



## About Erica Cameron

After a lifelong obsession with books, Erica Cameron spent her college years getting credit for reading and learning how to make stories of her own. Erica graduated with a double major in psychology and creative writing from Florida State University. She's worked as a dance instructor, research assistant, pointe shoe fitter, pizza delivery girl, editorial assistant at a yachting magazine, bookseller, and English literature teacher at a residential rehabilitation center for teens. Now, she has written several series for young adults and contributed to various online blogs and publications. She is also an advocate for asexuality and emotional abuse awareness. She currently lives in South Florida.

The first two books of The Ryogan Chronicles (Entangled Teen) were Junior Library Guild picks, and Island of Exiles also received a starred review from Kirkus and was a finalist for the Bi Book Awards. Assassins: Discord (Triton Books), the first book of the Assassins duology, was the winner of the Bi Book Award. Her upcoming works include the conclusion of The Ryogan Chronicles trilogy and the first book of a new science fiction series, also to come from Entangled Teen.



Erica is available for speaking engagements, interviews, and appearances and is also happy to speak to classrooms and other groups via telephone or Skype.



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YA AUTHOR

Surviving Shiara's deserts takes iron, will, and magic,  
and sometimes even those aren't enough.

"This is a rare gem of a book that has ... magic,  
action, and intrigue on the edge of a knife."

Kirkus Starred Review

## Island of Exiles

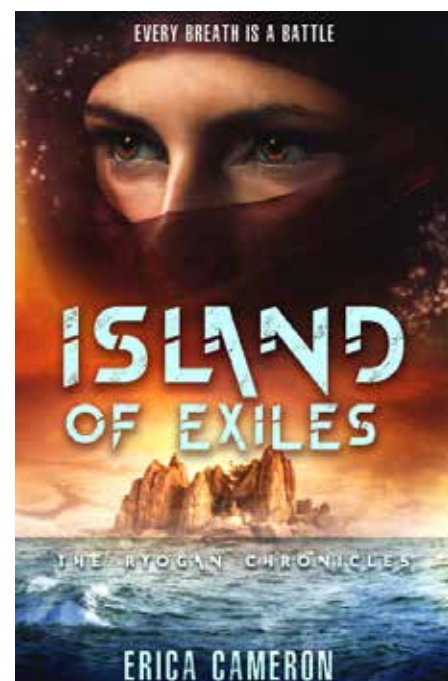
THE RYOGAN CHRONICLES BOOK 1

In Khya's world, every breath is a battle.

On the isolated desert island of Shiara, dying young is inevitable. The clan comes before self, and protecting her home means Khya is a warrior above all else.

But when following the clan and obeying their leaders could cost her brother his life, Khya's home becomes a deadly trap. The only person who can help is Tessen, her lifelong rival and the boy who challenges her at every turn. The council she hoped to join has betrayed her, and their secrets, hundreds of years deep, reach around a world she's never seen.

To save her brother's life and her island home, her only choice is to trust Tessen, turn against her clan, and go on the run—a betrayal and a death sentence.



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## Praise for Island of Exiles

"A beautifully wrought fantasy filled with magic, rebellion, and romance, plus a strong, butt-kicking heroine to root for!"

Lea Nolan, USA Today Bestselling author of *Conjure*, *Allure*, & *Illusion*

"[A] remarkable achievement: a fantasy world so richly imagined, so finely detailed, and so strikingly original, even the most incredible elements feel totally real."

Joshua Bellin, author of *Survival Colony* series

"Harrowing and heartfelt. The intricately-realized world of *ISLAND OF EXILES* crackles with harsh magic and gripping suspense."

Alex Kahler, author of *The Immortal Circus* series

"[E]verything I've been looking for in a fantasy--powerful characters, magical powers that make me itch with envy, and a spoken language that is as intrinsic to the story as it is beautiful."

Amber Lough, author of *The Fire Wish* and *The Blind Wish*

"I was consumed by the savage mysteries of Cameron's harsh and haunting fantasy world. A story of love and loss as searing as the desert heat."

Diana Peterfreund, author of *For Darkness Shows the Stars*

"*Island of Exiles* is imaginative, bold, and as electrifying as a Shiara storm."

