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### A Bond of Venom and Magic

Here, archaeologically documented, is the story of the religion of the Goddess. Under her, women's roles were far more prominent than in patriarchal Judeo-Christian cultures. Stone describes this ancient system and, with its disintegration, the decline in women's status.

### The Jigsaw Blade

Hell hath no fury like a goddess scorned. When Jessie Shimmer traveled to a nightmare underworld to save her lover, Cooper Marron, she gained magical powers . . . which soon seemed more like curses. Her beloved familiar, the ferret Pal, became a monster. Her enemies multiplied like demons. Worst of all, she hasn't found a moment of peace to be with the man she adores. Now a switchblade-wielding demigoddess commanding a private hell stocked with suffering innocents is after her. The blademistress' vengeance sends Jessie and Pal on a dark journey through strange, perilous realms. Their quest for salvation will push her newfound abilities—and her relationship with Cooper—to the breaking point . . . and beyond. From the Paperback edition.

### Blade Reforged

FIRST ISSUE! Leaping from the pages of the DEVI/WITCHBLADE crossover event in January, Graphic is now re-releasing the hit series for a new generation of readers with an all-new backup story and new cover by acclaimed artist JENNY FRISON! From filmmaker, Shekhar Kapur (Elizabeth, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Four Feathers) comes DEVI, the warrior goddess of divine myth. Tara Mehta, an unsuspecting young woman in the futuristic city, Sitapur is the new Devi. She has no idea

that she is about to become the centerpiece of a divine battle between the Gods of Light and the demon lord Bala. Devi is a story about a young woman battling for survival in a landscape of ancient legends, duty and fate. Where will she fall? Between the Divine and the Diabolical there is Devi. "Devi is the smartest and most imaginative comic on the subject of Goddess-hood since Alan Moore's Promethea." - ComicCritique.com

## **Goddess Mode**

Only Rowan Summerwaite can keep the peace between humans and Vampires in *Blade to the Keep*, the second novel in the fan-favorite *Goddess with a Blade* series by New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane. Canny and ferocious, with the power of an ancient Goddess in her belly, Rowan Summerwaite is the only person who can renegotiate the fragile Treaty between the Vampire Nation and the Hunter Corporation, the last line of defense for humanity. A meeting of this Joint Tribunal, as well as her new status as Liaison, sends Rowan straight to the last place on earth she wants to be, the childhood home she'd escaped so many years before—The First's Keep. Raised at the knee of The First—the oldest Vampire and leader of the Vampire Nation—honed into a weapon by the Hunter Corporation, wielding ancient knowledge from the Goddess within, Rowan must navigate bloodthirsty Vampires and Hunters alike. And she's got to do it while managing a politically awkward but undeniably deepened romance with Scion Clive Stewart. Failure in her role as Liaison could mean all-out war, with humankind in the crosshairs. No pressure. Walking the path between her two lives has already made Rowan a pariah. The choices she'll have to make will mean she becomes something even more Other and as a result she may lose those last shreds of home she has left. "Fans of exciting and sexy urban fantasy have hit the jackpot with the *Goddess with a Blade* series." —RT Book Reviews See how Rowan's story began in *Goddess with a Blade*. And don't miss *Blade on the Hunt* and *At Blade's Edge*, available now! This book is approximately 73,000 words Edited by Angela James Originally published in 2013

## **Goddess Legacy**

The first four novels in New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane's sweeping *Goddess with a Blade* urban fantasy series, available now in one box set. *GODDESS WITH A BLADE* Meet Rowan Summerwaite. Vessel to the Celtic goddess Brigid and raised by the leader of the Vampire Nation, she's a supercharged Hunter with the power to slay any Vampire who violates the age-old treaty. A string of murders has her at odds with Las Vegas's new Scion, the arrogant and powerful Clive Stewart. The killings have the mark of Vampire all over them, and Rowan warns Clive to keep his people in line—or she'll mete out her own brand of justice. Though her dealings with Clive are adversarial, Rowan is intensely aware of her attraction to him. But she can't let it distract her from her duty—to find and battle the killer before more women die. *BLADE TO THE KEEP* Rowan Summerwaite is the only person who can renegotiate the fragile Treaty between the Vampire Nation

