

## ***Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland, Turns One!***

Alright, not today.

However, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, my first full-length novel was released on Amazon. So, when December 12<sup>th</sup> comes this year, my baby will be one! Yeah!

What a year's it's been. It's come with challenges, for sure. At the same time, I've learned many things from my first year of this writing journey. Not only how to finalize my book, but also how to format and release a novel and reach readers (to name just a few things).

I'm very proud of *Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland*. But I need to say, I definitely know I made mistakes in launching my first novel. On the upside, I know that mistakes, so long as I learn from them, can be a tool that allows me to do things better the second time around.

And for me, that time will come again in late spring (fingers crossed!) 2021.

### **We're on our way...**

My word count is now at 27,000 words, and as of yesterday, I started Chapter 10.

What can you expect in the second book?

Well, we'll revisit the same characters we met in the first book and get introduced to some new friends and villains. Of course, you had to see that coming.

Expect more of what you saw in the first book: Emphasis on family, honor, and rising to new challenges from Jayden but also from the other characters as they battle...

Yeah, that would be a spoiler. So, you will need to wait to find out what demons the Team in Canonsland will face.

Stay connected to this Facebook page or my website for excerpts from the new book, the date for the cover reveal, when the book will be released, and where you can purchase a copy.

## A Review of *Dragon in the Mirror*

In the spring of 2020, I submitted *Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland* to the Whistler Independent Book Award competition. While my book didn't place, each author who submitted their novel received an evaluation of their work. Here is the final comment from that evaluation:

*"Readers who enjoy middle-grade fantasy will like Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland. By juxtaposing Jayden's life in Rumbling Town (the fantasy component) with everyday life with her parents, Hawtrey has succeeded in sharing one girl's revelatory journey from fear, uncertainty and anger to one of much personal growth, acceptance and freedom, where she comes to fully understand and appreciate the value of family, trust, love and true friendship".*

## Short Story Update

In my last newsletter, I noted that I'd submitted several short stories to literary journals. I'm happy to announce that one submission has been accepted.

At this point, I'm unable to share more information. However, I expect the story will be published sometime in the spring of 2021. When it is, I'll mention it in the newsletter and provide a link to it on my website.

That's it for now. Expect to see the next newsletter in the early part of 2021.

Until then, stay safe.

Best,

Penelope

### Author Bio:



Penelope Hawtrey is a Canadian writer of short stories and novels. In the spring of 2016, she released several short stories, and three years later, she released her first children's fantasy novel, *Dragon in the Mirror: Into Canonsland*. This is the first book in a planned series. Currently, she's working on the second book with a tentative release date of late spring 2021.

Penelope's happily married, a sunny day runner, and she loves dogs. She continues to weave stories based in reality and fantasy with a cup of earl grey tea never far away.

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