

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Valdemar Crest

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Hope you are all having a happy Fall and planning to have a Happy Halloween or Blessed Samhain or whatever Fall celebration you enjoy. Currently my city is fighting over whether kids are going to be allowed to Trick or Treat because of COVID-19, but I suspect kids are going to be kids, so I've purchased a bag of candy anyway.

We've been busily trying to update the Queen's Own website. We hope you like it as well as the changes we've made to the newsletter. Do let us know.

We're including some of our own art in this edition of the newsletter in the hope of inspiring you to participate in our contests for Misty memorabilia. Contests are ongoing, so feel free to submit at any time. (Material from new personas is automatically entered.)

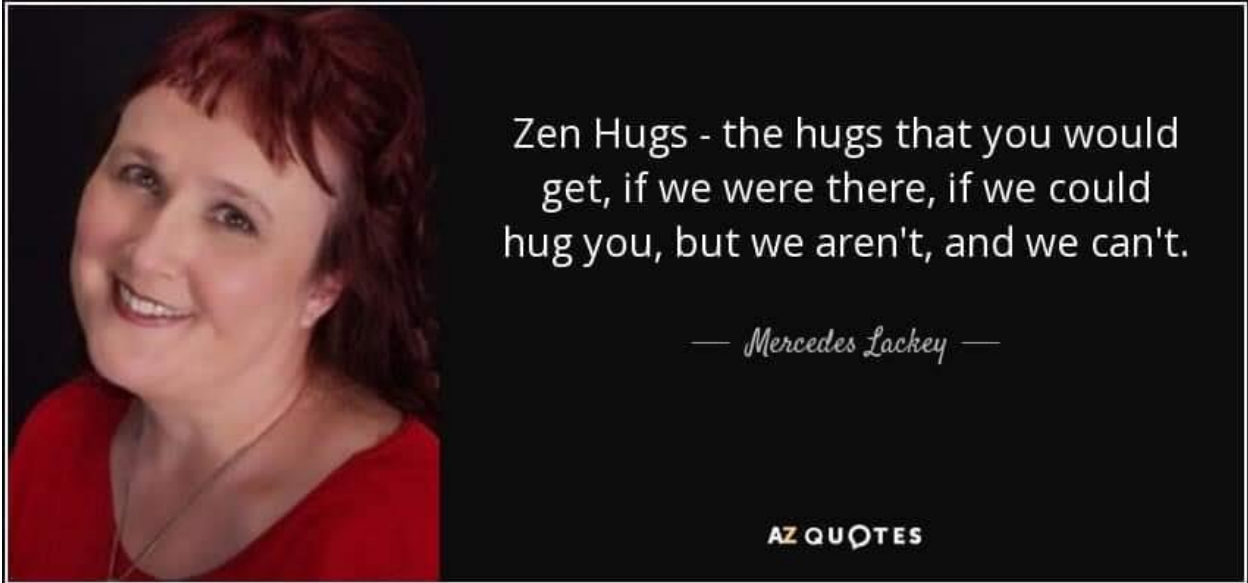
The Dragonlords' Bookstore is back up and running at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkstore>. I've updated the main page and the one with my works. I'm going to tackle Misty's page next. She writes faster than I can type, though, so that's going to take a while. (I haven't updated it in almost two decades.)

Wishing you all well, and stay safe!

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

- We do not have a new persona to announce this month.

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 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 next QO RP is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM PST. (Please note

we do NOT meet in November or December due to the holidays). You are cordially invited!



Story Prompt:

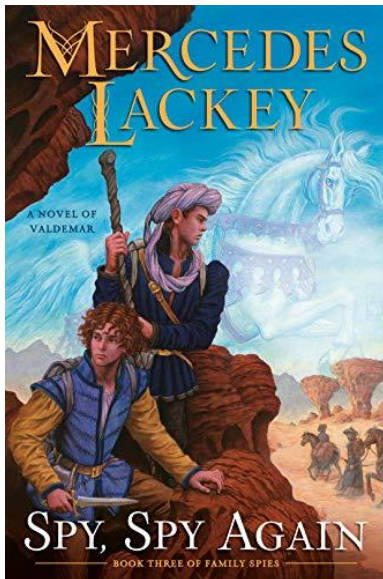
Not another wedding! How many cousins could there possibly be of marriageable age in the family? Lately it seemed like hundreds as another wedding invitation arrived almost monthly.

