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Epic...immensely satisfying...an impressive achievement - Historical Novel Society

Randolph's epic four-part Viking-era saga takes place in a ninth-century world caught in the grinding gears of multiple religions - the old Saxon gods, the gods of the invading Vikings, plus the Trinity and attending saints of the hardscrabble Christianity that is trying with uneven success to implant itself in England and Ireland.

The bulk of this story-cycle centers on a young woman, Ceridwen, as she grows into womanhood and has a series of adventures in a world made increasingly violent and unpredictable by the clashing of rival armies and faiths. Randolph has extensively researched her chosen era, and her books are very intentionally pitched at a pre-modern pace, designed to unfold gradually despite their sometimes-hectic action segments. We follow Ceridwen through fractured friendships, tormented loves, and the tragedies of war.

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Each of these volumes is immensely satisfying, and the four-book sequence as a whole is an impressive achievement. - **Historical Novel Society** February 2015

About the Author

Tindr: Book Five of The Circle of Ceridwen Saga is now available! I'm delighted that my First Readers have enjoyed their sneak peek of this novel, and I'm eager to share it with you. I've also received the happy news that the Ingmar Bergman Estate on the tiny island of Fårö (on top of the larger Baltic island of Gotland) has awarded me a one month Artistic Residency, in acknowledgement of the Saga. So I'll be returning later this year to my beloved Gotland! See videos from my May 2015 trip to this gorgeous Swedish island on octavia.net.

I write the kind of book I want to read myself. I write about history as a way to better understand my own times. I write about people who are far better, and (I hope) far worse than myself. And beautiful objects

inspire me: the hand-carved combs, skilfully wrought swords, and gemmed goblets of the world of *The Circle of Ceridwen Saga*. Almost everything interests me; I've studied Anglo-Saxon and Norse runes, and learnt to spin with a drop spindle. My path has led to extensive on-site research in England, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, and Gotland - some of the most wonderful places on Earth. My other works include the novella *The Tale of Melkorka*, based on a story from the Icelandic Sagas, *Ride: A Novella*, a retelling of the story of Lady Godiva, and *Light, Descending*, a biographical novel about the great John Ruskin. I've been the fortunate recipient of fellowships at the Ingmar Bergman Estate on Fårö; MacDowell Colony; Ledig House International; and Byrdcliffe.

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