

COMOX VALLEY April 22, 2024—**Local Author Celebrates a Million Words in Print**



Award-winning Denman Island author, JP McLean, celebrates her millionth word in print with the release of *Scorch Mark*, the third and final installment in her Dark Dreams novels, a supernatural thriller series. “A million words sound like a lot, but it’s spread over ten books, one novella, and several short stories. The word count creeps up over twelve years of writing,” McLean says. She adds, “I’m fortunate to be able to spend my time doing what I love.”

The Dark Dreams novels are set in present-day Vancouver. “Readers tell me they enjoy finding familiar locations in the books,” McLean says. “It’s very satisfying to hear that the novels resonate on that level. A local setting was an intentional choice, despite advice to set the books south of the border.”

The Dark Dreams novels tell the story of Jane Walker, a young woman who bears blood-red birthmarks that have been a lifelong source of curious stares and cruel ridicule. Understandably, she’s thrilled when, one-by-one, the

marks begin to disappear—until she learns that her marks protect her from becoming a killer’s next victim.

McLean’s Gift Legacy series, also set in Vancouver, tells the story of a secret society of people who can fly. Emelynn Taylor doesn’t yet know she’s one of them. But when she falls from the sky after snapping free of gravity, the secret society learn of her existence. They must determine if this interloper is a threat to their hidden world. Whether Emelynn lives or dies is now in the hands of the powerful Tribunal Novem. And not everyone is buying her innocent act.



When asked why she chose the supernatural genre, McLean says she’s always been drawn to magic and the supernatural. “It’s a genre of unlimited possibility, and I’ve only dipped my pinky into it. The series I’m working on now is about witches and warlocks, so readers can expect more magic, more flying, and more powerful enemies.”

JP McLean will be signing books at Blue Heron Books in Comox, on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The author would be happy to personalize any of her books for you, or as a gift to your fantasy-loving friends.

McLean has taught workshops on writing dialogue, writing fantasy, and indie publishing, at North Island College and

elsewhere, for the North Island Writers' Conference, The Federation of BC Writers, and the Denman Island Readers and Writers Festival.

Her writing has garnered praise from The Whistler Independent Book Awards, The Eric Hoffer Awards, and the Chanticleer International Book Awards. She's a three-time Gold Titan winner and a B.R.A.G. Medallion honouree.

In their review of *Scorch Mark*, The Ottawa Review of Books wrote: *Wickedly clever, original, suspenseful, and action-packed, McLean's impeccable writing and razor-sharp plotting will draw you in and keep you rivetted.*

Learn more about JP McLean on her website, <https://jpmcleanauthor.com>

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