasonable costs:

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/>

Here is another link for purchasing Misty's books:

[https://www.bookbub.com/authors/mercedes-lackey?list=author\\_books](https://www.bookbub.com/authors/mercedes-lackey?list=author_books)

This link can buy all Misty's books in any format you would like. When I selected one of her books, I was given the link to several online shops: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google, Apple and Kobo. I like that I have the option regardless of my personal preference of tablet, paperback, hardback, new, used, audiobook. Check it out, and let Herald Shayla ([phooka\\_gal@yahoo.com](mailto:phooka_gal@yahoo.com)) know what you get. We're always looking for more reviews!



### **From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:**

Heyla!

Well, I've finally managed to come down with COVID. Supposed to start antibiotics because they think it's gone into pneumonia. Lucky me. Thought it was the flu, or I would have gone in sooner. Should have remembered that I've had my flu shot, but I was waiting for the new COVID booster. Now I have to wait until this clears up. It's triggered my asthma, and I hate feeling as if I can't breathe.

Read a good book about the Five Good Roman Emperors (the Antonine Dynasty). It was only 67 pages long, but it was a good summary of their reigns. I'm working on a novel set during the reigns of Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius (and then onto the not so good emperors). It's one I've been meaning to write for decades now, and I'm finally getting around to it.

Fall weather has arrived in California. We've even had a little rain. Not used to this. It was in the 90s this time last year. Mother Nature has lost her mind.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



## **E-Resources:**

Misty's official page: <http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

The Queen's Own Facebook group is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607409292715707/>

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

Mercedes Lackey Discord Server (over 5k followers)  
<https://discord.gg/bookclub>

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page: [http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr\\_tc\\_2\\_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent](http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent)



Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:

[https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/\\_/N-2khg](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg)

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



## **Chapters & Zines:**

Fanfiction can now be published as long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction, and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** FOR ADOPTION BY THE NEW CO-PRESIDENT. Publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available online only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!
- **Golden Grove** is now being published on a quarterly basis. For new subscriptions and to submit stories, poetry, personae requirements or other works-based Misty's stories please e-mail them to [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with Golden Grove in the subject line. I am more than happy to help with any editing or beta reading. If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me, you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital

copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while you're at it!)
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: [Herald\\_Bastian@hotmail.com](mailto:Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com). The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from *The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy* by Mercedes Lackey.



## Personals:

- **Cookbook Project!** The collection of data is almost complete! Now we're down to trying to figure out if some of the ingredients are real or something that Misty made up. We're also trying to figure out the format (e.g., by course, by book, by time period). Watch for discussions on the Queen's Own Facebook list. Please send suggestions to Herald Mage Danya ([shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com)).
- **Waystation Network announcement!** Traveling abroad and looking for a bunk to sleep on without having to fumigate your waystation first...? I have a fold-out couch on offer as well as floor space with extra (air) mattresses, available for wandering Bards, Heralds on Circuit or Hawkbrothers in search of an *ekele* (6<sup>th</sup> floor apartment 😊). So, if you're in the neighborhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: [hannab@online.nl](mailto:hannab@online.nl), Phone: +31(0)58 2665915 / +31(0)6 25422809. And wouldn't it be nice to have a whole network of

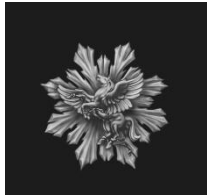
Waystations? If more of you are willing to offer spare beds and couches, I'm willing to set up a list to be available through QO.

- **Ellen Million Graphics** Long-time Queen's Own member Ellen Million is writing shifter paranormal romance as Elva Birch! Check out her series The Royal Dragons of Alaska with the first book, [The Dragon Prince of Alaska](#). Reluctant royalty, relentless enemies...plus dogs, camping, romance, and magic in an alternate world where dragon shifters rule a collection of Small Kingdoms and a magical compact dictates succession! Ready for a buckle-your-belt binge-read? She also wrote Shifting Sands Resort under the name of Zoe Chant. Thrilling tropical adventure and hot romance wait at a mysterious island resort in this complete 10-book series with two bonus collections of short stories. Start with [Tropical Tiger Spy](#), or save money with the first [three-book box set](#). Don't miss a release! Sign up for her [newsletter](#) and get a free collection of flash fiction!
  
- **Northwest Visions Studio**--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
  
- **Dragon Visions** by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and eBook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>
  
- **From Angela K. Scott/** Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on eBay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!  
[http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?\\_trksid=p2047675.12559](http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559)  
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at [UnicornAlora@gmail.com](mailto:UnicornAlora@gmail.com).
  
- **From Marianne D-B:** My sister, who died a few years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them

reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:

- Darkwind & Vree, 1991
- Firesong, 1991
- Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991
- Starblade & Hyllar, 1991
- Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991
- Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991
- Elspeth & Gwena, 1991
- Iceshadow, 1991

You can contact me at [duddyburkem@aol.com](mailto:duddyburkem@aol.com).



Queen's Own is the official Mercedes Lackey Appreciation Society. Our purpose is to share our enjoyment of Misty's worlds. We are a fan-run not-for-profit organization, not a business. Our address of publication is no longer physical. We are online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

This newsletter is published solely to inform and entertain the club's membership; no infringement of anyone's copyrights is intended.

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<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>