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Disrupting the Publishing Industry, One Page at a Time

Dallas Anne Duncan is a storyteller, a photographer, and a visual artist in multiple media. She is — sometimes to her parents' chagrin! — fiercely independent when it comes to her creative projects. As her debut novel began to take shape in 2020, she chose to do things a little differently.

With her background in the journalism industry and more than a decade of experience as an editor, with additional skills of graphic design and photography she learned along the way, her books would be self-published in truly the most literal sense of the word: by herself.

"Bright Star," book one of "The Meridian Trilogy," was the first to undergo this process, with "Triumvirate Rising" to follow suit this November.

Furthermore, though she couldn't stop That One Major Website from having physical copies of her books for sale, she's very intentional about telling readers and fantasy fans where they can find her novels: **bookshops like yours.**

Dallas is committed to supporting the independent bookstores she knows and loves, as well as larger-scale brick + mortar book retailers to reach readers in cities that lack independent shops. Her marketing is purposely geared toward promoting such retailers, especially as she and her test readers gear up to launch the second book in the series. Any bookstore or library that wishes may stock hardcover and paperback copies of "Bright Star" via IngramSpark at the industry discounted rate. "Triumvirate Rising" hardcovers will be available for stocking in November — paperbacks of book two will release in September 2024.

Dallas is available for book signings, author readings, and other events as you see fit, both virtually and in-person. She would love to visit your store and share its magic with those who are already entranced with the world of Heáhwolcen — as well as the new readers she's yet to meet!

For bookings or inquiries, Dallas can be reached via the contact form at www.DallasAnneDuncan.com.

Meet Dallas Anne Duncan



Dallas Anne Duncan grew up near Augusta, Georgia. She holds two degrees from the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the first in animal science with a meat science emphasis, and the second in agricultural communication. Dallas is no stranger to the publishing world thanks to her print journalism background, but "Bright Star" was her first full-length novel.

She now resides in Athens, Georgia, with her three cats — Arya, Captain, and Marline — which are incredibly helpful in writing books two and three in "The Meridian Trilogy."

When she's not writing or working her W-2 job, you can find Dallas with either a camera or a pair of knitting needles in her hands. She is a very proud Dawg fan; enjoys whiskey, steak, and craft beer; spends far too much {or perhaps not enough!} time in coffee shops; and routinely runs out of true crime documentaries to watch on Netflix.

>> statement of values

I believe each of us has the power to create our own magic in and around ourselves, day in and day out. I believe it is up to us as individuals to come together and develop a better, stronger society where equity, equality, and appreciation of differences are embraced. I believe the future does not have a gender binary, that your body is yours and mine is mine, that there are better ways to handle healthcare, immigration, policing, defense, and economics than we currently have here in the United States. I believe the systems in existence serve to uphold a racial and gender divide that no longer serves us, and I acknowledge my previous complicity in refusing to challenge them because they did serve me. I believe mental health to be as equally important as physical health, that Black Lives Matter, that religion has no place in politics, and that each of us should strive to accomplish at least one "impossible" task before breakfast. I value peer-reviewed science that, yes, does tend to evolve with research and techniques as time goes on. I believe it is our right and responsibility to hold our elected leaders accountable for the policies they vote for and how they spend our tax dollars. I believe each of us can make small daily changes that collectively make a greater difference in the American and global economies, consumption of plastic and other on-biodegradable materials, climate change, and accessibility.



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BRIGHT STAR

THE MERIDIAN TRILOGY, BOOK ONE

Bridgette Conner is in her early 20s, studying violin at a university in the American South. She's a part-time waitress, a full-time creative, and for all intents and purposes, a pretty normal twenty-something living a pretty normal life. She has senior year finals coming up, a few summer classes to round things out, and after that? Bridgette hasn't given it much thought.

One Sunday in 2018, a newcomer enters the diner where she works. And suddenly, Bridgette has many, many thoughts about what comes next: Magic is for fairytales. Her life has been anything but.

... Until now.

"Bright Star" follows Bridgette as she begins to tackle an uncertain, constantly changing present based on a past she didn't know was hers to claim. The world in which Bridgette grew up is very different from the possibilities she's now presented with — if she is willing to join forces with Elves and Fairies, witches and Sanguisuge coteries, Tieflings and Baetalü, to make possibility reality.

Immersed largely in the history of the Salem Witch Trials and Civil Rights Movement, melded with modern-day challenges of

changing colonizer mindsets and confronting one's own economic and social biases, "The Meridian Trilogy" is as much a fantasy series as it is a lens through which to view twenty-first century politics and global lifestyles. Intensely researched, meticulously detailed, combining fictional worldbuilding with real-life happenings, it's a rarity in the genre ... and perhaps like Bridgette Conner, something new in its entirety.

The saga begins within these pages. Will you join us?

*“In Elvish, we
call this final
hope the Bright
Star.
The Liluthuaé.”*

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TRIUMVIRATE RISING

THE MERIDIAN TRILOGY, BOOK TWO

~ Potential Spoilers Below ~

The Era of the Liluthuaé Has Begun.

When last we heard of Bridgette Conner, fated Elfling “savior” of worlds both magic and non, she crossed a spelled barrier into the secret world of Palna: a country encapsulated in its own borders, home to ill-intentioned Craft Wizardry and the potential threats she was born to fight against.

That’s the last anyone in greater Heáhwolcen heard of her, too.

Bridgette’s two-week deep-dive into Palna has now extended, and she’s managed to get tangled up with a whole new crew of magical miscreants. As she immerses herself in this mysterious country, her comrades in the Samnung simultaneously charge themselves with rescuing her, while also determining how to handle a second potential civil war within their own borders.

Things on Earth are of questionable diplomatic nature too as American and British leaders make choices that affect the entire world. The chaos Bridgette and her companions encounter raises questions of

just how involved the ill-intentioned Ealdaelfen Elves have perhaps been in the years since they allegedly perished. It’s a time for old legends to be retold, and new truths to be revealed.

But the biggest secret of all could bring everything crashing down. The biggest secret could destroy the Samnung, Heáhwolcen, and by default, the world below. There’s a member of the Samnung who’s been hiding something; who isn’t all they seem to be. And in order for the task of the Liluthuaé to be fulfilled, that which is hidden must come to light ... for the Bright Star does not shine alone.

“Destiny left her calling card. Some of us decided to answer it.”



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“Bright Star” was written in Athens and Augusta, Georgia; Sugar Grove, North Carolina; and Sanibel and Anna Maria, Florida, on the stolen ancestral lands of the following indigenous nations:

- * Calusa
- * Moneton
- * Mvskoke (Muscogee/Creek)
- * S'atsoyaha (Yuchi)
- * Seminole
- * Taino
- * Tocobaga
- * Tsalaguwetiyi (Eastern Cherokee)



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