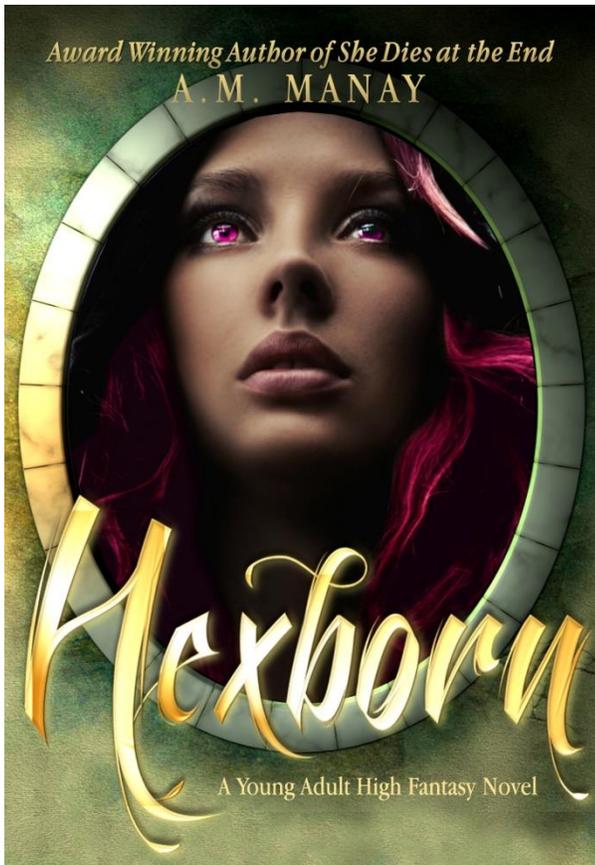


Livermore Author A.M. Manay Tackles Bigotry and Political Intrigue in *Hexborn*



While some readers find little merit in genre fiction, Livermore author A.M. Manay disagrees.

“There is no reason a novel full of wizards and knights can’t address social issues relevant to all our lives,” Manay declares.

Her new novel, *Hexborn*, certainly aspires to do so. Main character Shiloh lives with a congenital disability that renders her an outcast in her highly stratified society.

“Shiloh has to contend with both her condition and with the rejection of her peers, a situation familiar to many of us,” Manay explains. “In addition, she lives in a country rife with structural injustice and oppressive, back-stabbing politics. Over the course of the series, she will have to decide what role she really wants to play in such a society.”

Manay chose to write about a main character with a disability in part due to her own battle with Lupus.

“I was very young when I was diagnosed, and young people with chronic illnesses don’t often see themselves reflected in the heroes of popular fiction,” Manay shares.

Hexborn is available July 11 in both paperback and e-book formats. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/Hexborn>.

Blurb for Hexborn

Hexborn. Abomination. Unclean. Young Shiloh knows exactly what she is. She just refuses to let that stop her. Her illness might make her an outcast, but her broken body hides great magical power. And she intends to make the most of it.

Silas, the king’s ruthless fixer, seeks to use that power to preserve the uneasy peace the kingdom has enjoyed since the end of the Siblings’ War. Silas hauls Shiloh from her mountain village to the wizard academy at the king’s court, where magic and political intrigue conspire to create danger around every corner.

Can this child of war save the peace? Or will old sins rise to threaten Shiloh, Silas, and the kingdom of Bryn?

Author Biography

A.M. Manay writes page-turning, character-driven fantasy with a Bay Area sensibility. In addition to her work as an indie author of supernatural fiction, Manay is a former inner-city chemistry teacher, a singer, a yoga enthusiast, a Clerk of Session in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a mother through domestic open adoption. She has a passion for increasing diversity in popular culture and for strong heroines who stand up for themselves, make their own decisions, and don't depend on romance as their reason for being.

A.M. Manay has won a number of awards for her first novel, *She Dies at the End*, which was named Bronze Medalist in the Readers' Favorite Book Awards, Finalist in the IAN Book of the Year Awards, Finalist in the Wishing Shelf Book Awards, and Finalist in the Chanticleer Paranormal Book Awards. Her second novel, *She Lights Up the Dark*, took the Silver Medal in the Readers' Favorite Book Awards.

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