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Rowan Summerwaite is ready to finish what she started in *Blood and Blade*, the next installment in the *Goddess with a Blade* series by New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane. It's been only days since Rowan and her friends eliminated the immediate threat to magic users and Vampires, but they're already back on the hunt. Rowan's out for vengeance, and she's never been more driven—or angry. But she's up against a being stronger than any she's ever fought. To bring it down she'll need more than the powers the goddess Brigid gave her... This time she'll need her friends, too. She knows her husband will always have her back. As an ancient Vampire and Scion of North America, Clive has more clout and dominance than almost anyone. Rowan's small but trusted inner circle insist they'll join her in the thick of the battle, even as she argues it's too dangerous for them. She's also got a new dog. Familiar. Whatever. Star is a magical being put in Rowan's path to help and protect her. The hunt for ancient evil takes Rowan and her team to London and back to Las Vegas, bringing with them an unexpected alliance. Fortified by their rage, grief and determination, Rowan and her friends will stop at nothing when they track their enemy to the high desert in a final, deadly showdown. This book is approximately 77,000 words One-click with confidence. This title is part of the Carina Press Romance Promise: all the romance you're looking for with an HEA/HFN. It's a promise!

## **Children of Blood and Bone**

From the "inventive, irreverent" (Green Man Review) author of Broken Blade comes a new Fallen Blade novel featuring Aral Kingslayer. Former temple assassin Aral Kingslayer has a price on his head and a mark on his soul. After his goddess was murdered, Aral found refuge in the shadow jack business, fixing problems for those on the fringes of Tien's underworld. It's a long step down from working for the Goddess of Justice, but it gives Aral and Triss—the living shadow who is his secret partner—a reason to get up in the morning. When two women hit a rough spot in the tavern Aral uses for an office, he and Triss decide to lend a helping hand--only to find themselves in the middle of a three-way battle to find an artifact that just might be the key to preventing a war. And with so many factions on their trail, Aral and Triss are attracting a lot more attention than anyone featured on ten thousand wanted posters can afford... From the Paperback edition.

## **At Blade's Edge**

An epic fantasy novel by multi-genre author Tristan Vick. If you enjoy the Shannara Chronicles by Terry Brooks, then you'll love Valandra! The Twelve Kingdoms of Valandra are under threat. It has been thirty years since The Great War which left the realms of Valandra fractured and broken. Now, an ancient evil has awakened and the wraith knight Ashram has risen from the ashes to lead an army of the dead against the faltering realms. Arianna De Amato witnessed her master's death at the hands of the diabolical Ashram. Acquiring the mystical sword, The Moon Blade, she gains the unique ability to guide and control the wind. Seeking revenge, Arianna hunts down those responsible for her master's death including who, or whatever, is responsible for resurrecting Ashram from the afterlife. But she can't do it alone. Enlisting the aid of her apprentice, Lisette Durante, in addition to a debonair thief named Leif Ericson, and a Dark Elf named Alegra Lockwiel, she embarks upon a harrowing quest which will test the limits of their friendship. But even with the help of her new friends, it still may not be enough to defeat Ashram and his army of the dead. Valandra is Tristan Vick's first foray into the realm of monsters and magic in the vein of Terry Brooks, Robert Jordan, and Brandon Sanderson! Valandra is an epic fantasy story that contains the use of magic, a lesbian protagonist, mixed human and elf relations, and magitek juggernaut automatons made of living armor which run on mystic dragon's eye crystals.

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## **Demigod Rising**

In Sanctifying Misandry, Katherine Young and Paul Nathanson challenge an influential version of modern goddess religion, one that undermines sexual equality and promotes hatred in the form of misandry - the sexist counterpart of misogyny.

## **Blood and Blade**

Warrior. King's confidant. Avenging blade of the Goddess Ishtar. Iltani asked to be none of these things. Yet fate does not ask permission when she weaves souls upon destiny's loom. On the day of Iltani's birth, an assassin tried and nearly succeeded in ending the line of the gryphon kings. Out of that bloodshed, an unbreakable bond was forged between child-king and goddess-chosen infant, and from that pivotal moment forward, Iltani was never farther from King Ditanu than his shadow. Not until her training to become Ishtar's Blade required her to leave. After four brutal years of training, Iltani now returns to court as Ishtar's Blade and takes up her role of king's shadow—a dangerous position in a court where the threat of another assassination is but a blade's width away. But for the chance to stand at the side of her beloved king, she will endure the dangers of court intrigues, assassins, and political maneuverings.

