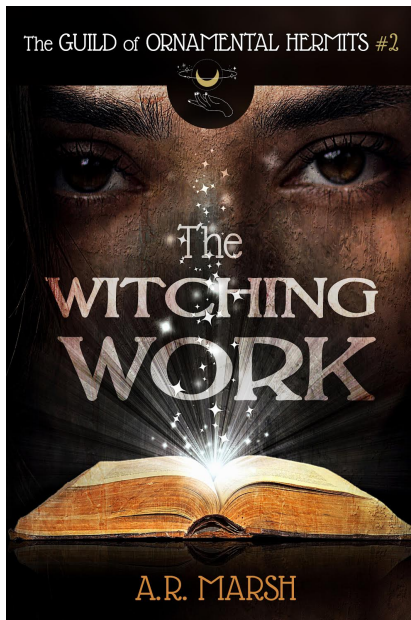


THE WITCHING WORK



The Witching Work
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Queer, arty misfits and quirky Elves use magic to outwit forces of evil on Hawai'i Island.

Powerful other-dimensional Wethrini warriors are poised to invade Hawai'i Island! Half-Elf Oyster Olson, and the all-too-human Babe Bump, Tomma Bedlam, and the other nine "Hermits of Hermitville," are new to magic, barely conversant with simplest spells. Their Elven mentors make an executive decision: "Time for a crash course in Elf magic!" So the Hermits are whisked away to a "time warp" replica of a California winery tasting room for intensive instruction designed to prepare them for the conflicts to come. Meanwhile a local doomsday cult plans a ritual rave to summon a dreaded cosmic goddess from beyond the Mortal Coil. The adventure begun in The Dire Deeds continues in The Witching Work.

Readers of The Dire Deeds (the 1st book) anticipate the 2nd in the series:

"Wow! Just spent a wonderful week spending time with some wildly colorful, delightfully eccentric, truly fascinating characters... and miss them already. I have never read anything like this. The language is bright and delicious. The characters are unique and, at the same time, very real. Blew me away. A true original. Can't wait for book two!" —Amazon 5-star review

Infused with a quick, quirky wit, a joyful read! A. R. Marsh merges the real world of Paho, Hawaii, with a magical one where simply saying, "salamander" brings forth kundalini energy surges, where an inter-dimensional, Malibu Barbie worshipping baddie may succeed in zir

dastardly plot, and where purple edible glitter just might help save the day. I look forward to the fun and giggles to come when the fantastical journey continues. —Amazon 5-star review

I've never read a queer-friendly urban fantasy before but I thoroughly enjoyed this one. It's smart, inventive and fun. And it's full of wonders.

The humor, characters and insights into popular and non-mainstream cultures not only held my attention, but richly rewarded it. Sexuality is handled with a light touch and playfulness abounds. The characters, except for the malevolent ones, are likeable and often lovable. Marsh is such a good writer that I found myself reading just to find out what take on the unfolding action. Danger and evil exist, but as in an English cozy, the mayhem occurs offstage.

Marsh has described the book as a "coming of aging" tale, and the mostly middle-aged and beyond characters are lively, game and caring. They know themselves and enjoy the lives they've invented, and they're ready to defend their community. It's a pleasure being among them, if only for the length of a book. And more books are coming! —Gwynn O'Gara, Poet Laureate of Sonoma County 2010-2011, Author, *We Who Dream*, 2023. (5-star Amazon review.)

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About THE WITCHING WORK

This sequel to *The Dire Deeds* continues the adventures of the "Hermits of Hermitville" and their Elven mentors in Pahoehoe, Hawai'i.

About A. R. Marsh

In the *Guild of Ornamental Hermits* fantasy series, A.R. Marsh blends humor, magical realism, whimsy, satire, and queer and paranormal relationships. The first two books, *The Dire Deeds* and *The Witching Work*, are published. The third book, *The Queerest Quest*, is with the publisher, and a fourth book, *The Perilous Past*, is in progress.

A clinical sexologist and hypnotist, Marsh is also the author of three non-fiction books on human sexuality and/or hypnosis. As a sexologist, Marsh has appeared on Tyra Banks, National Geographic *Taboo*, *Good Morning America*, and NPR (*Audacious*, with Chion Wolf). Marsh lives in Oregon with seven cats.
