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She studied English literature, music composition, and computers in college, and in 2001, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of North Texas. She later completed her Master of Science Degree in CECS from UNT in 2005. After twelve years in the classroom as a computer and English teacher, she retired from education to pursue writing full-time.

Raven is a member of the local Seattle writing group, Ladies of the Write, as well as the Northwest Science Fiction Society, Cascade Writers, Wit 'n Word, and the Pacific Northwest Writers' Association.

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"Mirror Me" - Short story in the Magic Unveiled: An Anthology

AWARD-WINNING EPIC FANTASY SERIES CONTINUES

Bothell, WA, AUGUST 8, 2018—Pacific Northwest award-winning author Raven Oak releases the second in her Boahim Trilogy on September 1, 2018 by Grey Sun Press. *Amaskan's War* will be available in both trade paperback (ISBN 978-0-9908157-1-6) and eBook formats (ISBN 978-0-9908157-3-0) at major and independent booksellers with the suggested retail pricing of \$13.99 (paperback) and \$3.99 (eBook).

Book I in the Boahim Trilogy, *Amaskan's Blood*, won the 2016 Ozma Fantasy Award and was an EPIC Award Finalist. In conjunction with this series continuation is the release of Oak's coloring book. *From the Worlds of Raven Oak* (ISBN 978-0-9908157-9-2) is illustrated and written by Raven Oak. A release party for both will be held in Seattle, WA on 9/15, and Raven will appear at WorldCon 76 (San Jose, CA) and GeekGirlCon (Seattle, WA) in support of both book releases.

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Raven Oak is the author of several Amazon and Amazon UK bestselling novels including the fantasy novel *Amaskan's Blood* and the science fiction novella *Class-M Exile. Joy to the Worlds: Mysterious Speculative Fiction for the Holidays* was a *Seattle Times* regional bestseller.

Praise for Amaskan's Blood, Book I in the Boahim Trilogy:

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To request a review copy of Joy to the Worlds: Holiday Stories of Mystery & Speculative Fiction, schedule the authors for an interview, or for more information, please contact Grey Sun Press at info@greysunpress.com.

PUBLICATION SLIP FOR AMASKAN'S WAR

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Description:

What do you get when you mix mystery and speculative fiction, then toss in the holidays for good measure? A mobster Santa, genetic hanky-panky, Victorian villages, time-traveling detectives, Krampus, eerie bell spirits, and more-this collection of short cross-genre fiction is the perfect counterpoint to traditional holiday reading!

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Description:

Bay-zar. Class-M planet in the middle of no-where. Dust, dust, and more dust. Unless ya circled 'round to the more habitable region, you'd be stuck without a ship to anywhere. Round the corner though, you could find everything from ship parts and dried food packs, to roast dog and the rare bi-cycle. Hell, you could even buy yerself a gen-u-ine religion if you were so inclined.

The ultimate tourist trap. And here I'd taken the bait.

When Eerl stepped off The Marzipan, he was one of a billion tourists on Bay-zar. He expected to shop for rare artifacts from war-ravaged Earth and maybe study at the grand library, but not even his background in Human Studies from the University of Tersia could prepare him for what came next:

A military beefcake with a grudge, a wartime conspiracy, a stolen ship, a galaxy full of prejudice, and at the center of it all, a young human named Mel in search of the truth.