Lori Lee, author of *Gates of Thread and Stone* and *The Infinite*

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Loss never comes when you're ready for it.  
No amount of preparation—not even centuries—is enough.

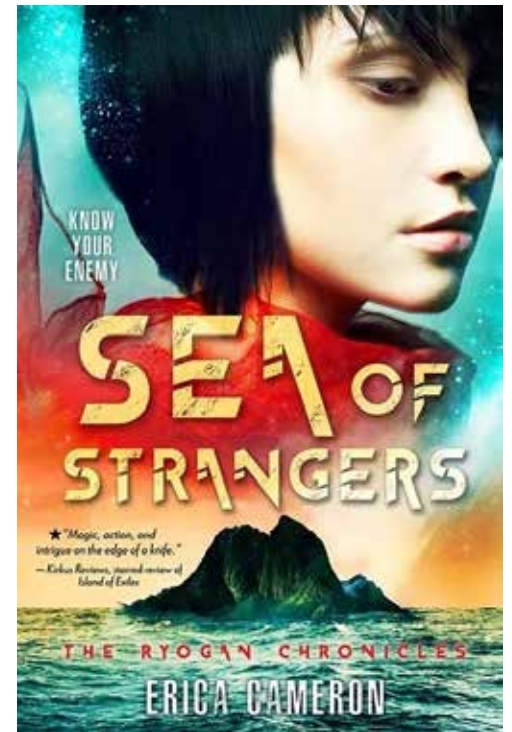
## Sea of Strangers

THE RYOGAN CHRONICLES BOOK 2

Know your enemy if you want to survive...

The only way for Khya to get her brother back alive is to kill Varan—the immortal ruler who can't be killed. But not even Varan knew what he was doing when he perverted magic and humanity to become immortal.

Khya's leading her group of friends and rebels into the mountains that hold Varan's secrets, but if risking all their lives is going to be worth it, she has to give up everything else—breaking the spell that holds her brother captive and jeopardizing her deepening relationship with Tessen, the boy who has been by turns her rival and refuge since her brother disappeared. Immortality itself might be her only answer, but if that's where Khya has to go, she can't ask Tessen or her friends to follow.



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## Praise for Sea of Strangers

"[Sea of Strangers] presents a sprawling, diverse world with complex issues and a wealth of magical power. Readers will be ensnared by the scope of the world Cameron is creating, but also by the depth of the characters, and the humanity behind their struggles."

Alanna, One Page at a Time

"Between the heartrending casualties of this book, further plot twists and revelations I'm definitely eager for the next book."

Di, Di's Reviews

"The incredible worldbuilding of the first installment continues with this novel, and the characters become ever more lovable and one can't help but root for them and their success."

LeahSmall Queer, Big Opinions

"I had high hopes for this one. And it did not disappoint."

Amber Rose, Rose Reviews

"The entire world and the world building is seriously some of the best I've seen out of dystopian/fantasy books."

Lucy, A Ravenclaw Library

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**“Closets weren’t big enough to hold the skeletons lurking in the eyes of Kindra’s targets; each of them needed catacombs.”**

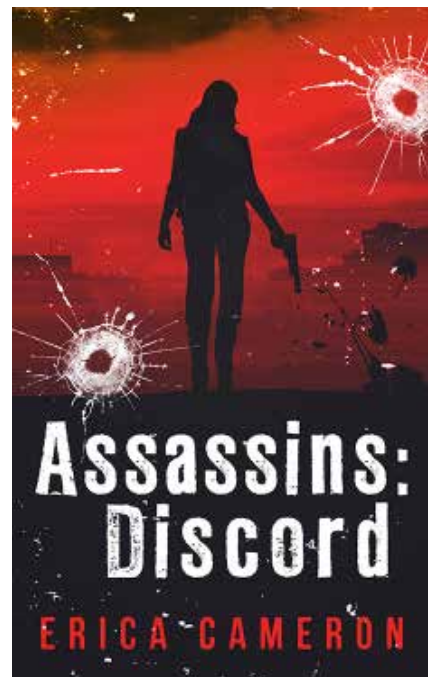
## Assassins: Discord

ASSASSINS BOOK 1

Kindra’s moral compass has never pointed north, but that’s what happens when you’re raised as an assassin and a thief. At sixteen, she’s fantastic with a blade, an expert at slipping through the world unnoticed, and trapped in a life she didn’t chose. But nothing in her training prepares her for what happens when her father misses a target.

