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More than six months after the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano, Alex and Darla retrace their steps to Iowa hoping to find Alex's parents and bring them to the tenuous safety of Illinois, but the journey is ever more perilous as the remaining communities fight to the death for food and power.
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resources and a bibliography for further reading. Much of what is known of the Norse myths comes from the 10th century onwards. Until this time and, indeed, for centuries afterwards, Norse culture (particularly that of Iceland, where the myths were eventually transcribed) was an oral culture. In fact, in all Scandinavian countries well into the thirteenth century laws were memorized by officials known as "Lawspeakers" who recited them at the "Thing." The Thing was the legislative assembly in Scandinavia "held for judicial purposes." One of the most famous of these Lawspeakers was the Icelander

Snorri Sturluson, a masterful writer who wrote the Prose Edda in the thirteenth century. There are other sources for the Norse myths, namely the later "Poetic Edda," a collection of poems and prose work, and other sagas but the Snorri's Prose Edda is the most complete work whose attribution is known to modern scholars. It is believed that Snorri, a Christian, recorded these pagan beliefs so as to preserve and explain the stylistic poetry of Iceland, particularly the popular descriptive devices known as kennings. A kenning is made up of a base word and a modifying word that is used to

describe a separate object. For example, "Gold" had a great many kennings, one of which was "Sif's Hair." If, however, the memory of Loki cutting off Sif's hair and replacing it with gold were lost, then this kenning would make no sense to later readers. There are many of these allusions to the myths and it is thanks to them that the myths have survived. The Norse Myths also appear to follow a chronological narrative, which the historian John Lindow describes as having a "Mythical Past, Present and Future." Loki features in each of these literary "epochs" and it

helps to understand the complexity of his character, as well as the belief system, to view the myths in this way. While not as well-known as Thor or Odin, Loki's name is immediately recognizable to many, and his history is as enigmatic as his characters. Fittingly, as historian Rudolph Simek put it, his "sources are just as varied as his interpretations." He first appears in *ǫljǫf r Hvni's* 9th century poem *Haustlǫng*, recorded in the *Skǫldskaparmǫl*, but the etymology of his name has still not been solved. Rudolph Simek has made a tentative assertion that Loki

was related to the Old Norse "luka" (meaning to "close") and has surmised that there could be a connection between this and his role in the "closing" of the world during the apocalyptic event Ragnarǫk. Whatever the original meaning of his name, the surviving image of Loki is multifaceted but mostly negative. "Father of the Gods" enemies' Loki has been interpreted as a fool, a trickster and a devil, the latter being connected with his being a harbinger for the Norse "end of days" and the subsequent revival of peace and godliness that had clear echoes in the Christian Apocalypse. There

is no evidence of cult activity for Loki, and despite many attempts at defining one, there appears to be no obvious religious "function" to his character. Nevertheless, he permeates many of the key moments in Norse mythology - for good and bad - beginning and ending with his role as "father of monsters." Loki: The Origins and History of the Famous Norse Trickster God looks at the story and the legendary Norse deity. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Loki like never before. Born a king. Raised a prisoner. Arises a legend. . . . In the heat of battle

and bloodshed, the realm of Jotunheim falls to Asgard. Amid the slaughter, Borr, the Aesir king, spares his enemy's infant son. The youth is spirited back to Asgard and spends the first twelve years of his life locked in a dungeon--until Prince Odin vows to uphold his father's dying wish. United in blood as brothers, Odin frees the boy and swears no harm shall come to him. His name? Loki... Peace has reigned for twenty-four years when Loki and Thor, Odin's son and heir, embark upon a secret mission deep into the heart of Asgard. But when a Jotunn warrior hiding among the locals makes an

attempt on Thor's life, that stability is set on a knife's edge. Now the king of Asgard, Odin is convinced that the rival kingdom of Jotunheim is once again preparing for war. As Odin readies his armies for the inevitable battle, Loki covertly sets out to Jotunheim to discover the truth and stop a needless war. What he finds sends him down a path of betrayal and deception from which there is no return. Hundreds of thousands of lives hang in the balance as the lines blur between prophecy and reality. And as fire and shadows loom on the horizon, a frightened boy caught between two kingdoms must