## **The Goddesses of Japan**

Enter the "fascinating world"(Fresh Fiction) of the Fallen Blade in this thrilling fantasy novel from Kelly McCullpough. After the fall of the goddess of justice, temple assassin Aral Kingslayer lost his purpose in life and turned to the bottle. That might have been the end of him if luck hadn't given him a few people to help him get back on his feet—notably the irresistible Baroness Maylien Dan Marchon, who once sought his aid in claiming the throne that's rightfully hers. Reluctant to resume the role of an assassin, he turned her down. But now Aral has learned that one of the few people willing to help him in his darkest days has been imprisoned by Maylien's uncle, King Thauvik. Aral knows he can't let an old friend die, but the alternative is to return to the life he left years ago. It was the death of Thauvik's half brother that earned Aral the name Kingslayer, and now he is thrust into a war that will see no end until he lives up to his name...

## **Heart of Darkness**

One twin will discover the truth. The other will be fooled by lies. Jenó and Chiro never knew they were powerful demigods. Their father, General Thanadol, hid the truth after he stole his young sons away from their mother, the Goddess Leilian. The twins were raised to hate magic, despise the old gods, and to love Tanir, the false god of the humans. When the nightmares come, the twins see their mother imprisoned by a wizard in the magical realm of Sosaram. Chiro, believing her life is in danger, flees Castle Maarn in the middle of the night. Jenó wakes and finds his brother missing. Though he knows it is wrong, he follows Chiro into the forbidden realm, fulfilling a vow to protect his brother. What he finds is a magical realm unlike any other, a realm of darkness and light, a realm of deception and secrets, a realm blighted by the war of the gods. In such a place the humans are mere pawns, driven by hatred, bigotry, and greed. What Jenó discovers about his nature and the truth behind the lies will test the bond between brothers and the beliefs he holds as immutable.

## **Alpha Goddess**

Hester Trueblood can't deny having an ancient, Sumerian goddess in her head has its perks, like super fighting strength and two battle buddies dedicated to Inanna. It's the constant threat of demons and monsters and the adoration of a love-struck demigod that has Hester questioning the day she picked up a shiny thing in the desert. When an old secret threatens Hester's family, it takes all of Inanna's powers, the help of her devoted soldiers--and even a love-struck demigod--to survive.

## **Goddess with a Blade Vol 1**

The Goddesses of Japan is a history-based book, entirely narrated by unsung heroines - a goddess, a sovereign, a mother, a wife, a warrior, a lover - who enacts in the forefront or moves in the background to influence the fate of the country, changing forever the fabric of its society. The Deities Izanami and Izanagi are appointed the Creators of the New World - the Land of the Rising Sun. A beautiful love relationship develops between them during the Creation phase, but fate sets them apart forever. Their offspring fight for hegemony over the land and Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess emerges victorious. Her descendants become the Rulers of the new world and founds the legendary Yamato Dynasty, in which every sovereign is invested with the Three Sacred Imperial Regalia; an act that makes their prerogative to the Chrysanthemum Throne unique and incontestable. Though, through the ancient times they make alliances with powerful aristocratic families and warrior clans in order to survive treachery and rivalries; with the emergence of the Samurai class, the Imperial House loses grip on state affairs and for almost a century and half, the country is engulfed in brutal civil wars. The sword becomes the law and the strong feeds on the weak in a dynamic interchange of power, where there is always one who is yet stronger than the strong. Stealthy agents called Ninja enter the scene, worsening the situation, yet help the process of reunification of the country. With the introduction of Christianity, the new rulers fear to become a European subject; hence, they isolate the entire nation from the outside world. After more than two centuries of seclusion, the political power is finally restored to the

Emperor, who opens the borders, but perhaps it is too late for Japan to recover from its medieval slumbering

