

### **Daniel Abraham**

Once upon a time, there were three writers who were really only one. Well, two and a half writers. Or three writers that were one and a half. It's complicated.

Daniel Abraham, when he's himself, is a writer of epic fantasy with ten novels and a collection of short stories to his name. As MLN Hanover, he writes The Black Sun's Daughter urban fantasy series set in the contemporary world. And when he is James S. A. Corey, he writes in collaboration with Ty Franck to make the science fiction series The Expanse. Daniel has also adapted several of

George RR Martin's works into graphic novels, including the New York Times bestselling adaptations of A Game of Thrones. He has published 23 novels and over 40 short stories. When he is not writing, he spends his time writing.

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## **CJ Carmichael**

Hard to imagine a more glamorous life than being an accountant. Still, CJ Carmichael gave up the thrills of income tax forms and double entry book-keeping when she sold her first book in 1998. She's now written more than 40 novels--2 of which have been nominated by Romance Writers of America for their prestigious RITA award.

When not writing, CJ loves to be out hiking, cross-country skiing or biking around Calgary,

where she lives, or Flathead Lake, Montana, where she has a cottage. Her partner Mike shares these interests with her. They also love to play cribbage and Scrabble. If a glass of wine is on the table, so much the better!

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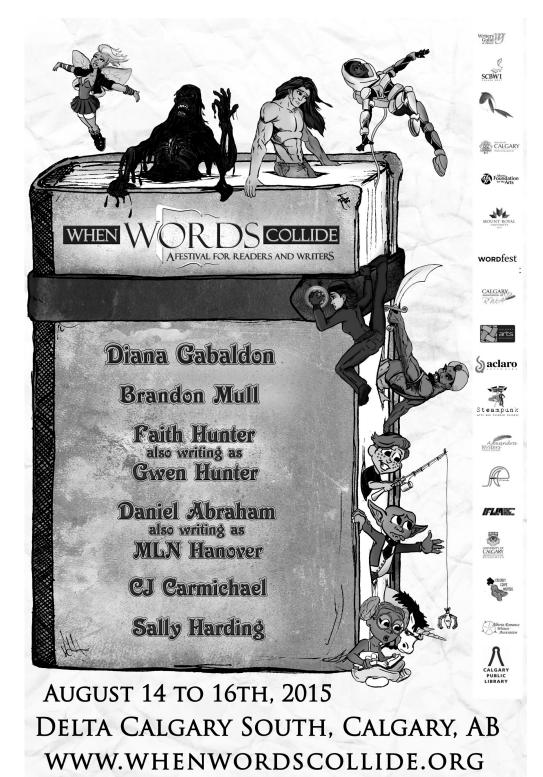
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### **Faith Hunter**

New York Times bestselling author Faith Hunter writes dark urban fantasy and paranormal urban thrillers. Her long-running, bestselling, Skinwalker series features Jane Yellowrock, a hunter of rogue-vampires. Her Rogue Mage novels, a dark, urban fantasy series features Thorn St. Croix, a stone mage in a post-apocalyptic, alternate reality. She has a new paranormal crime solving series featuring Nell Nicholson Ingram, who can siphon away the magic of others, to be released in late 2015.

Under the pen name Gwen Hunter, she has written action adventure, mysteries, thrillers, women's fiction, a medical thriller series, and even historical religious fiction. As Gwen, she is a winner of the WH Smith Literary Award for Fresh Talent in 1995 in the UK, and won a Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Award in 2008. Under all her pen names, she has over 30 books in print in 29 countries.

Faith is a founding member of MagicalWords, a writing forum at www.magicalwords.net geared to helping writers of fantasy and other genres.

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# **Diana Gabaldon**

Diana Gabaldon is the author of the award-winning, #1 New York Times bestselling *Outlander* novels, described by *Salon Magazine* as "the smartest historical sci-fi adventure-romance story ever written by a science Ph.D. with a background in scripting '*Scrooge McDuck*' comics."

Gabaldon's popular writing style and memorable characters have been noticed by the Hollywood set as well. The *Outlander* books were picked up by Sony Television and produced by Ronald D.

Moore and his production company, Tall Ships Productions. The first episodes were aired last fall and the second half of the season will return this spring.

Diana Gabaldon and her husband, Doug Watkins, have three adult children (all intelligent, funny, and self-supporting), two fat dachshunds, live mostly in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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#### **Brandon Mull**

Brandon Mull is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Fablehaven and Beyonders series. Sky Raiders, the first in Brandon's new Five Kingdoms series, debuted in 2014 as his tenth New York Times bestseller. Brandon also served as the architect for Scholastic's Spirit Animals series, outlining the seven books, and writing the first. His novels are published in over 30 languages.

The Chronicles of Narnia helped Brandon develop his love of reading, the Lord of the Rings showed him how deeply imagined a fantasy world could be, and the Harry Potter series proved to him that a novel with young main characters could delight readers young and old if it is smart and inventive. Brandon currently lives in Utah with his wife and four kids.

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# **Sally Harding**

Sally Harding is a literary agent and coowner of the Cooke Agency and Cooke International. She represents authors from all over the world, with more than half of her clients calling the US home or their primary publishing market. She is currently growing her list in the areas of smart, ground-breaking non-fiction; and mainstream and literary-leaning science fiction, fantasy, and crime. She also has a fondness for children's books, especially

middle-grade fiction. She is on the board of the Vancouver Writers' Fest www.writersfest.bc.ca, and is a member of the Association of Authors' Representatives http://aaronline.org.

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