grow to become a man. Faced with the fury of a king gone mad, Loki must sacrifice everything he holds dear to ensure his people survive. Including the lives of those he loves most. . . . Brimming with action and adventure, Loki puts a new, realistic spin on Norse mythology's greatest heroes and villains. Fans of Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time*, Brandon Sanderson's *Mistborn*, or George R. R. Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire* will devour this fantasy epic. The *Wilbur* Award-winning book *Grateful* is now available in paperback and with an updated subtitle. If gratitude is good,

why is it so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from larger concerns of our public lives. In *Grateful*, cultural observer and theologian Diana Butler Bass takes on this “gratitude gap” and offers up surprising, relevant, and powerful insights to

practice gratitude. Bass, author of the award-winning *Grounded* and ten other books on spirituality and culture, explores the transformative, subversive power of gratitude for our personal lives and in communities. Using her trademark blend of historical research, spiritual insights, and timely cultural observation, she shows how we can overcome this gap and make change in our own lives and in the world. With honest stories and heartrending examples from history and her own life, Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with god, with others, with the world, and even with our own

souls. It’s time to embrace a more radical practice of gratitude—the virtue that heals us and helps us thrive. He is called the Trickster, the Sly One. For eons, he has manipulated and played the gods against each other. Now the time has come to go beyond petty schemes and seize the most powerful throne in existence. Based on the classic tales, Mike Vasich breathes new life into the most complex god in the Norse mythos. Norse myths have long fascinated millions around the world. Tales of Norse Gods like Thor and Loki have sustained the imaginations of adult and young people alike, even

into modern times. Indeed, figures of Norse legend have permeated into mainstream culture in the form of popular characters from television and film. One God, in particular, has even given his name to a day of the week. In Norse Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Viking Beliefs, you will be exposed to the original tales of the Gods; the tales that modern depictions are ultimately inspired by. Norse myth has become a part of us in ways that we do not fully appreciate. Indeed, the Norse God Thor has come to embody the ideal of strength and masculinity. The trickster God Loki,

on the other hand, has come to represent some of the more sinister and unpredictable elements of Man. In fact, the Norse used their Gods to embody those aspects of Man's own nature that were often at war. In Norse Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Viking Beliefs, you will learn about all the Gods by reading about the tales that formed the basis of the myths about them. Norse Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Viking Beliefs explores the Norse Gods and the Viking belief system through the tales

told by people living at the time. They told tales about the formation of the universe, about how the universe was divided, and how the Gods and giants made war with one another. Because the Viking belief system was reflected in these tales about their Gods and historical figures, learning about the Gods and heroes in this way allows the reader to understand who the Vikings were and why they were. The world of Norse myth was very different from our own. The people at the heart of Norse civilization - living in modern-day Scandinavia, Northern Germany, as well as other areas of Norse

settlement like Iceland and the British Isles - these people were part of a culture so far removed from how we think and perceive today as to be almost unrecognizable. But that does not mean that you must struggle to understand Norse legends and the Vikings who believed in them. In Norse Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Viking Beliefs, you will learn everything there is to learn about Norse mythology. You will learn the different groups of living things that existed in the universe, how the universe was divided into nine worlds, who

the major Gods and Goddesses were, who some of the important heroes were, and how the speakers of Old Norse recorded the feats of gods and men in books called sagas. These sagas told the tales of the great figures of Norse legend. In Norse Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Viking Beliefs, you will learn some of these tales including: The Tale of Odin's Eye and Mimir's Head The Unusual Wedding of Freyja Loki and His Strange Children The Death of Baldr The Kidnapping of Idun The Birth of Sigurd And Ragnarok: the Twilight of the Gods Buy now to learn

more than you ever dreamed about Norse Gods and Goddesses and Viking beliefs. Commemorating Bruce Springsteen's twenty-five years as a recording artist, here is a panoramic view of his career in a form never seen before. This is the complete collection of Bruce Springsteen's recorded lyrics, illustrated with hundreds of never-before-published images from some of rock & roll journalism's greatest photographers, including Annie Leibovitz, David Gahr, Lynn Goldsmith, Bruce Weber, and many others. From Jim Marchese's informal backstage shots during the