In the week-long aftermath, Kindra breaks rank for the first time in her life. She steals documents, starts questioning who their client is and why the target needs to die, botches a second hit on her father’s target, and is nearly killed. And that’s before she’s kidnapped by a green-eyed stranger connected to a part of her childhood she’d almost forgotten.

Kindra has to decide who to trust and which side of the battle to fight for. She has to do it fast and she has to be right, because the wrong choice will kill her just when she’s finally found something worth living for.



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## Praise for Assassins: Discord

“Cameron infuses her heroine and other characters with plenty of personality, sass, and coldhearted ruthlessness. There are biblical puzzles to be decrypted, Mafia-like family wars to be unraveled, mistaken personalities to be cleared, and many bodies to be piled up.... Sexy and edgy, with plenty of surprises and fun.”

Kirkus Reviews

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One of the only things Blake knew for certain was that life guaranteed nothing.

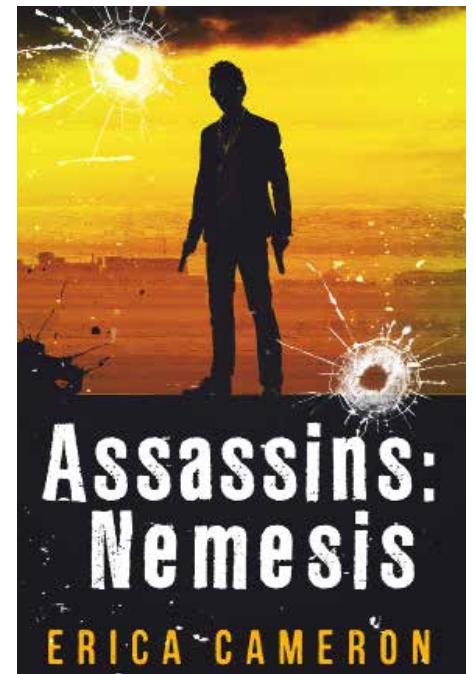
## Assassins: Nemesis

ASSASSINS BOOK 2

Being orphaned and almost kidnapped in the space of a week sent Blake Marks into hiding. For months, Blake tries to help the Calvers—a family of vigilante bodyguards—investigate the people behind the hit on Blake’s father, Isaac, but then the safehouse is compromised. Just as hired thugs storm the house to grab Blake, Daelan Calver dives into the fight, getting them both out alive.

Hiding isn’t an option anymore, but hit squads, under-the-table deals, and international espionage? Blake has no idea how to handle any of it, not even with Daelan’s family there to play teachers. The one thing Blake knows for sure is that there are only two options: keep up with the Calvers or get out of their way.

But even with the Calvers’ help and the glimmer of a possible future with Daelan giving Blake hope, chances of survival keep shrinking. The man who ordered the hit on Isaac may be dead, but his partner is viciously cold-blooded, and her plans could change the course of history. Blake wants to finish what Isaac started, but it’s looking like someone is going to die before this is over. And that someone might be Blake.



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“What are you doing?”

“Checking for a halo.”

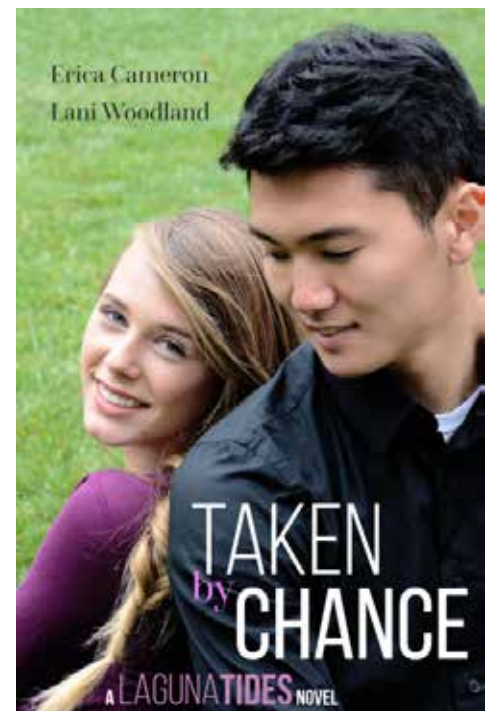
## Taken by Chance

LAGUNA TIDES BOOK 1

A single chance encounter can change your life.