## **Wrath of the Goddess**

March, 1944: US Army Lieutenant Billy Boyle, back in England after a dangerous mission in Italy, is due for a little R&R, and also a promotion. But the now-Captain Boyle doesn't get to kick back and enjoy his leisure time because two upsetting cases fall into his lap at once. The first is a personal request from an estranged friend: Sergeant Eugene "Tree" Jackson, who grew up with Billy in Boston, is part of the 617th Tank Destroyers, the all-African American battalion poised to make history by being the US Army's first combatant African American company. But making history isn't easy, and the 617 faces racism at every turn. One of Tree's men, a gunner named Angry Smith, has been arrested for a crime he almost certainly didn't commit, and faces the gallows if the real killer isn't found. Tree knows US top brass won't care about justice in this instance, and asks Billy if he'll look into it. But Billy can't use any of his leave to investigate, because British intelligence agent Major Cosgrove puts him on a bizarre and delicate case. A British accountant has been murdered in an English village, and he may or may not have had some connection with the US Army—Billy doesn't know, because Cosgrove won't tell him. Billy is supposed to go into the village and investigate the murder, but everything seems fishy—he's not allowed to interrogate certain key witnesses, and his friends and helpers keep being whisked away. Billy is confused about whether Cosgrove even wants him to solve the murder, and why. The good news is the mysterious murder gives Billy an excuse to spend time in and around the village where Tree and his unit are stationed. If he's lucky, maybe he can get to the bottom of both mysteries—and save more than one innocent life.

## **The Odyssey of Homer**

### **Things Fall Apart**

“Aral the Jack, formerly the noble Aral Kingslayer, is the best kind of hero: damaged, cynical and despondent, yet needing only the right cause to rise from his own ashes.”—Alex Bledsoe Once a fabled Blade of Namara, Aral Kingslayer fought for justice and his goddess alongside his familiar, a living shadow called Triss. Now with their goddess murdered and her temple destroyed, they are among the last of their kind. Surviving on the fringes of society, Aral becomes a drunken, broken, and wanted man, working whatever shadowy deal comes his way. Until a mysterious woman hires him to deliver a secret message—one that can either redeem him or doom him. From the Paperback edition.

### **Switchblade Goddess**

## A Blind Goddess

One of the BBC's '100 Novels That Shaped Our World' A worldwide bestseller and the first part of Achebe's African Trilogy, Things Fall Apart is the compelling story of one man's battle to protect his community against the forces of change Okonkwo is the greatest wrestler and warrior alive, and his fame spreads throughout West Africa like a bush-fire in the harmattan. But when he accidentally kills a clansman, things begin to fall apart. Then Okonkwo returns from exile to find missionaries and colonial governors have arrived in the village. With his world thrown radically off-balance he can only hurtle towards tragedy. First published in 1958, Chinua Achebe's stark, coolly ironic novel reshaped both African and world literature, and has sold over ten million copies in forty-five languages. This arresting parable of a proud but powerless man witnessing the ruin of his people begins Achebe's landmark trilogy of works chronicling the fate of one African community, continued in Arrow of God and No Longer at Ease. 'His courage and generosity are made manifest in the work' Toni Morrison 'The writer in whose company the prison walls fell down' Nelson Mandela 'A great book, that bespeaks a great, brave, kind, human spirit' John Updike With an Introduction by Biyi Bandele

## Nobody's Goddess

He always dreamed of becoming a Champion. But finding a mythical sword could cut his life short Finn Featherstone longs to trade in his paintbrush for a legendary Bizarre Blade. One day, after heroically rescuing a young girl and coming face-to-face with his sword-fighting idol, he is shocked to learn he is being drafted as a foot soldier. A few days later the army caravan he marches with is attacked by a pack of saber-toothed tigers. While trying to survive, Finn finds himself crashing through the ice where he mistakenly discovers a magical Blade of his very own. Introduced to a world of Champions jealous of his random find, Finn struggles to master his sword's sludge-spitting bad attitude. Surrounded by dubious allies, he must somehow find the courage to battle the viscous meat-eating dinosaurs that roam the land as well as trying to survive the freezing elements. And when a traitor takes down Finn's fellow Champions, the former painter must tame his angsty weapon in a hurry if he has any hope of winning the fight of his life. Can Finn command his deranged Blade before his dreams of glory come to a bloody end? The Jigsaw Blade is the first book in the refreshingly unique Bizarre Blades sword and sorcery fantasy series. If you like plucky heroes, wacky humor, and ferocious dinosaurs, then you'll love Stevie Collier's swashbuckling tale. Buy The Jigsaw Blade to join a weird and wild adventure today! Praise for The Jigsaw Blade: The Jigsaw Blade is unlike any fantasy novel I have ever read, and has set a new standard for me in the genre. -Goodreads Review ★★★★★ Throw everything else about conventional Fantasy out the window. Stevie Collier is not a conventional author. -Amazon Review ★★★★★ the funniest book I've read since Kings of the Wyld--as in, people are looking at me in the break room and asking why I'm laughing so much! -Goodreads Review ★★★★★ In the Bizarre Blade Series: Book 1: The Jigsaw

