

Local Author Summons Magic in Print

Award-winning Denman Island author JP McLean conjures up witches and warlocks with an abundance of magic in her upcoming release, *The Never Witch*.

Like her previous urban fantasy novels, *The Never Witch* is set on Canada's west coast. "Today, it's more important than ever to celebrate being Canadian. It's why I use Canadian English and set my books north of the 49th parallel," McLean said. "Readers love finding familiar shops and sites in the novels."

The Never Witch is the first in what will become the Thorne Witch series. It tells the story of Adeline Thorne, a witch who has no powers until a warlock on the run dumps his magic into her. The thrilling action turns on a struggle between the witch and the warlock, who will stop at nothing to get his powers back again.

The Never Witch is McLean's eleventh novel. Her first seven-book series, opening with *Secret Sky*, features a woman who discovers she can fly; and the second three-book series, beginning with *Blood Mark*, is about a woman who carries magical and mysterious birthmarks.

This prolific author clearly has a vivid imagination. When asked why she chose to write about witches, McLean said she enjoys creating new twists on old magical tropes. "There are endless possibilities when it comes to magic. It's pure escapism."

JP McLean will sign books for *The Never Witch* book launch at the following locations:

Abraxas Books on Denman Island, Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10 am – 2 pm

Blue Heron Books in Comox, Saturday, September 27, 2025, 10 am – 2 pm

Fireside Books in Parksville, Saturday, October 11, 2025, 1 – 3 pm

Mulberry Books in Qualicum, Friday, October 17, 2025, 10 am – 2 pm

Coles Driftwood Mall, Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10 am – 2 pm

McLean is a three-time winner of the Literary Titan Book Award and has garnered many other accolades for her work, including Honorable Mention in the national Whistler Independent Book Awards.

This quote comes from the Ottawa Review of Books: "Wickedly clever, original, suspenseful, and action-packed, McLean's impeccable writing and razor-sharp plotting will draw you in and keep you riveted."

Learn more about JP McLean on her website, jpmcleanauthor.com.