Despite being the son of Hollywood’s hottest director, Dare Andrews has managed to steer clear of the paparazzi for seventeen years. But when his ex-girlfriend sells a tell-all interview to the tabloids, he’s suddenly hounded by fans and reporters alike. Dare is getting cynical fast, so he’s unprepared to meet a glass-half-full girl like Chance. And unprepared for the consequences after he helps her save face. Pretending to be the new guy in her life was easy enough when she was being dumped by her boyfriend, but the lie backfires.

What started as a random act of chivalry becomes something deeper as Dare and Chance find themselves trapped in their charade. The problem is that the more Dare gets to know Chance, the less fake their relationship feels. But secrets they both keep threaten their future, and with new storms overhead, will Chance’s lessons in optimism be enough to help Dare find the silver lining?



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You don't know how strong you are until you've faced temptation and won.

## Loyalty and Lies

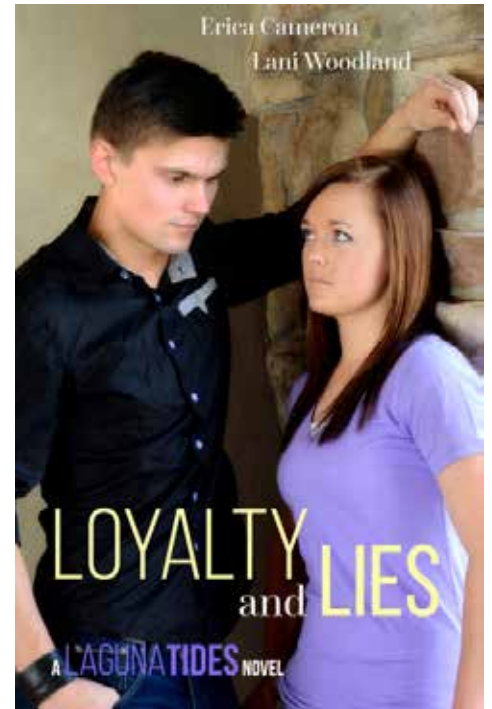
LAGUNA TIDES BOOK 1

Sometimes you hit rock bottom and discover a whole new level of suck.

Moving to California last year was supposed to distance Axl Derringer from the drinking, drugs, and dangerous friends he left in Chicago after they landed him handcuffed to a hospital bed. It worked until Homecoming night when he broke his sobriety and blacked out.

One month later, Axl's girlfriend Gloria tells him she's pregnant, that he's the father, and that it happened on the one night he can't remember. And it's all downhill from there: mandatory AA meetings, visits to his probation officer, and dealing with the stress of Gloria's vicious rumors plus a visit from his Chicago friends. To top it all off, he's forced into a project partnership with Gloria's best friend Rory, a girl who kind of wants to kill him.

A paternity suit, betrayals of trust, insurmountable loss—it's basically the senior year from hell. After a while Axl starts to believe that not even proving that Gloria is lying will be enough to put his life back together again. But then hope appears from one of the last places he expects and he realizes he may finally be ready to trust someone with his heart.



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**"It's amazing how fast something that seems like paradise can turn into a nightmare."**

## Sing Sweet Nightingale

THE DREAM WAR SAGA BOOK 1

Mariella Teagen hasn't spoken a word in four years.

She pledged her voice to Orane, the man she loves—someone she only sees in her dreams. Each night, she escapes to Paradise, the world Orane created for her, and she sings for him. Mariella never believed she could stay in Paradise longer than a night, but two weeks before her eighteenth birthday, Orane hints that she may be able to stay forever.

Hudson Vincent made a pledge to never fight again.

Calease, the creature who created his dream world, swore that giving up violence would protect Hudson. But when his vow causes the death of his little brother, Hudson turned his grief on Calease and destroyed the dream world. The battle left him with new abilities and disturbing visions of a silent girl in grave danger—Mariella.