European leg of the 1980 The River tour to Neal Preston's amazing documentation of the Born in the U.S.A. days to Pam Springsteen's portraits showing a side of the musician rarely seen by the public, this is the most intimate look at Bruce Springsteen ever published. The photos and lyrics are accompanied by original commentary by Springsteen, in which he reflects on the songs, the performances, and the quarter-century career that for many defines the American dream. In words and in pictures, here is the one book no Bruce Springsteen fan can afford to be without. Written

especially for WBD 2016, this is a fabulously entertaining and touching novella from David Baddiel, author of the bestselling THE PARENT AGENCY and THE PERSON CONTROLLER. Illustrated by the hugely talented Jim Field, winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. Loki knows what he wants but risks losing everything at stake. Fully enjoying his double life, Loki flirts with danger as he dashes back and forth between two worlds. On Midgard during the Roaring Twenties, Loki revels in fame, fortune, and new-found love. As his human friend and manager, Kristoff, promotes his new act in Paris and

London, Loki could easily pursue a budding romance with Carina Green, his talented American costar. But can he justify the cost, especially revealing his true identity to her? And how will he handle Klaus, Carina's former fiancé, when he returns with threats of force? Meanwhile, on Asgard, Loki's much-anticipated rite of passage fast approaches. But first, he must complete three days of trials to prove himself ... even as he fights to hide his mounting secrets. How will Loki avoid getting caught by Odin and Frigga, his warrior brother Thor, or even the eye of Heimdall, keeper of Asgard's gates? Will he keep

his promise to his childhood friend Sigyn? And why does it seem King Odin is beginning to favor Loki for the throne rather than Thor, the rightful heir? As Loki's duplicity grows, the youngest prince of Asgard and Europe's favorite illusionist must decide which path to take. Discover new twists and turns in this historical fantasy meets paranormal romance as you explore Asgard in all its splendor, experience more of Paris, London, Norway, and Germany, including actual historical figures and landmarks, and savor delightful tidbits of Norse mythology along the way. Dios de la

Maldad, Padre de la Mentira, Heraldos de la Destrucción. Exiliado y torturado por los dioses, Loki jura venganza. Invocará al mítico lobo Fenrir y a la legendaria serpiente de Midgard, y junto a ellos dirigirá un ejército de gigantes y muertos de Niflheim contra Thor, Odín y el resto de los Aesir. Con el poder del ser más destructivo de los Nueve Mundos bajo su mando, Loki no descansará hasta que Asgard caiga y los dioses mueran a sus pies. In this stunningly original book, Richard Wrangham argues that it was cooking that caused the extraordinary transformation of our ancestors from apelike beings to

Homo erectus. At the heart of *Catching Fire* lies an explosive new idea: the habit of eating cooked rather than raw food permitted the digestive tract to shrink and the human brain to grow, helped structure human society, and created the male-female division of labour. As our ancestors adapted to using fire, humans emerged as "the cooking apes". Covering everything from food-labelling and overweight pets to raw-food faddists, *Catching Fire* offers a startlingly original argument about how we came to be the social, intelligent, and sexual species we are today. "This

notion is surprising, fresh and, in the hands of Richard Wrangham, utterly persuasive ... Big, new ideas do not come along often in evolution these days, but this is one." -Matt Ridley, author of *Genome* A groundbreaking new theory of religion Religion remains an important influence in the world today, yet the social sciences are still not adequately equipped to understand and explain it. This book builds on recent developments in science, theory, and philosophy to advance an innovative theory of religion that goes beyond the problematic theoretical paradigms of the

past. Drawing on the philosophy of critical realism and personalist social theory, Christian Smith answers key questions about the nature, powers, workings, appeal, and future of religion. He defines religion in a way that resolves myriad problems and ambiguities in past accounts, explains the kinds of causal influences religion exerts in the world, and examines the key cognitive process that makes religion possible. Smith explores why humans are religious in the first place—uniquely so as a species—and offers an account of secularization and religious innovation and persistence that breaks the

logjam in which so many religion scholars have been stuck for so long. Certain to stimulate debate and inspire promising new avenues of scholarship, Religion features a wealth of illustrations and examples that help to make its concepts accessible to readers. This superbly written book brings sound theoretical thinking to a perennially thorny subject, and a new vitality and focus to its study. Solo Scenario for Call of Cthulhu 7th Edition Rosie loves Jack. Jack loves Rosie. So when they're split up, Rosie will do anything to find the boy who makes the sun shine in her head. Even run

