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ABOUT ALEXIS

THE SHORT ONE

ALEXIS VEENENDAAL IS A CANADIAN FANTASY AUTHOR LIVING IN WALES WITH HER HUSBAND, DAUGHTER, AND CAT. WHEN SHE'S NOT WRITING, YOU'LL FIND HER READING, BOOKBINDING, CROCHETING, AND DRAWING FANTASY MAPS.





ABOUT ALEXIS

THE LONG ONE

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SHE'LL ALWAYS SAY YES TO A CUP OF COFFEE—UNLESS IT'S AFTER 4PM. IN WHICH CASE, OFFER HER YOUR FINEST STOUT.

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AFTER YEARS OF DRUDGERY, ATHRAGAST THE WIZARD IS READY TO RETIRE. BUT THE WORLD NEEDS SAVING IN UNDER TWO WEEKS, AND WHEN THE PRINCE REJECTS ATHIE'S BIG "DESTINY" SPEECH, HE ISN'T LEFT WITH MANY OPTIONS. A THIEVING BUSBOY, A CIGAR-EATING RODENT THAT GOES PEEP, AND SOME TROUBLED SELLSWORDS MIGHT BE THE BEST HE CAN SCROUNGE UP ON A BUDGET.

THEN ATHIE'S FURRY FAMILIAR STEALS THE WRONG WARLOCK'S CIGAR, AND THINGS GET A WHOLE LOT WORSE. A BROODING VILLAIN FLINGS THE RUNES OF DESTINY ACROSS THE LAND, AND ATHIE MUST GET THEM BACK IN TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE WORLD-ENDING BATTLE IS TAKING PLACE. THE CREW MUST SÉANCE WITH DRUIDS, PARTY WITH GOBLINS, AND CHARM RHYMING SAGES RIGHT OUT OF THEIR COUPLETS. ALONG THE WAY, ATHIE MIGHT JUST LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HERO—AT ANY AGE.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

EXTRACT

PROLOGUE

ANOTHER BLOODY CHOSEN ONE

Athragast stood on the stoop of a rickety farmhouse and steeled himself for yet another monotonous, destiny-fulfilling day.

Wizards of his standing always got the worst jobs.

He leaned toward the woodworm-afflicted door and tapped the end of his staff just above the knob; any more force might throw the whole thing off its hinges.

Then he waited. And fidgeted. And couldn't help but notice the overripe turnips sitting limp and untended in the front garden. Irresponsible plant owners. He prodded the air with a manageable bit of magic until the green tops swelled to a robust size. The wizard let out a self-assured toot, ruffling his silken robes at the expelled arcana.

Two squat figures, a man and a woman, opened the door. They both had the plain, dirt-streaked faces of everyday villagers, down to the flat, leathery caps and threadbare accoutrements.

In contrast, Athragast looked about as wizardly as one might expect: a long gray beard, unruly eyebrows, midnight-blue robes, a knobbly staff, and hunched shoulders from years spent squinting over old books. The woman's eyes widened when she took in Athragast's appearance. Her gaze fell lastly on his staff, which pulsed with a faint glow. (The glow was insignificant, but Athragast found it had a rather good effect on a first meeting. It made people think twice about robbing him, for one.)

"Mrs. and Mr. Fallywop, I presume?"

"We pay our taxes," the woman blurted out.

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PRAISE FOR HERO ADJACENT

"REMINISCENT OF EARLY TERRY PRATCHETT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT VEENENDAAL DOES NEXT!"
—JIM HINES, HUGO AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF THE MAGIC EX LIBRIS SERIES

"IF YOU ENJOY COZY FANTASY THAT IS 100% SATIRE, CHAOTIC, HILARIOUS, CHARACTER-DRIVEN AND WHOLESOME WITH A FURRY LITTLE "POCKETCHILLA" ALONG FOR THE RIDE, THEN GIVE THIS BOOK A TRY."
—GOODREADS EXCERPT

"AN AMAZING DEBUT! IF YOU LIKE FOUND FAMILY, CLEVER FANTASY SATIRE, AND A GOOD LAUGH, PUT THIS ON YOUR TBR."
—GOODREADS EXCERPT

"DELIGHTFULLY FUN TIME, WITH A SOLID CAST OF CHARACTERS THAT ARE ALL SORT OF TWISTS ON CLASSIC FANTASY CUTOUTS, BUT THEY CARRY THE STORY WELL."
—GOODREADS EXCERPT

"THE BANTER WAS FANTASTIC, AND THE HUMOR HAD ME LAUGHING THROUGHOUT. I LOVED HOW SELF-AWARE THE WHOLE THING WAS. IT MADE FUN OF FANTASY TROPES WITHOUT FEELING LIKE IT WAS TRYING TOO HARD."
—GOODREADS EXCERPT

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