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An epic fantasy adventure set in a destructive parallel world, featuring a captivating young heroine, powerfully and eloquently written by Jennifer Benkau.

CONTENT

Half a year after the events of Volume 1, Mailin is still trying to get her bearings in the real world. She has weird dreams of Liam and grieves for her sister Victoria who passed away shortly after their return from Lyaskye. Together with Nathaniel, Mailin is looking for a way back to Lyaskye to take revenge on the king – and to see Liam again, the love of her life. In the course of their search, Mailin and Nathaniel discover that Mailin's father is still alive and in possession of a world jumper amulet. He was the beggar who taught Liam the song "Nothing else matters" and lives in a dilapidated house in the real world – together with a very scary creature. Later, it will turn out that this is one half of the soul of the TRUE QUEEN who is being kept prisoner in Lyaskye by her brother – King Cassian. Mailin learns that a long time ago, Lyaskye created an immortal pair of siblings who were originally intended to share the royal power between them. However, the king later locked up his sister so he could rule by himself. Ever since, Lyaskye has been bringing across girls from the real world because she only transfers her power to female outsiders. This prompts Mailin to enter into a dangerous pact with the TRUE QUEEN: The queen will help her get back to Lyaskye, and in return, Mailin will help the queen regain her power and her freedom. The queen initiates the reactivation of her father's amulet and Mailin and Nathaniel manage to return to



Lyaskye. After a series of trials and tribulations, she finds Liam in the Town of Thieves and they come up with a plan to overthrow the king with the help of Liam's dreamweaver magic and free the TRUE QUEEN. In order to do this, they return to Rubia where Liam allows himself be arrested voluntarily. The cruel king tries to force Mailin to execute Liam to prove her loyalty to Lyaskye. However, in the nick of time, Liam manages to use his dreamweaver magic to deceive the king and free the TRUE QUEEN. In doing so, Liam loses his life – or at least Mailin assumes so. But it later turns out that he has survived, albeit with severe memory loss. Mailin helps him recover his memories and the two of them start over – far away from Lyaskye.

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Jennifer Benkau writes books for adults, young adults and children. She has made a name for herself with the "Dark Canopy" series in particular, for which she was awarded a number of prizes, among them the 2013 DeLiA Literary Prize. In 2016, she and four other female writers founded the label INK REBELS. Fantasy is very close to her heart and she loves writing it with the help of loud music, chocolate and lots of coffee. She lives somewhere between Düsseldorf and Cologne with her husband, her four children, two dogs and a horse and is constantly looking for hidden portals into other worlds. Incidentally, that's also how she found a path to Lyaskye.

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