



The Official Mercedes Lackey &

Larry Dixon Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

This month I want to highlight our online communities. We have the Queen's Own Chatlist (and main page) on Facebook. Also, on Facebook you can find the Valdemar Fan Club (the online branch of Queen's Own), the Vanyel Fan Club, and the Mercedes Lackey Fan Club. Though not updated as much as I'd like, you can find the Queen's Own website at <http://dragonlordsnet.com/go.htm>. Remember, if you've outgrown your persona, you can always create a new one by choosing a handout at <https://dragonlordsnet.com/gohandouts.htm>. You can make NPCs (If you need a translation of that, message me at shashtah@gmail.com). You can attain higher ranks in most persona types. There's a Discord group: <https://discord.com/channels/402966193490624513/403596711458766868> (If anyone with that small Velgarth server can toss me a link, I'll add it.). Larry is online on Twitter. I'm pretty much all over the place. My blog is at <https://scriptorium101.com/> (Not all Misty, but I have a serious Misty section of my favorite fanfiction pieces that I've written for her world.). If you know about anything else out there, please let us know!

Remember, our online RPs are on the fourth WEDNESDAY of every month, starting at 5:30 Pacific Time (I'll go later if people want to keep playing. Heck, I'll take play dates off schedule, if you like, even if they are unofficial.). We usually run for about an hour and a half. It's like telling a group story. Don't be shy! No experience necessary!

We're heading into Ren. Faire Season. If any of you can find one that's open and get a shot of yourself in garb, send it to us! We'd love to see what you come up with for your costumes. I'm hoping to drag Danya's Golds out of storage this year. It will be nice to be in them for a change.

Send us your art, stories, poems, photos and anything else you can think of! We'd love to publish your work.

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

- Welcome Back **Herald Karilynn Ravensea**, Chosen by Kilfry and gifted with Mindspeech and Mindhealing. *Barbel Ridder* sent background information on Karilynn and her family, drew maps of Valdemar and Ravensea and a picture of her persona, wrote a short story, knows first aid, sent a recipe, and co-wrote a poem. (originally welcomed 9/1997)

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 QO RPs are 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. 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!



Valdemar Merch Announcement

Misty and Larry, in partnership with The Fantasy Network, are soon launching a new line of merch at [High Flight Arts](#). Follow the link to sign up for notifications of updates to the site.



Story Prompt:

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.

The toymaker's focus was intent on the small details they were attempting to paint onto the small guardsman when the door to the shop suddenly opened.

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





Maiden, Mother, Crone

By

Ellen Million



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 and prize which is a Hard Cover book copy of *Spy, Spy Again* (Family Spies Book 3). This contest has been extended because we have not had any

submissions. Please send in your submissions via email (queensownnewsletter@gmail.com).



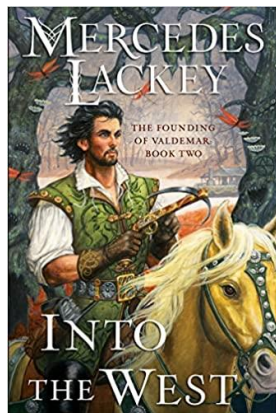
Book Review

What are you guys reading? Share with us your thoughts we would love to hear it.

From Danya: Oh, you so do not want to know what I've been reading! See below 😊.



Publication News:



Into the West, is available for pre-release orders at this link

<https://amzn.to/3qw0JwI>

Due out June 21, 2022! Available for preorder now!

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

We have found a link to buy used copies of Misty's books for reasonable costs:

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

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!



From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Okay. Sad news out of the way first. My mother passed away on New Year's Eve from complications of a bad fall she had in August. It was a long haul. We have now, finally, been able to hold a memorial service, though we are still sorting through the assorted paperwork. I am very glad for my children that I have prepared for my cremation and arranged to have my ashes scattered at sea. The cemetery wanted to charge us \$500 to see my mother's coffin lowered into the grave. We opted not to watch. What were they going to do? Strip her? This is such a racket, and it's doubly terrible to pull it on people who are grieving.

Happier news. I did a podcast interview for my book *From Scythia to Camelot: The North-Iranian origins of Europe's King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table; my conversation with Dr. Linda Malcor about her book 'From Scythia to Camelot' by The Persian Version (anchor.fm)*. I'm working on a YouTube script comparing the movie *Excalibur* to its reputed source, Malory's *Le Morte D'Arthur*. I'm helping with another video about *King Arthur* (2004), which was based on my work. Sort of. I'm in the credits as the Researcher. (Which falls after Caterer, if you manage to sit through the credits that long.) I'm set to film another video about *From Scythia to Camelot* in March. My March 2022 release of *Artorius: The Roman King Arthur* was bumped to March 2023 thanks to COVID. (I am so done with this pandemic!) So, essentially, after 25-1/2 years of marriage and three kids, I'm divorced and having flashbacks to where my career was in 1992. I'm trying to get an AD&D group together in South Orange County. Anyone even know what that is? I also play Talisman.

So, what I'm currently reading. I just plowed through Malory's *Le Morte D'Arthur*, which requires you to be able to read Middle English, Church Latin, and Old French, proved to me that all my foreign languages didn't vanish with my concussion in 2015. Apparently, some of them have come back! Makes me wonder what else has rematerialized without my noticing.

Moonstar introduced me to *Vox Machina*. Now I think I must wait a year to watch more episodes. It's less intimidating than over 300 episodes of *Critical Role*, though!

Anyone have connections to anyone who wants to do interviews with authors of fantasy books? Can you put me in touch? The Dragonlords series is in development, but we need more visibility.

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 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 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:** 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** 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 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. 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).
- **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 neighborhood (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** 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
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 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.



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