

Helen Scheuerer
— YA FANTASY AUTHOR —



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Praise for *The Oremere Chronicles*

Heart of Mist (2017) & Reign of Mist (2018)

Heart of Mist became a #1 bestseller on Amazon within 24 hours of its release on August 31st, 2017. Since then, it has held its own alongside titles by George RR Martin, Emily R King, Sabaa Tahir, Sarah J Maas and Victoria Aveyard.

“*Heart of Mist* is captivating in its world-building and brilliant character development. Scheuerer is a true master at weaving together magic, mystery, passion and politics in her standout debut.”

— The Literary Casanova

“*Heart of Mist* is an incredible fantasy novel: magic, hints of romance, friendship, betrayal, secrets and deeply rooted plot twists abound... A unique fantasy series that I can see easily becoming one of my all-time favourite fantasy novels.”

— The Book Tweeter

“In *Heart of Mist*, Helen Scheuerer has crafted a world as shrouded in magic and mystery as it is in deadly mist, slowly revealing a back story to both her characters and her realm that has the reader clamouring to know more. Ending on a promise of future adventure, I for one can't wait to go – let the countdown to book two begin!”

— The AU Review

“*Reign of Mist* is outstanding in every way. It takes us deeper into the lives of the various characters and unlocks more of the secrets that enchant Oremere. There isn't a moment that doesn't compel you to keep reading – it's simply riveting and astonishing. A brilliant sequel and an absolute must-read!”

— Alexandra Nahlous

“Fabulous characters, brilliant world-building and gorgeous writing. What's not to love?”

— Beautiful Bookland

“*Reign of Mist* is the mesmerising second novel in the Oremere Chronicles, packed full of new characters to fall in love with, and the breathtaking suspense we have come to expect from the current queen of fantasy, Helen Scheuerer...”

— Aleesha Paz

Author Bio

Helen Scheuerer

Helen Scheuerer is a YA fantasy author from Sydney, Australia. *Reign of Mist* is the second book in her high fantasy trilogy, *The Oremere Chronicles*. After writing literary fiction for a number of years, Helen was inspired to return to her childhood love of fantasy thanks to novels like *Throne of Glass*, *The Queen's Poisoner* and *The Queen of the Tearling*.

Helen is also the Founding Editor of Writer's Edit (www.writersedit.com), an online learning platform for emerging writers. In its first year, Writer's Edit reached thousands of new authors, and soon became its own small press, with Helen overseeing the production and publication of three creative writing anthologies, *Kindling Volume I*, *Volume II* and *Volume III*. It's now one of the largest writing websites in the world.

Helen's love of writing and books led her to pursue a Bachelor of Creative Arts, majoring in Creative Writing at the University of Wollongong. While the *Kindling* books were being published, Helen also completed a Masters of Publishing at the University of Sydney.

Helen now lives by the beach and writes full time. She has many more books planned for the future.



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Book Synopsis

Reign of Mist *Book II: The Oremere Chronicles*



Book details:

Title: Reign of Mist
Series Title: The Oremere Chronicles
Book: II
Page Count: 551
Author: Helen Scheuerer
Publisher: [Talem Press](#)
Ebook ISBN: 978-0-9941655-6-5
Print ISBN: 978-0-9941655-7-2
Genre: YA Fantasy
Comparative Titles: *Throne of Glass*,
Queen of the Tearling, *An Ember in the Ashes*, *Red Queen*, *The Hundredth Queen*

Synopsis:

The realm's darkest secret is out.

The cruelty of the capital and the power-hungry King Arden have scattered Bleak and her companions across the continents.

On the run in a foreign land, Bleak finds herself tied to some unexpected strangers. When the answers she yearns for are finally within reach, she must face the hard truths of her past, and take her fate into her own hands before it's too late.

Meanwhile, secrets and magic unravel as a dark power corrupts the realm. Bleak's friends are forced to decide where their loyalties lie, and who, if anyone, they can trust.

But one thing is certain: war is coming, and they must all be ready when it does.

