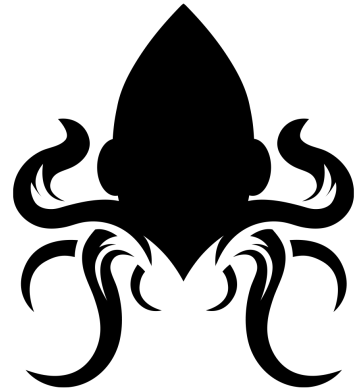


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Canadian fantasy just got a lot darker.

COCHRANE, AB -- Move over *Game of Thrones*, Canada has its own George R. R. Martin, and she's not pulling any punches with her debut novel, *Under the Lesser Moon*. The book, written by Alberta-born Shelly Campbell, releases this Saturday, November 7th, and it's already making waves in the Canadian fantasy community.

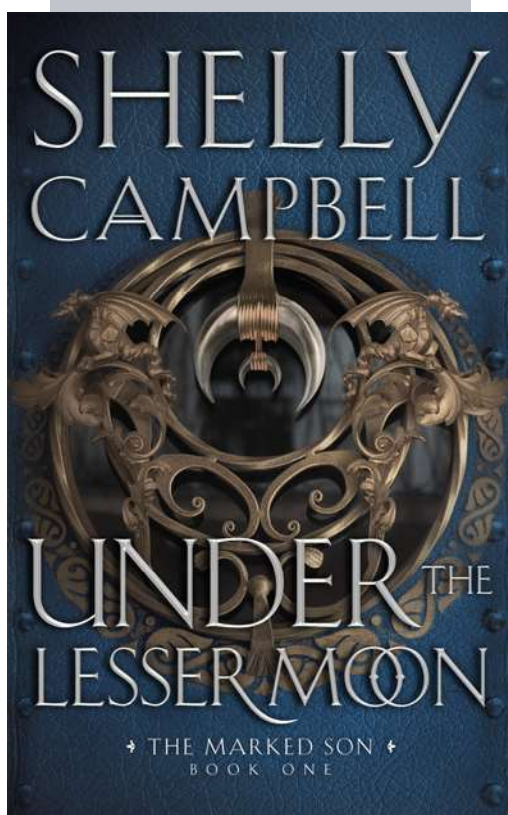
Under the Lesser Moon is a grimdark story set in a brutal, merciless world. Campbell has turned the first-born son trope on its head; instead of dragon-slaying heroes who inherit everything, first-born sons are cursed and despised.

Author Bio: At a young age, Shelly Campbell wanted to be an air show pilot or a pirate, possibly a dragon, and definitely a writer and artist. She's piloted a Cessna 172 through spins and stalls, and she's sailed up the east coast on a tall ship barque—mostly without projectile vomiting. In the end, Shelly found writing fantasy and drawing dragons to be so much easier on the stomach.

Publisher Information: Mythos & Ink is an independent press, based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, with a passion for great stories and the community built around them. They publish science fiction, fantasy, and geeky nonfiction.

Event Details: The online book launch event is scheduled for November 7th, 2020, at 7 pm MST on www.mythosink.com. The launch will include a dynamic reading from the author, an animated feature video detailing the creation myth of Campbell's world, a Q&A with the author and editor, and opportunities to win signed copies.

Interview Details: Shelly is available for interviews over the phone or video conferencing to discuss her new book, worldbuilding, working with a small press, gender tropes in fantasy, and, of course, dragons. Interviews, e-book review copies, or any graphics needed can be arranged through the Mythos & Ink's Marketing Director, Kyle Rudge (kyle@mythosink.com).



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UNDER THE LESSER MOON

(THE MARKED SON, BOOK ONE)

BY SHELLY CAMPBELL

Under the Lesser Moon, the adult debut by Canadian author Shelly Campbell, is a grimdark fantasy set in a brutal, merciless world.

"Dragons once led our people across the wastelands, away from storms, and toward hunting grounds."

That's what the elders say, but Akrist has squinted at empty skies his whole life. The dragons have abandoned them, and it's Akrist's fault. He's cursed. Like every other firstborn son, he has inherited the sins of his ancestors. In his camp, he's the only eldest boy left. Something happened to the others. Something terrible.

When Akrist befriends Tanar, an eldest boy from another tribe, he discovers the awful truth: they're being raised as sacrifices to appease the Goddess and win back her dragons. The ritual happens when the dual moons eclipse. Escape is the only option, but Akrist was never taught to hunt or survive the wastelands alone. Time is running out, and he has to do something before the moons touch.

"Lush emotions, vivid characters, and a world rich with history—I didn't want this journey to end."

—**Essa Hansen**, author of *Nophek Gloss*

"A stunning book. The world building is some of the best I've ever read, and the main character, Akrist, has left me with a permanent ache in my heart. Set in a brutal, often merciless world, the story kept me breathlessly turning pages to the very end. Clear your calendar, because you won't be able to put this one down."

—**Julie Eshbaugh**, author of *Ivory and Bone*



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