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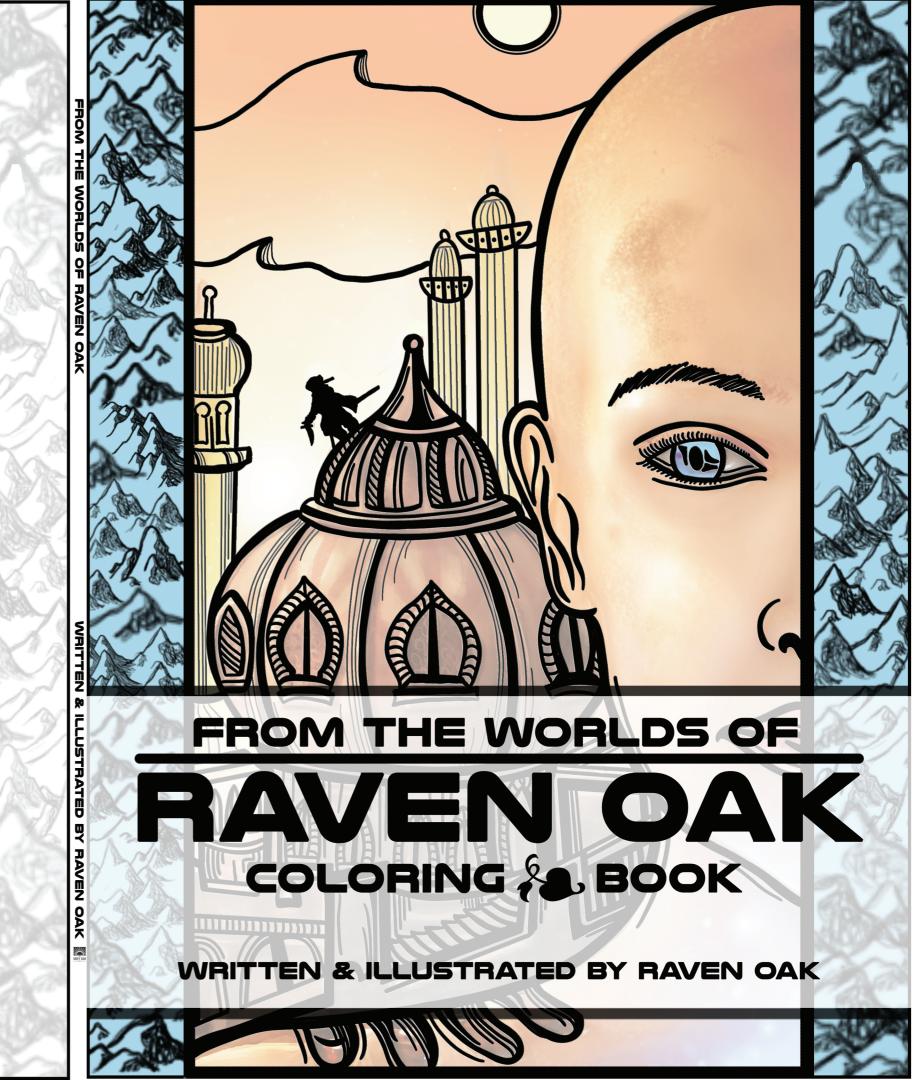
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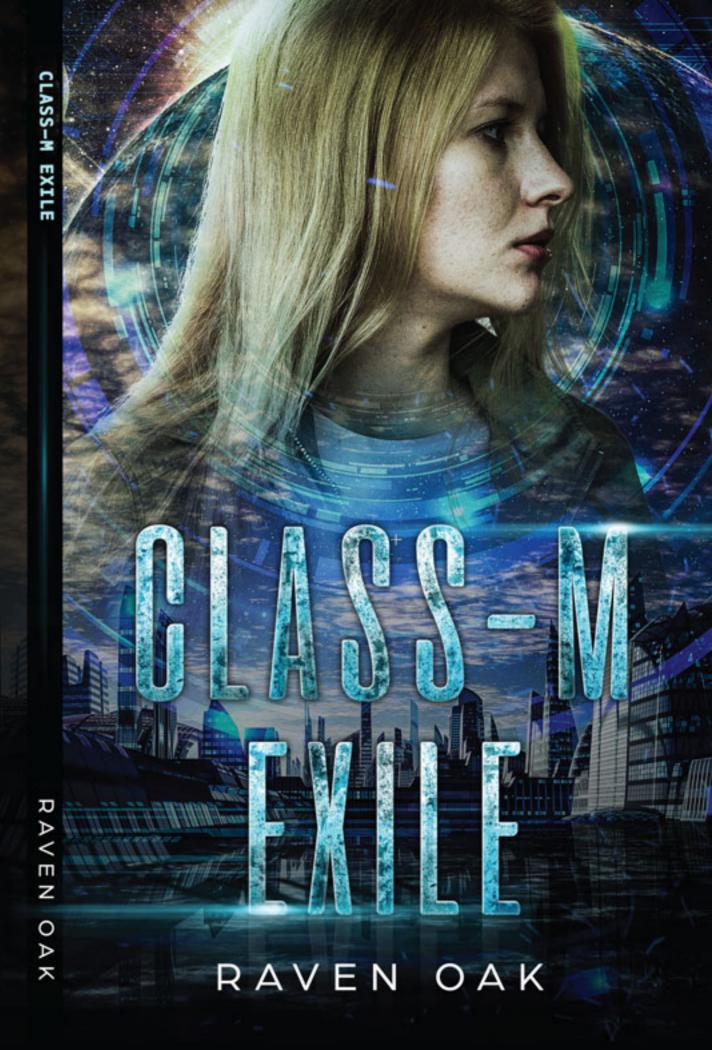
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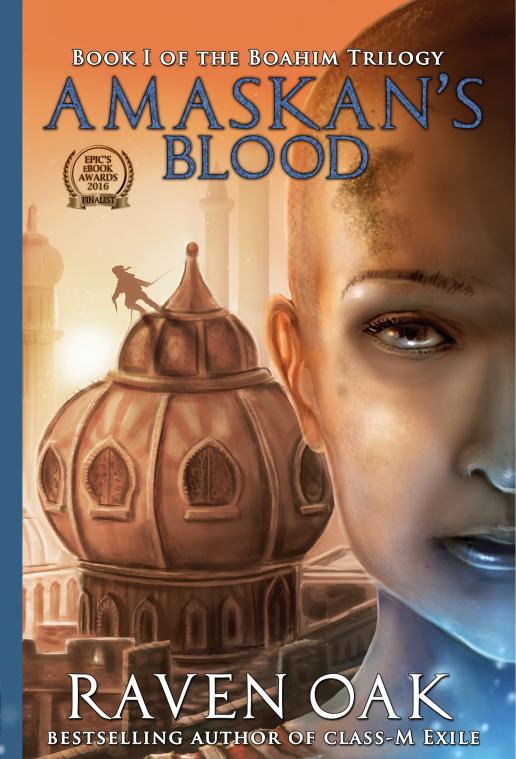






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"[A] fantasy novel in its truest form...these well-developed individuals held me captive. It was a very strong start to a fantasy series that I very much look forward to following." –Pure Jonal: Confessions of a Bibliophile

"We all enjoyed her book immensely....Amaskan's Blood most certainly receive[s] the Sparkle Motion stamp of approval." –Sparkle Motion Book Club – Special January Selection

"The prose itself is...a cut above the rest as Raven Oak playfully dances with the reader. It's the addition of just enough detail, and the right amount of it, that makes this read. Oak is loquaciously talented and the writing in the book shines. [She] crafts [her] words carefully, in order to pull the reader in, and once he's hooked, reels him in." –Open Book Society

Reviews of Class-M Exile

"There's a nice twist to the end of this story...I enjoyed 'Class-M Exile'. not only for the main story and plot twists, but for the implied depth to the back story. It's well worth reading." —Andy Whitaker of SFCrowsnest "A new voice in science fiction. Oak combines a multi-species future with a contemporary 'down home' flavor to create a gripping work of heartbreak and racial tension." —Janine A. Southard, author of the award winning *Queen & Hive* series

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