Blade Book 2: The Golden Blade Book 3: The Plague Blade (Release Date: May 28th) Preorder Now! Book 4: The Blood Blade (Release Date: June 25th) Book 5: The Forsaken Blade (Release Date: July 23rd)

## Valandra

"When you awaken, you will have to find her yourself. Or she will find you." These were the words given to Rowan Summerwaite by the Goddess as Rowan lay clinging to life. Broken—but not defeated—by the ancient Vampire Enyo. After weeks of mandatory down time, a recharged and vengeance-fueled Rowan heads out from her father's Keep, leading a team of some of the most terrifying beings on earth with one goal in mind—track and eliminate the Vampire who attacked her. But as the team moves across Europe and is hit with wave after wave of attacks, the tensions between Clive Stewart—the haughty, stylish Scion of North America whom Rowan grew even closer to during her recovery—and a rival Vampire ramp up. Befuddled, confused, flattered and annoyed, Rowan's the woman in the middle. She's not used to being claimed in a way that's not about how strong her sword arm is or who raised her. Clive Stewart is everything she shouldn't want in a man—he's bossy, he's a Vampire, and he considers her his—but she's past denying how it makes her feel that he fights for her the way he does. She's past denying she's in love. In contrast to the uneven footing falling in love has given her, Rowan is utterly certain she will locate her quarry. She's stronger and more powerful than she's ever been after the tests and bloody lessons of the last years. Her connection with the Goddess is seamless and the light of her mission burns from within. And she'll need all the help she can get because it's not very long before Rowan and her team realize the threat is far greater than one crazy old Vampire. There's a war brewing and Rowan will fight it to the death. It's what she was born to do.

## Sanctifying Misandry

A half-blood magic wielder A hard-hearted warrior. A deposed prince. A Bond of Venom and Magic is a Young Adult fantasy set in a world of magic and monsters that will delight fans of SJ Maas-A Court of Mist and Fury, and Cassandra Clare. The Wraith Lord is hunting; his prize, the key to unleashing darkness and Chaos upon the eight Kingdoms. For Diamond Gillon the war raging in the south seems a remote danger until her home is brutally attacked. Having lost everything she holds dear, Diamond is catapulted into a terrifying new world in which legendary beasts arise, magic is condemned and half blood fae, like her, have no rights. Despite her growing feelings for her saviour, Commander Hugo Casimir, he remains a paradox - not only is he a heartless killer, he is owned by the cruel immortal fae queen; a queen who will murder her own people for magic. As Diamond's circumstances become ever more perilous she is drawn deeper into Hugo's world and discovers the lengths to which he will go to save what he holds dear. Will Hugo become her friend, her protector, or - an enemy not worthy of her trust? A Bond of Venom and Magic is a tale of two people bound by magic and secrets, but trapped in the

complexities of love and betrayal. It is the beginning of an epic journey, one that will test Diamond's resolve and determination to battle an evil that threatens not only her world but that of Eternity, the land of The Goddess and the Guardians.

## **Broken Blade**

Someone is illegally siphoning magic from the font of the Clan. When Meriel Owen, next in line to control the largest organization of witches in the country, discovers that it's the hot owner of a notorious underground club, she strikes an unusual deal that may plunge them all into the heart of darkness.

## **The Bonding Spell**

A new publication of the definitive translation of Homer's epic brings the ancient poem to life, chronicling the Greek siege of the Trojan city state and the war that ensued.