Now, Hudson is fighting to save Mariella's life while she fights to give it away. And he must find a way to show her Orane's true intentions before she is lost to Paradise forever.



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## Praise for Sing Sweet Nightingale

**"Mariella and Hudson ran away with this story and my heart."**

Mary Elizabeth Summer, author of *Trust Me, I'm Lying*

**"An imaginative and gripping debut for readers of paranormal and urban fantasy, with an ending that promises more great stories from a talented new voice!"**

Joshua Bellin, author of *Survival Colony Nine*

**"This book gave me those good kind of creepy chills the moment I started reading it. What an imagination Cameron has."**

Christina Farley, author of *Gilded*

**"Sing Sweet Nightingale hooked me from the beginning. I loved the characters, the imagery and the world building."**

Heather Wood, author of *Falling for Autumn* and the *Second Sight* series

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“The truth is as variable  
as the people who speak it.”

## Deadly Sweet Lies

THE DREAM WAR SAGA BOOK 2

Nadette Lawson knows when you're lying.

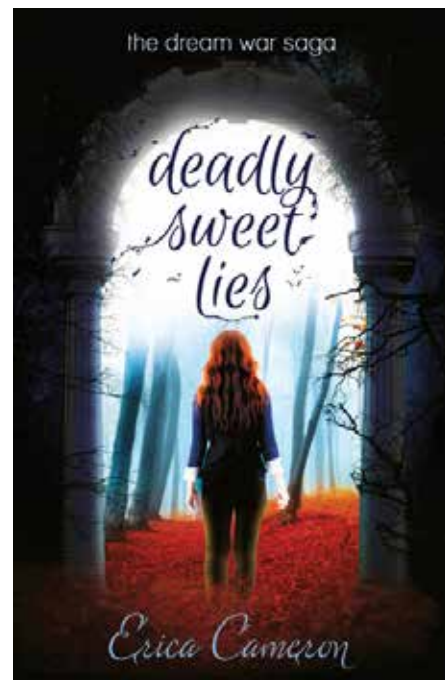
Every night for the past two years, the Balasura have visited her dreams, enticing her to enter their world. And every night she's seen through their lies. Now, they're tired of playing in the shadows and they begin to stalk her in the waking world. It's no longer just an invitation; if Nadette doesn't join them, they'll take her family. Forever. She needs help, and the haven she's seeking may be just out of reach.

Julian Teagan is a master of deception.

To survive, he has to convince the world his mother isn't useless, that everything's fine, otherwise he'll lose what little he has left in this life. He knows the lying won't be enough to keep him and his mother in the shadows, but it's all he knows. The only light of truth is Orane, a Balasura who sees past Julian's facade and challenges him to face the darkness.

Then Orane is killed, and Julian learns his mentor was far from innocent. The Balasura have hunted children like him for centuries, and their next target, Nadette is his one chance at finally being a part of something real. If Julian can just convince her to trust him...

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## Praise for Deadly Sweet Lies

“A diverse cast of teens so real and strong and damaged, a world so unique and compelling, a story both uplifting and poignant, DEADLY SWEET LIES left me clutching my heart and desperate for the next book. Cameron's talent and empathy shine through every word of this brilliant novel, one of my favorite reads of 2015.”

Mary Elizabeth Summer, author of *Trust Me, I'm Lying*

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## Speaking Engagements and Interviews

Erica Cameron is available for in-person or Skype visits with classes, book clubs, or any reading or writing group. She is especially passionate about engaging with young adult readers and fostering a love of stories in the next generation of readers. In the past, Erica has worked with teens at a live-in addiction and mental health clinic teaching English literature and managing the school's small library while encouraging the students to learn how to process their thoughts through writing. She can speak, present, and/or guide a discussion on several topics including various writing how-tos and the many paths to publication. In addition, Erica is willing to do a presentation on the impacts of emotional abuse, pulling examples from her work and others, as well as her personal experiences to illustrate how to spot and avoid emotionally abusive or manipulative relationships.



