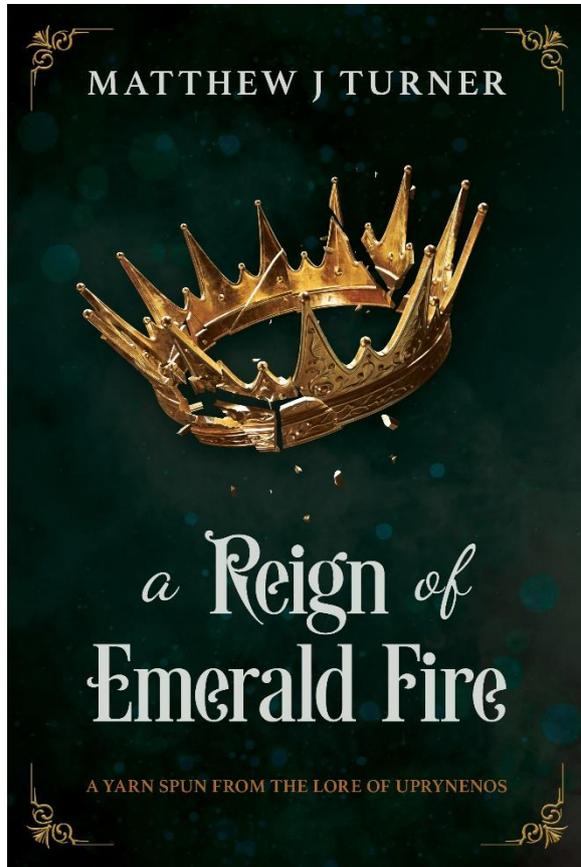


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A REIGN OF EMERALD FIRE IS A DEBUT NOVEL TO A NEW FANTASY SERIES BY AUTHOR MATTHEW J TURNER.

Disgraced Commander of the King's 1st, Stánwilde Yoakilor pins his hopes upon a hastily cobbled together band of misfits, galivanting around the kingdom of Upryenos on a mishap-strewn path to redemption.

Brolo, the half-elf/half-dwarf tags along, deluded by a desire to experience the skull-cracking, knuckle-dusting escapades allegedly undertaken by his absent father, if his drunkenness and sharp tongue doesn't get him killed first.

Far away in the desolate Ánad, a desert far beyond the reaches of the King's Law, Yilonia flees the wrath of her father, the Earl of Stunheath, unaware how his fiery temper should be the least of her concerns.

Set within a double-edged world where stark and brutal events are cut with a wry-humoured absurdity, this opening tale focuses on the painful fusing together of outcasts into a dysfunctional family, bonded by their shared magnetism for misfortune and grief.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Matthew J Turner is an English writer, now residing in Brisbane, Australia having been born and raised in the picturesque town of Rye, East Sussex, England. Living happily within his dorky stereotype, Matthew enjoys researching medieval history, losing at boardgames, burning or over-seasoning most of his cooking attempts and quoting outdated references to various films and TV shows. Moulded by Monty Python and

the glut of whacky British comedy which made up much of his TV viewing as a child, Matthew has gained an enthusiastic love for the absurd. Through his writing, Matthew strives to prove his U for English in his GCSE'S stands for *Up-and-Coming* rather than *Ungradable*.

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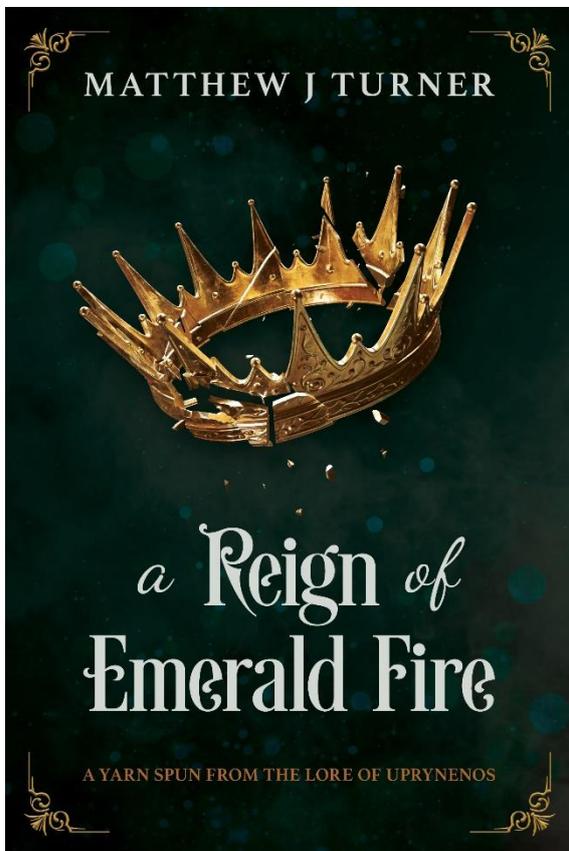
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE A REIGN OF EMERALD FIRE? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I struggled stupendously at school and was bullied extensively for various reasons. I struggled to grasp onto much of what I was being taught and overall found the experience less than enjoyable. By the end of my education, English was one of my worst subjects having achieved a U (Ungradable) in my end of school exams. By the time I was eighteen, my reading level was abysmal and the prospect of reading a novel filled me with dread. I went through a rough patch, struggling with some deaths in the family, anorexia, depression and a looming sense that I was never going to achieve anything in my life.

After a period of very little activity, I forced myself to improve my reading ability and fell in love with works of fantasy, which I assume complimented my pre-existing affinity with medieval history. Despite my poorly written English whilst at school, I always enjoyed the creative writing aspect, regardless of if I was ever any good at it or not. Once I hit my early twenties I was reading novels I previously never imaged I'd enjoy, works of a thousand or so pages. I suppose to go one step further I decided to prove to myself that I could write an entire story. Nothing big, of course. A short story, a novella at the most. As time went on the story grew larger and larger until it became what I finished many years later. I wrote this for me, never truly believing anyone else would ever read it, let alone that it would be published. I'm immensely proud with how I reached this stage, so anything beyond this is just gravy as the saying goes.

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