## **The Chalice and the Blade**

In Seraphine Caelum's world, gods exist. So do goddesses. Sera knows this because she is one of them. A secret long concealed by her parents, Sera is Lakshmi reborn, the human avatar of an immortal Indian goddess rumored to control all the planes of existence—Illysia (the Light Realm), Earth (the Mortal Realm), and Xibalba (the Dark Realm). Marked by the sigils of both heaven and hell, Sera's avatar is meant to bring balance to the mortal world, but all she creates is chaos. A chaos that Azrael, the Asura Lord of Death, hopes to use to unleash hell on earth. Torn between reconciling her past and present, Sera must figure out how to stop Azrael before the Mortal Realm is destroyed. But trust doesn't come easy in a world fissured by lies and betrayal. Her best friend Kyle is hiding his own dark secrets, and her mysterious new neighbor, Devendra, seems to know a lot more than he's telling. Struggling between her opposing halves and her attraction to the boys tied to each of them, Sera must become the goddess she was meant to be, or risk failing, which means sacrificing the world she was born to protect. Retellings of classic fairy tales and Greek myths are becoming staples in the YA and adult fiction genres, and now Amalie Howard, author of the popular Bloodspell, brings the myth of Rama and Sita's love story to an exciting new level. Howard's stunningly fresh voice and imaginative characters promise to make Alpha Goddess an exciting addition to the young adult fiction world. Aimed at readers ages 13 to 17, both girls and boys will relate to Sera's and Kyle's realistic teen persona and dilemmas while learning more about a famous Hindu myth. Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers—picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers

for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

## **Goddess with a Blade**

Rowan Summerwaite is no ordinary woman. Raised at the knee of The First and honed into a weapon by the Hunter Corporation, she wields her ancient knowledge in *At Blade's Edge*, the fourth book in the epic *Goddess with a Blade* urban fantasy series by New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane. Though she'd hoped the deadly events in Venice would end the threat to The Treaty she is sworn to protect, Rowan found evidence of a grander conspiracy to destroy the fragile peace that holds humans, Vampires and those with magic back from war. A war that would only hurt the weakest and destabilize the world as we know it. It's not so much that someone ordered her assassination that makes her angry—people try to kill her all the time—as it is the risks those she cares for, especially her new husband, now face. Clive Stewart has never tried to pen Rowan in or control her choices. He has his own fires to put out now that he's married to the most powerful non-Vampire in their world, and Rowan knows it's a challenge to support her the way she needs while not being too much or not enough. The organization that gave her a purpose, a home, roots and a path when she'd run from The Keep at seventeen has betrayed her. Now, instead of on a much-anticipated honeymoon, Rowan is in London gathering her allies and the evidence necessary to drive out the rot within Hunter Corp. and expose whoever is at the top. Rowan is a predator and this threat is prey. She'll burn it down and salt the earth afterward. On her terms. "Fans of exciting and sexy urban fantasy have hit the jackpot with the *Goddess with a Blade* series." —RT Book Reviews See how Rowan's fight began in *Goddess with a Blade*, *Blade to the Keep*, and *Blade on the Hunt*, available now! This book is approximately 73,000 words Edited by Angela James Originally published in 2015

## **Bared Blade**

Zelie Adebola remembers when the soil of Or sha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zelie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope.

## **Blood and Blade**

Rowan Summerwaite is back—and more than a little pissed off—in *Wrath of the Goddess*, the fifth installment in New York

Times bestselling author Lauren Dane's Goddess with a Blade series. You can't keep a vengeful woman down for long. Rowan Summerwaite, elite hunter and human vessel to the goddess Brigid, has returned home to Las Vegas—and she's mad as hell. It seems someone thought they could eliminate Rowan and everyone she holds dear. That someone was dead wrong. With tensions between paranormal factions at an all-time high, Rowan and her crew, along with her sexy Vampire Scion husband, Clive Stewart, have their work cut out for them. The Vampire Nation has at least one traitor in their midst, leaving them extremely vulnerable...but if it's a war they want, Rowan's prepared to bring the pain like never before. Rowan knows her duty is to those she's sworn to protect, but it seems the harder she fights, the more barriers she hits...and the more friends she loses. With even her closest alliances in question, Rowan will have to accept that sometimes the path toward the greater good means making heartrending sacrifices along the way... One-click with confidence. This title is part of the Carina Press Romance Promise: all the romance you're looking for with an HEA/HFN. It's a promise! And see how Rowan's fight began in Goddess with a Blade, Blade to the Keep, Blade on the Hunt and At Blade's Edge, available now! This book is approximately 82,000 words