## Sample Interview Questions for The Ryogan Chronicles

- From the beginning, *The Ryogan Chronicles* introduces readers to a lot of new words. How did you develop the languages for the series, and what made you incorporate so many?
- It's clear the society of Sagen sy Itagami isn't based on North American or European models. Where did you draw the inspiration from for the structure and culture of Shiara?
- Your research for this book included something called the Urban Death Project. How did that tie into the world building for this series?
- In addition to diverse sexual orientations, you also included a third gender with established pronouns and relationship dynamics like polyamory and other non-monogamous constructions. Why is this kind of representation important?
- How much pre-planning do you do for a story this sprawling and complex? Does this usually include mapmaking?
- What is it that draws you to writing within the speculative fiction genres?

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## Sample Interview Questions for the Assassins Series

- Throughout the two books, family plays a key role, but each character's experience of family is very different. Why did you make this choice?
- Themes of loyalty, trust, independence, family, and love are woven through both books in this series. Given the combative, dangerous nature of a thriller, was this easier or harder to accomplish than in your other books?
- In both books, you make a point of stating characters' identifying labels (bisexual, asexual, intersex, etc.). Why do you believe it's important for authors to do this?
- Assassinations and terrorism are integral to the series. Why create a world like this in a climate already filled with numerous examples of each?
- Blake is barely present for the events of DISCORD yet becomes the narrative voice for NEMESIS. What made Blake a compelling choice to tell this part of the story?
- There are still some unanswered questions at the end of NEMESIS. What do you see happening in this world in the future?



## Sample Interview Questions for the Laguna Tides Novels

- Both characters in TAKEN BY CHANCE deal with family secrets and grief. What do you hope readers will take away from the lessons Dare and Chance learn?
- How different is coauthoring a series versus writing it alone? Will we see more from you and Lani Woodland in the future?
- Especially at first glance, Chance appears to be practically perfect. Did you make a conscious choice in shaping her character this way?
- Addiction and recovery play a key role in Axl's life in LOYALTY AND LIES. How did your experiences working with teens in rehab inform his character?
- The tone and the issues of LOYALTY are both darker than those in CHANCE. Will the series continue across this spectrum?
- In DEALING WITH DEVALO, Brandon deals with an emotionally abusive parent. Why is it so important for this type of dynamic, specifically minus the physical aspect, to be portrayed in books and film?

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## Sample Interview Questions for The Dream War Saga

- In most children's and young adult novels, parental figures are noticeably absent or ignorant. *SING SWEET NIGHTINGALE*, includes Mariella's parents Frank and Dana plus Hudson's adoptive grandfather Horace and all three play significant roles in the book. What prompted you to include them so heavily?
- Within the novel, the metaphysics of gemstones and crystals are integral to the survival of your characters. Why use New Age theories and crystals instead of another form of magic?
- The dynamic between Mariella and Orane savors strongly of an emotionally abusive and manipulative relationship. Why choose to depict this kind of relationship in a young adult novel?
- Mariella doesn't quite fit the normal young adult "strong female character" mold. What inspired her portrayal in *SING SWEET NIGHTINGALE*?
- Hudson has suffered more than a few losses in his life and still manages to keep from being completely cynical about the world. Can you talk about what drives his characterization?
- The narrators in your upcoming novel *DEADLY SWEET LIES* identify as lesbian and asexual. Asexuality is only beginning to garner attention, even within the LGBTQIAP+ community. Are you hoping to spread awareness by including it in a young adult novel?



## Sample Interview Questions for Pax Novis

- Coming soon.

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War of Storms, Ryogan Chronicles book 3

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Sea of Strangers, Ryogan Chronicles book 2

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Discord, Assassins book 1

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Deadly Sweet Lies, TDWS book 2

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Loyalty and Lies, Laguna Tides book 2

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Taken by Chance, Laguna Tides book 1

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Sing Sweet Nightingale, TDWS book 1

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DATES TO BE DECIDED:

Dealing with Devalo, Laguna Tides book 3

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ISBN: (no print edition available)

Publisher: Independent

Just Because, Laguna Tides book 4

Release Date: Summer 2018 (subject to change)

ISBN: (no print edition available)

Publisher: Independent

For Desiree's Sake, Laguna Tides book 5

Release Date: Spring 2019 (subject to change)

ISBN: (no print edition available)

Publisher: Independent