away from home.
Even cross London
and travel to
Brighton alone,
though the trains
are cancelled and
the snow is falling.
Even though any
girl might find that
hard, let alone a
girl with Down's
syndrome. See the
world through new
eyes in this one-in-
a-million story
about fighting for
the freedoms that
we often take for
granted:
independence,
tolerance and love.
Collects Thanos
#1-6. Thanos,
possibly the most
diabolical individual
in the Marvel
Universe, is back ☐
and he's out for
vengeance on all
who would oppose
him! Unfortunately
for the Mad Titan,
he's also heading
for an unexpected

reckoning with his
family. Take an
ongoing walk on the
dark side of the
galaxy, and follow
the deadly trail of
destruction left in
the wake of Thanos!
He is pure evil. He
is unstoppable. And
it's time for
someone ☐ anyone ☐
to take him down.
When the exotic
stranger Vianne
Rocher arrives in
the old French
village of
Lansquenet and
opens a chocolate
boutique called "La
Celeste Praline"
directly across the
square from the
church, Father
Reynaud identifies
her as a serious
danger to his flock.
It is the beginning
of Lent: the
traditional season
of self-denial. The
priest says she'll be
out of business by

Easter. To make
matters worse,
Vianne does not go
to church and has a
penchant for
superstition. Like
her mother, she can
read Tarot cards.
But she begins to
win over customers
with her smiles, her
intuition for
everyone's
favourites, and her
delightful
confections. Her
shop provides a
place, too, for
secrets to be
whispered,
grievances aired.
She begins to shake
up the rigid
morality of the
community.
Vianne's plans for
an Easter Chocolate
Festival divide the
whole community.
Can the solemnity
of the Church
compare with the
pagan passion of a
chocolate éclair?

For the first time, here is a novel in which chocolate enjoys its true importance, emerging as an agent of transformation. Rich, clever, and mischievous, reminiscent of a folk tale or fable, this is a triumphant read with a memorable character at its heart. Says Harris: "You might see [Vianne] as an archetype or a mythical figure. I prefer to see her as the lone gunslinger who blows into the town, has a showdown with the man in the black hat, then moves on relentlessly. But on another level she is a perfectly real person with real insecurities and a very human desire

for love and acceptance. Her qualities too - kindness, love, tolerance - are very human." Vianne and her young daughter Anouk, come into town on Shrove Tuesday. "Carnivals make us uneasy," says Harris, "because of what they represent: the residual memory of blood sacrifice (it is after all from the word "carne" that the term arises), of pagan celebration. And they represent a loss of inhibition; carnival time is a time at which almost anything is possible." The book became an international best-seller, and was optioned to film quickly. The Oscar-nominated movie, with its star-

studded cast including Juliette Binoche (The English Patient) and Judi Dench (Shakespeare in Love), was directed by Lasse Hallstrom, whose previous film The Cider House Rules (based on a John Irving novel) also looks at issues of community and moral standards, though in a less lighthearted vein. The idea for the book came from a comment her husband made one day while he was immersed in a football game on TV. "It was a throwaway comment, designed to annoy and it did. It was along the lines of...Chocolate is to women what football is to men..." The idea stuck, and Harris

began thinking that “people have these conflicting feelings about chocolate, and that a lot of people who have very little else in common relate to chocolate in more or less the same kind of way. It became a kind of challenge to see exactly how much of a story I could get which was uniquely centred around chocolate.” Rich with metaphor and gorgeous writing...sit back and gorge yourself on *Chocolat*. *Outside Groove* digs deep into the culture of oval-track racing by telling the stories of the undercurrent driving the sport. Renew your faith in racing's future by reading about young drivers

working hard to make a name for themselves. Heed advice from seasoned sages who often learned those lessons the hard way. Root for fan favorites as they overcome adversity. Learn more about “racers” who do things other than turn a steering wheel. Gain perspective on hot-button topics such as parts shortages, disqualifications, and world issues affecting the sport. Travel to new places, both in time and locale, as you turn each page. Editors J.A. Ackley and Mike Adaskaveg compiled these incredible accounts of enthralling prose and captivating photography into one riveting read.