## **Goddess with a Blade Collection Volume 1**

Shortlisted for the ALA's 2015 Reading List for Best Romance ~Chosen by NPR as one of their Great Reads of 2014~ In this spellbinding romance by the acclaimed, USA Today bestselling author of The Luckiest Lady in London, a beautiful and cunning woman meets her match in a man just as dangerous and seductive as she is, putting both her heart and her future at risk... Hidden beneath Catherine Blade's uncommon beauty is a daring that matches any man's. Although this has taken her far in the world, she still doesn't have the one thing she craves: the freedom to live life as she chooses. Finally given the chance to earn her independence, who should be standing in her way but the only man she's ever loved, the only person to ever betray her. Despite the scars Catherine left him, Captain Leighton Atwood has never been able to forget the mysterious girl who once so thoroughly captivated him. When she unexpectedly reappears in his life, he refuses to get close to her. But he cannot deny the yearning she reignites in his heart. Their reunion, however, plunges them into a web of espionage, treachery, and deadly foes. With everything at stake, Leighton and Catherine are forced to work together to find a way out. If they are ever to find safety and happiness, they must first forgive and learn to trust each other again...

## **DEVI - REBIRTH #1**

## **My Beautiful Enemy**

The epic first installment in New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane's Goddess with a Blade series. Rowan

Summerwaite is no ordinary woman. Physical vessel to the Celtic Goddess Brigid and raised by the leader of the Vampire Nation, she's a supercharged hunter with the power to slay any vampire who violates the age-old treaty. A recent string of murders has her at odds with Las Vegas's new Scion, the arrogant and powerful Clive Stewart. The killings have the mark of Vampire all over them, and Rowan warns Clive to keep his people in line—or she'll mete out her own brand of justice. Though her dealings with Clive are adversarial to say the least, Rowan is intensely aware of her attraction to him. But she can't let it distract her from her duty—to find and battle the killer before more women die. “Fans of exciting and sexy urban fantasy have hit the jackpot with the Goddess with a Blade series.” —RT Book Reviews Rowan's journey continues in *Blade to the Keep*, *Blade on the Hunt*, and *At Blade's Edge*, available now! This book is approximately 73,000 words Edited by Angela James Originally published in 2011

## **When God Was A Woman**

The first three novels in New York Times bestselling author Lauren Dane's sweeping Goddess with a Blade urban fantasy series, available now in one box set. *GODDESS WITH A BLADE* Meet Rowan Summerwaite. Vessel to the Celtic goddess Brigid and raised by the leader of the Vampire Nation, she's a supercharged Hunter with the power to slay any Vampire who violates the age-old treaty. A string of murders has her at odds with Las Vegas's new Scion, the arrogant and powerful Clive Stewart. The killings have the mark of Vampire all over them, and Rowan warns Clive to keep his people in line—or she'll mete out her own brand of justice. Though her dealings with Clive are adversarial, Rowan is intensely aware of her attraction to him. But she can't let it distract her from her duty—to find and battle the killer before more women die. *BLADE TO THE KEEP* Rowan Summerwaite is the only person who can renegotiate the fragile Treaty between the Vampire Nation and the Hunter Corporation, the last line of defense for humanity. A meeting of the Joint Tribunal sends Rowan to the last place she wants to be—The First's Keep. Raised at the knee of The First, the oldest Vampire and leader of the Vampire Nation, Rowan must navigate Vampires and Hunters alike. And she's got to do it while managing a politically awkward but undeniably deepened romance with Scion Clive Stewart... *BLADE ON THE HUNT* Broken but not defeated by an ancient Vampire, a vengeance-fueled Rowan leads a team of some of the most terrifying beings on earth with one goal in mind. Eliminate the Vampire who attacked her. But as the team is hit with wave after wave of attacks, the tensions between Clive Stewart and a rival Vampire ramp up, with Rowan the woman in the middle. She's not used to being claimed, and Clive is everything she shouldn't want in a man, but she's past denying she's in love. In contrast to the uneven footing falling in love has given her, Rowan is utterly certain she'll locate her quarry. Strong, powerful and connected to the Goddess, she burns with the light of her mission. There's a war brewing, and Rowan will fight it to the death. It's what she was born to do.

