

# THE STORYTELLER FROM BALINCIA

## BOOK ONE OF THE DRIFTSTONE

An epic fantasy series crafted for all those who, as children, never found reflections of themselves in the pages of a Fairy Tale. World-building for a new generation — where anyone can be the hero, love knows no limits, and magic thrives unrestricted by prejudice.

*What if there was more to the world than you knew? What if magic truly existed? How far would you go to uncover the truth?*

In Balincia, no one ever questioned what *was-when what is-* is all one would ever need to know. Every citizen was granted provision and purpose by the twin witches who ruled from the floating isles of Chaos and Order. Surrounded by majestic mountains and cascading waterfalls, every aspect of a Balincian's life was idyllic, nurtured with intention and measured. What more did one need?

Enter Birk, the witches' nephew and a young Storyteller, whose life is turned upside down when a mysterious stranger presents him with a magical book in dire need of an author. As Birk uncovers the shocking truth that the world he knows is merely a fraction of a far grander reality, he sets out on an epic quest to delve into his aunt's hidden past.



Joined by a fierce new generation of witches, he teams up with Zara, a fearless warrior princess; Grey, a gentle soul with a secret; his spirited little sister Brynn; and Thalon, the arrogant heir of the Elven Witch from the Living Forest. Carrying the weight of their ancestors' choices, they race against time to unravel a daunting prophecy. The group must prevent the evil Bog Witch and her terrifying horde of Arcanivores from breaking free from the Under and obliterating the balanced scales of magic.

Will Birk and his newfound allies succeed in this high-stakes battle for the future of their world? Or will the high cost of truth lead to a darker fate? Questions might lead to discomfort. Discomfort might lead to confrontation. Confrontation might upset balance...*and balance is everything.*

Adventure awaits in a page-turning thriller and a stunning debut by S.W. Kent.

**S.W. Kent builds a fantasy world where diversity is intentional, not forced. Queer, Black, and Female narratives take the lead, defying the stereotypes often assigned to them in the Fantasy genre. This series will undoubtedly hold a special place on your shelf and in your hearts.**

*"Everyone has a story to share; maybe yours is waiting to reveal itself."*



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