“Audacious and terrifying—and uncannily believable.” —Lee Child New York Times bestselling author of the Jack Reacher series, Lee Child, was blown away by *The Breach*—and you will be, too! A novel of unrelenting suspense and nonstop surprises, *The Breach* immediately rockets author Patrick Lee into the V.I.P. section of the thriller universe. A treat for Jack Bauer (“24”) fans and “X-Files” aficionados, it is a white-knuckle roller-coaster ride that combines the best of Dean Koontz and Michael Crichton with a healthy dollop of Indiana Jones thrown into the mix—the perfect

secret agent/government conspiracy/supernatural adventure. Ragnarok was the End of Worlds. Asgard fell, centuries ago, and the old gods have been defeated. Some are dead, while others have been consigned to eternal torment in the netherworld - among them, the legendary trickster, Loki. A god who betrayed every side and still lost everything, who has lain forgotten as time passed and the world of humans moved on to new beliefs, new idols and new deities . . . But now mankind dreams of the Norse Gods once again, the river Dream is but a stone's throw from their dark prison,

and Loki is the first to escape into a new reality. The first, but not the only one to. Other, darker, things have escaped with him, who seek to destroy everything that he covets. If he is to reclaim what has been lost, Loki will need allies, a plan, and plenty of tricks . . . The novel is a brilliant first-person narrative of the rise and fall of the Norse gods - retold from the point of view of the world's ultimate trickster, Loki. It tells the story of Loki's recruitment from the underworld of Chaos, his many exploits on behalf of his one-eyed master, Odin, through to his eventual betrayal of the gods and the fall of Asgard itself.

Using her life-long passion for the Norse myths, Joanne Harris has created a vibrant and powerful fantasy novel. The nightmare metropolis, the Well-Built City, exists because of satanic genius Drachton Below wished it so. Few within its confines hold the power of Physiognomist Cley. With scalpels, calipers and the other instruments of his science, Cley can uncover dark secrets and foretell a person's destiny. Tamburitza America is the story of an Old-World music tradition, the tamburitza of the South Slavs, which came to America with the immigrants in the late 1800s and early 1900s. It

has flourished through several American-born generations. Milan Opacich documents the history of the instrument and features the fine musicians and orchestras and their major contributions both to tamburitza and to American music. Other traditional instruments the flute or frula, the bagpipes or gajde, and the gusle are spotlighted along with the violin, a relative newcomer to tamburitza but an integral part of many popular orchestras. Tamburitza America is also a historic journey through America to the origins of the tamburitza tradition in the country's industrial towns

where work once revolved around mines, mills, and factories. It recalls the vibrant communities where tamburitza music was heard, first in the boarding houses, pool halls, and saloons and, later, in the taverns, church halls, night clubs, restaurants, and ballrooms. Today, musicians and fans gather throughout the country to hear the bright and happy sound of the tamburitza. Tamburitza America celebrates this rich musical heritage of the South Slavs in America. An exploration of the world of magic that teaches the reader many tricks--including how better to

understand the real world. When Alex Stone was five years old, his father bought him a magic kit--a gift that would spark a lifelong love. Years later, he discovered a vibrant New York underground magic scene exploding with creativity and innovation and populated by a fascinating cast of characters. Captivated, he plunged headlong into this mysterious world. From the back rooms of New York City's century-old magic societies to cutting-edge psychology labs, Fooling Houdini recounts Stone's quest to join the ranks of master magicians. As he navigates this quirky and occasionally

hilarious subculture, Stone pulls back the curtain on a community shrouded in secrecy, fueled by obsession and brilliance, and organized around a single overriding need: to prove one's worth by deceiving others. But his journey is more than a tale of tricks, gigs, and geeks. In trying to understand how expert magicians manipulate our minds to create their astonishing illusions, Stone uncovers a wealth of insight into human nature and the nature of perception. By investigating some of the lesser-known corners of psychology, neuroscience,