## **Goddess with a Blade Series Books 1-4**

In the near future all of humanity's needs are administered by a godlike artificial intelligence called Azoth, and it's Cassandra Price's humiliating job to do tech support on it. The advent of Azoth has deepened inequality and robbed humanity of its soul, but Cassandra's life changes when she finds herself dragged violently into Azoth itself, manifested as a secret digital world beneath our own, one built on a combination of magic and metadata. There she encounters a group of apparently magical girls locked in a war with mysterious monsters for the power to fix the world -- if only they could agree on what the world should be. Why was she chosen? What is the omnipotent Hermeticorp up to? Who created the Azoth world? And who are these girls anyway? Collects issues #1-6.

### **Ishtar's Blade**

A powerful girl. An epic love triangle. A devastating prophecy Legacy thinks she's just an average high-school girl with a sassy best friend and a not-so-secret crush on the hottest guy in town. Yep, pretty basic. When Adin, the boy of her fantasies, shows up at her surprise seventeenth birthday party, it's the highlight of her life, but what she discovers that night will rock her entire world and leave her questioning the reality she's always believed. It should've been a normal birthday. A celebration to kick off the summer before her senior year, and maybe even an unexpected start to the romance of her dreams. Not a bleak warning of what's to come. It can't be true, can it? There's no way this can all be real. But it is. And when she meets River, the cocky new guy in town, she has no choice but to face this reality, which is so much more devastating than she could've ever imagined. Average? Yeah, she's anything but normal. Then again, a goddess never is "A fast paced book that will grab a reader from the beginning and draw them in, and will just not let go until the very end." - Night Owl Reviews TOP PICK Scroll up to begin the journey of a lifetime. ♥

### **The Iliad**

The phenomenal bestseller, with more than 500,000 copies sold worldwide, now with a new epilogue from the author--The Chalice and the Blade has inspired a generation of women and men to envision a truly egalitarian society by exploring the legacy of the peaceful, goddess-worshipping cultures from our prehistoric past.

### **Hidden Blade**

For as long as we have sought god, we have found the goddess. Ruling over the imaginations of humankind's earliest agricultural civilizations, she played a critical spiritual role as a keeper of nature's fertile powers and an assurance of the next sustaining harvest. In *The Goddess*, David Leeming and Christopher Fee take us all the way back into prehistory, tracing the goddess across vast spans of time to tell the epic story of the transformation of belief and what it says about

who we are. Leeming and Fee use the goddess to gaze into the lives and souls of the people who worshipped her. They chart the development of traditional Western gender roles through an understanding of the transformation of concepts of the Goddess from her earliest roots in India and Iran to her more familiar faces in Ireland and Iceland. They examine the subordination of the goddess to the god as human civilizations became mobile and began to look upon masculine deities for assurances of survival in movement and battle. And they show how, despite this history, the goddess has remained alive in our spiritual imaginations, in figures such as the Christian Virgin Mother and, in contemporary times, the new-age resurrection of figures such as Gaia. The Goddess explores this central aspect of ancient spiritual thought as a window into human history and the deepest roots of our beliefs.

## **Golden Goddess**

In a village of masked men, each man is compelled to love only one woman and to follow the commands of his "goddess" without question. A woman may reject the only man who will love her if she pleases, but she will be alone forever. A man must stay masked until his goddess returns his love-and if she can't or won't, he remains masked forever. Seventeen-year-old Noll's childhood friends have paired off and her closest companion, Jurij, found his goddess in Noll's own sister. Desperate to find a way to break this ancient spell, Noll instead discovers why no man has ever chosen her. She is in fact the goddess of the mysterious lord of the village, a man who refuses to let Noll have her right as a woman to spurn him. Thus begins a dangerous game between the choice of woman and the magic of man. The stakes are no less than freedom and happiness, life and death-and neither Noll nor the veiled lord is willing to lose. Winner of The Romance Reviews' Summer 2016 Readers' Choice Award in Young Adult Romance.

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