Target audience:

Reign of Mist is suitable for readers aged 14+, with a particular focus on female readers.

The book explores themes of belonging, identity, coming of age, loss, and overcoming challenges.

It's expected that readers who enjoy the work of Sarah J. Maas, Erika Johansen, Sabaa Tahir and Emily R. King will enjoy this title.

Book Excerpt

Prologue

From a clifftop overlooking the roiling mist, a woman watched a ship smash upon jagged rocks. Squinting into the violent wind and rain, she saw it shatter into pieces, a single survivor – a girl – flung from the wreckage into the churning foam. The waves pummelled her, no doubt dragging her over unforgiving coral and filling her lungs with salt water. The girl washed up unconscious on the coarse, gravelly sand, the lapping waves breaking over her calves. All that remained of her ship were floating splinters of wood, and a single sail, filled with pockets of air, bubbling at the sea's surface.

The orange light of dawn was muted by the mist. The woman was already eating her cold breakfast when down below, the newcomer woke with a start, the tide creeping up her body. She was injured – that much was clear as she hauled herself through the wet grit of the shore.

From her hiding spot, the woman watched on, ever vigilant, following the girl's struggles over the uneven terrain. The girl didn't give up. She dragged herself across the dunes, heading inland, only pausing when

She reached the crest of the shore. There, on unsteady feet, she stood, staring out onto the misty moors and the ruined remains of a great fortress in the near distance.

The woman pulled her cloak tight, bracing herself against the dying storm, and began the descent of the cliff face, a ghost in the shadows. She followed the girl, close enough to hear her laboured breathing and muttered curses. Close enough to see the foreign markings on her wrist.

The woman continued after her. She wanted to see what the newcomer made of Oremere.

Potential interview, feature article, guest post topics

Topics

- The importance of strong female characters in YA fantasy
- The writing process (writing a series, writing fantasy, balancing work/writing, etc.)
- Independent publishing (and turning down traditional options)
- Balancing multiple perspectives in fiction
- How Helen became a full-time author
- The inspiration behind Reign of Mist
- Social media, marketing and the importance of an author's online presence
- The publishing process and book production
- The challenges of being a full-time indie author
- The decision to write a series as opposed to a standalone novel
- How writing a second book is different to the first

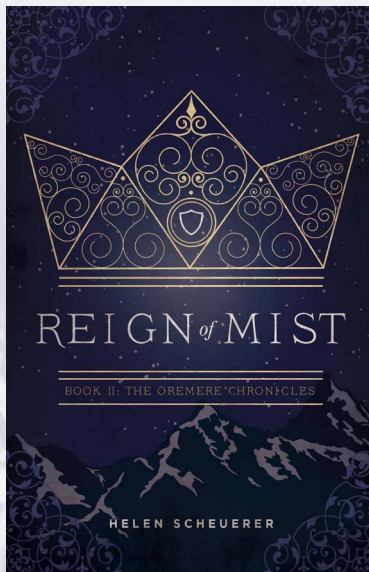
The author is happy to discuss these and any other topics that may be relevant to your publication.

Interview question ideas

- Tell us about your book – what inspired you to write it?
- Do you use your own personal experiences when writing?
- What's your writing routine like?
- Tell us about why you chose coming of age as a theme to explore in Reign of Mist?
- Who's your favourite Reign of Mist character and why?
- What's the inspiration behind Reign of Mist?
- What was your favourite book as a child?
- Do you have any techniques to stay on track when you're working?
- What are you working on now?
- In the book, you juggle multiple perspectives. How did you approach this?
- How do you get started on a new book?
- Who's your literary crush right now? Who do you fan-girl over?
- What's been your favourite moment while working on The Oremere Chronicles so far?
- What advice would you give to aspiring YA fantasy authors?
- What do you love most about the YA fantasy community?
- What's on your bedside table right now?
- What's one challenge you face as an author in the digital age?
- What's one advantage you have as an author in the digital age?
- As an author who's active online, how do you deal with online harassment and bullying?
- You're passionate about women's rights. Does Reign of Mist reflect this?

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