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

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]

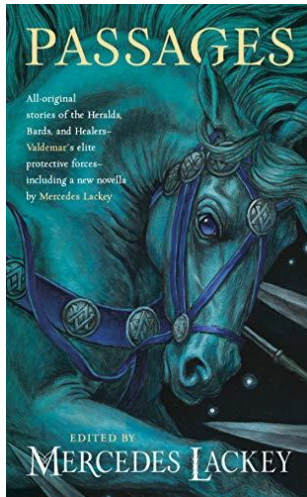


Contest Announcements



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 in the DECEMBER newsletter, and prize which is a Hard Cover book copy of Spy, Spy Again (Family Spies Book 3) will be sent in time to read or share for your winter holidays. Please send in your submissions via email (queensownnewsletter@gmail.com).





Publication News:

Passages (anthology), release date November 24, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Jolene (*Elemental Masters Book 15*), release date December 1, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Sacred Ground, release date December 1, 2020, and is available for Kindle pre-order. (this is a Kindle release date. I have hopes it will also be re-released in paperback as well.)

Please send us reviews of any of Misty's works, old or new. We love to hear from you!

We have found a link for purchasing Misty's 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 us know what you get, we are always looking for more reviews!



Book Review for *Brightly Burning*

By Linda Malcor

Lackey, Mercedes. 2000. *Brightly Burning*. New York: DAW. Hardcover. 406 pages. Cover by Jody Lee. Interior illustrations by Larry Dixon.

The story of Herald Lavan Firestorm, *Brightly Burning* is one of Mercedes Lackey's best novels in recent years. In the tale we get to see a tremendous amount of Haven outside the Palace walls, and we tour various neighborhoods of Valdemar's capitol city. We also find out about the merchants and craftspeople of Velgarth (Lackey's world).

Lackey seems to be paying close attention to input from fans in this offering from her acclaimed *Heralds of Valdemar* series. In the tale, she answers many questions that have cropped up in fan forums. Her attention to details is

phenomenal. One of the most fascinating scenes is an elaborate description of how the Gift of Firestarting works and how Heralds with the Gift are taught to use it.

The pacing through most of the book is good, but things get more than a little rushed toward the end. I found myself wishing that Lackey had chosen to turn the stand-alone volume into a duology, such as the *Vows and Honor* duology that she composed for Tarma and Kethry. I wanted to know more about the time Lavan spent as a Herald and about the people he met in the palace. For instance, the reigning king, Theran, is by far one of the most fascinating monarchs Lackey has created, yet he received extremely limited "stage time" in the tale. Still, if you are a Lackey fan, this is one that you will want to own in the hardcover version.



From Healer Adept Moonstar:

We did not have a newsletter last month, but we did have a great meeting to figure out what we wanted to keep in the newsletter. We thought that perhaps our newsletters had too much that was not relevant to our club. To narrow our focus, we removed many of the sections we felt were not changing. What do you think of our newsletter's new format? Did we remove something you loved? We are hoping that we will bring a little more excitement to your day. Please let us know what you think.

I have found we can promise 9 or 10 issues a year. As we have been doing this over 20 years now, we have found we end up with medical limitations, real world crashing in. I would love to say we would be able to tell you in advance when we may miss an issue but that is not going to happen.

I have thankfully found a position, where I have been nearly 3 months. In the new year I know I will need another surgery and if we are lucky, it will not interfere with our publication schedule. I have been picking up more time to read lately and I am currently reading the new Christopher Paolini book, "To Sleep in a Sea of Stars." After which, I plan to read the Family Spies books.

Hugs-

Moonstar





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By

Laura Cameron



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

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:
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 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:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; E-mail: Queensownnewsletter@gmail.com. I 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** Volume 3, Issue 4 is now available! Golden Grove is a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. Contact me if you'd like a copy. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com. To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line. 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. 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!** Danya is helping to organize a cookbook project, first portion of this project is to sign up with Danya to which books you would like to look through, since this will help minimize duplication of effort. The information requested after you have signed up for a book is (book name, page #, name of food and description of scene). This project is open to all whom would like to join in, and we are hoping to add more details for this project in our next newsletter. Please send inquiries to Herald Mage Danya (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* (6th floor apartment 😊). So, if you're in the neighbourhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: 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** is releasing a new collection of fantasy coloring books for (so-called) grown-ups: Mermaids, dragons, angels, and fantasy horses, oh my! Find these and more at <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com/coloringbooks.php>
- **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

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.

○ **From Marianne D-B:** My sister, who died a couple 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.



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The newsletter will be available online after approximately one week at:
<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>