

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUNG YAGA

Face the darkness. Awaken the legend.

Folklore Villianess Reimagined

Young Yaga and the Thrice-Nine Kingdoms is a sweeping nine-book, folklore-inspired romantasy series that reenvisionns the life story of the infamous Baba Yaga.



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Rooted in an Ancient, Diverse World

As the opening to *The Maiden Trilogy*, *Tears of the Alkonost* draws heavily from Slavic folklore, staying close to Yaga's early, localized perspective. As the series unfolds, however, it expands into a wide geopolitical and cultural landscape—introducing major characters and philosophical influences from North and East Africa, the Middle East, and Central and East Asia.

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Craft What You Know

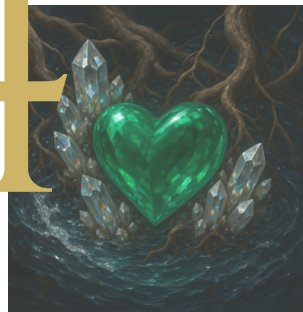
From brewing soaps to wild-crafting herbs for medicine, much of Yaga's world comes from author Shea Michaels' real life experiences.



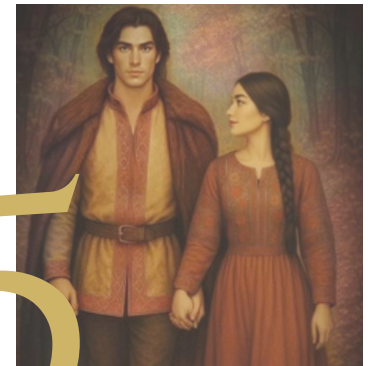
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The Heart of a Healer

Yaga's compassion is her greatest strength—and her greatest risk. Hers is a magic born not of a will to control, but of *care*—an ancient reminder that true power often begins in empathy.



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A Story of Love and Becoming

While *Tears of the Alkonost* explores dark and mythic forces, it is, at its heart, a tale of love—between kindred spirits, chosen family, and the self that waits to be found. It's a journey of courage, connection, and awakening—the first step in a legend that begins where fear ends.

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