physics, history, and even crime, all through the lens of trickery and illusion, Fooling Houdini arrives at a host of startling revelations about how the mind works--and why, sometimes, it doesn't. Many visitors to Yellowstone National Park don't realize that the boiling hot springs and spraying geysers are caused by an underlying supervolcano, so large that the caldera can only be seen by plane or satellite. And by some scientific measurements, it could be overdue for an eruption. For Alex, being left alone for the weekend means having the freedom to play computer

games and hang out with his friends without hassle from his mother. Then the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging his hometown into a nightmare of darkness, ash, and violence. Alex begins a harrowing trek to search for his family and finds help in Darla, a travel partner he meets along the way. Together they must find the strength and skills to survive and outlast an epic disaster. Meet Loki, the Norse god of fire, magic, and trickery. For eons, he lay bound beneath the earth, serving time for an ancient murder. The worlds have changed, and at last he is free. Join Loki as he walks among

the gods once more. Coming home is only the beginning of the adventure as he steals off with Freya's cats, confronts his old rival Heimdall, and journeys with Thor to the realms of dwarves and giants. In a tale that spans past and present, Loki shows us the Norse gods as they have never been seen before. This is his story, told entirely from his point of view. This is Loki's Saga. Beginning in the mid 1970s, when the TOPS numbering system was first introduced, David Ratcliffe now takes readers on a new journey through the private owner wagon era, bringing the story of this

important part of the railways up to date. With an informative introduction which puts the modern private owner wagon scene in context with the recent trends, the author explains everything from two-axle to bogie vehicles. Also included are two useful tables detailing the changes and current classification used by the TOPS numbering system, and examples relevant to explaining the decline of mixed freight services, the growth of block trains, and the consequent influence on the private wagons industry. The wagons are

presented in the following broad groupings: 1. Covered hoppers and bulk powder wagons 2. Open hoppers, minerals, opens and tipplers 3. Car carriers 4. Miscellaneous (including vans and specials) 5. Flats and conflats 6. Tanks (all types) This split reflects the balance of types within the domestic wagon fleet, although not all groups are given equal prominence. For example, there were not many batches of purely British vans. As with other volumes in the series, this brilliant new book includes a fantastic array of colour illustrations supplemented by detailed captions to inspire modellers to

enhance their layouts. This is the reference source that railway modellers across the country have been waiting for! "An outstanding piece of work--- illuminating, attractively written, and stimulating. It is a book that will be welcomed by scholars of Russian music, readers interested in the cultural life of the Soviet Union, and interested listeners to a remarkable body of repertory." Michael Steinberg -
-Book Jacket.
Ragnarok.A thousand years ago, the Nine Realms burned and the gods were driven to the brink of annihilation. To save themselves, a deal was struck with the Fates of

Asgard: every hundred years, their powerful magick and unique gifts would be removed and gifted to others so that the worlds could live on. And so, every hundred years, fifty mortal boys and girls become the Favoured who inherit and wield each gods' power in service to the Nine Realms. It has been this way for a thousand years. So when Amanda West is claimed as the fifty-first Favoured, neither god nor mortal can answer why. And who has the time? There are runes to decipher, spells to memorize, and vile creatures to defeat in battle. Even worse, Amanda's parents have been turned into mice, and it is

up to her to save them. And that's when things are going well. But all is not well in Asgard. An outbreak of deadly, fell magick is spreading throughout the realm, bringing with it rumors of an invasion. Lord Odin, ruler of the gods, cannot be found. Lady Freyja, the warrior-goddess who trains the Favoured in the art of war, suspects Amanda is the reason for their troubles. At first, Amanda finds solace in her Favoured friendships. There's Cassie, her roommate, whose magick can charm anyone to do what she tells them. The brave-hearted Sean, Favoured of Prince

Thor, whose
shocking blue eyes
match his
electricity-fueled
magick. And then
there is Tess,
Prelate of Asgard,
last of the Valkyrie;
she sees something
in the newest
Favoured that gives
her hope. But there
is still the deeper

mystery of what
Amanda's claiming
means. What is her
connection to the
wild, mysterious
enchantress sealed
away in a hidden
tower? The Nine
Realms have tried
to forget her
because once, a
thousand years ago,
the lone goddess

that shares
Amanda's magick
tried to burn them
all. "Discover Norse
mythology through
the enthralling
exploits of all-
powerful Odin,
mighty Thor, and
the trickster Loki."--
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