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Escape for a spell with new novel ‘Magic’s Daughter’

*Coming-of-age fantasy conjures up family conflict, intrigue, romance*

FOND DU LAC, Wis. – Readers can return to the magical, medieval realm of Altaerra in David Michael Williams’ recently released seventh novel.

“Magic’s Daughter,” currently available in paperback and Kindle editions, tells the story of Selena Nelesti, a young aristocrat torn between her family’s expectations and her own ambition to become something more—someone who shapes the very world.

“Selena wants nothing to do with her noble name,” Williams said. “She seeks out forbidden knowledge as a means of escape, but whether magic will be the key to her freedom or the path to another prison remains to be seen.”

Rounding out the cast of characters are members of Selena’s family, including her manipulative mother, increasingly distant father, and beloved but ailing grandmother as well as a stable boy who provides a perspective from outside the castle, a combative priest, and a wizard who will change Selena’s life in ways both seen and unseen.

“Magic’s Daughter” takes place in Williams’ proprietary world of Altaerra, which also served as the setting for The Renegade Chronicles, a sword-and-sorcery fantasy trilogy published in 2016.

“The Renegade Chronicles introduced readers to Altaerra, and ‘Magic’s Daughter’ expands on that groundwork, exploring new geography and diving deeper into how the magic of that world works,” the Wisconsin author said.

“But you don’t have to have read The Renegade Chronicles to appreciate ‘Magic’s Daughter.’ It is a separate, self-contained story,” he added.

Williams’ indie publishing company, One Million Words, published “Magic’s Daughter” on April 14. Both the paperback and e-book editions are available at Amazon.com. He plans to release an audiobook version later in 2020.

In addition to “Magic’s Daughter” and The Renegade Chronicles, Williams is the author of The Soul Sleep Cycle, a dreampunk series that explores life, death and eternity. He is a 1999 graduate of UW-Fond du Lac and a 2001 graduate of UW-Milwaukee, where he studied creative writing. He joined the Allied Authors of Wisconsin, one of the state’s oldest writing collectives, in 2005.

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