

January 2017

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy December and enjoyed the holiday season. I was lucky to have my whole family together this Christmas, including my son and his fiancé who made the nine hour drive to North Carolina from Indiana with Gus the dog. Still vacuuming dog hair a week later! We had a blast.

In writing news, *Under the Mountain* (book three of the *Into the Outside* series) continues to grow. I'm nearing the finish line, with just the last few scenes to write. Then the editing begins!



GenreLA – SPECULATIVE FICTION WRITING CONFERENCE

Robert J. Sawyer will be the Keynote speaker at this Los Angeles conference at the end of the month. Sawyer is a prolific Canadian sci-fi author, who wrote my favorite read-and-read-again book, *Calculating God.* I have enjoyed his books over the years and am thrilled I will get to hear him speak in person! I am also looking forward to sessions on world building; writing a convincing alien invasion; and how to make rubber science sound real. There are also sessions on editing, marketing, and getting the most out of social media.



FREE KINDLE BOOKS

As always, watch my Facebook and Twitter pages for all three of my current books to be available for FREE on assorted days:

The Forgotten Isle: <u>Amazon</u>, Middle Grade Fantasy, January 10 & 11 Into the Outside: <u>Amazon</u>, Young Adult Sci-Fi, January 25 & 26 Time's Anchor: <u>Amazon</u>, Time Travel Sci-Fi (Adult), February 1 & 2

If you have not downloaded your free copy of any of these titles, please do (and tell your friends). I encourage you to leave a review on Amazon as well.



Book Recommendation The Shadow Queen, by C.J. Redwine

Inspired by the story of Snow White, seventeen-year-old Lorelai Diederich has been on the run for nine years, ever since her stepmother (the Evil Queen) killed her father (the King of Ravenspire) and usurped the throne. The hidden princess and her younger brother have been trained and taken care of by their father's trusted guard. Lorelei inherited magic from her mother, and she has worked for years to hone that magic and use it to take back her throne and save her kingdom. Along the way, she and her brother secretly play Robin Hood, stealing from the queen to give back to the starving people of her kingdom... preparing for the day she can defeat Queen Irina. When she meets Kol, the young dragon king of Eldr, she saves his life from a crowd of villagers... and you know the fairy tale... falls for him. But can Lorelai save her kingdom AND save Kol when Irina ensnares Kol with her magic and forces him to be her Huntsman and kill Lorelai? Many fun twists in this updated fairy tale for a YA or adult audience.

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Cheers, *Lynda*

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