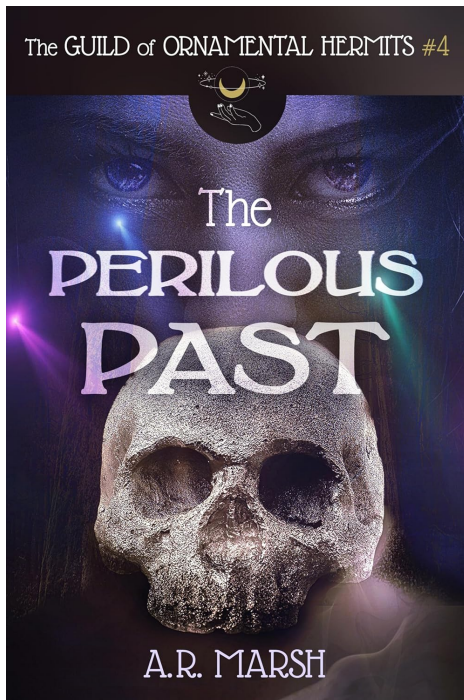


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Queer, arty misfits and quirky Elves use magic to outwit forces in Oregon and 17th Century England.

When Tomma Bedlam is Time-Snatched from an Oregon rock club in the middle of zir wildest performance ever, ze hardly expected to land in the middle of a pentagram scrawled on the floor of a seventeenth-century English country house! As Tomma's sensational disappearance—and sudden reappearance—goes viral on social media, life becomes immeasurably complicated and far too public for both Hermits and their Elven mentors. So much for settling down to a quiet life of queer magic in a secluded rural area just outside of Eugene!

In short order, Hermitville residents endure visits from federal agents seeking the infamous, mind-manipulating Guru Gizmo; hold a madcap wedding officiated by a Norse god; and continue to work through various mid-life crises; all while struggling to eradicate a farmhouse infestation of pesky “proto-Elsewherians.” And that’s just for starters!

Past and present collide in *The Perilous Past*, the fourth book in the series, as the origins of The Guild of Ornamental Hermits are revealed during the tragic witch persecutions of the seventeenth century, while a new villainess rips through Time's fabric to destroy the Hermits and anyone else suspected of witchcraft and magical arts.

Will Tomma, Babe, Oyster and the rest of the human Hermits level up their magical skills in time to help Loki and the Elves contain the chaos? Or will their adversaries in both centuries triumph at last? Only Time will tell, unless it snatches Tomma one last time.

Reviews for *The Guild of Ornamental Hermits series.*

As original as it gets! I want to live with these characters. I hope it's a life that we are evolving toward someday soon. The rainbow-colored joy, magic and divine mischief burst off the page. There are no other books like this (except perhaps the first one – *The Guild of Ornamental Hermits*). I would love, however, to read some more offshoot stories or books that just focus on a handful of these delicious characters. I am longing to thoroughly get to know each one. Can't wait to be immersed in this land again soon (hopefully not too long for the next book)! — Amazon 5-Star Review

A. R. Marsh's magnificently magical, fantastically fun, and wonderfully wild Guild Of Ornamental Hermits saga so-very-charmingly continues with *THE WITCHING WORK*! Full of quintessentially queer elves, merry pranksters, and metaphysical delights a-plenty, like me, you'll find yourself eagerly anticipating the next book in this beautiful series! —Amazon 5-Star Review

"Wow! Just spent a wonderful week spending time with some wildly colorful, delightfully eccentric, truly fascinating characters... and miss them already. I have never read anything like this. The language is bright and delicious. The characters are unique and, at the same time, very real. Blew me away. A true original. Can't wait for book two!" —Amazon 5-star review

"This book grabbed me from the beginning and never let go. The plot was well thought out, the story moved along and the characters were engaging. I'm looking forward to the next one." Goodreads 5-Star Review

About A. R. Marsh

In the Guild of Ornamental Hermits fantasy series, A.R. Marsh blends humor, magical realism, whimsy, satire, and queer and paranormal relationships. The four books are: *The Dire Deeds*, *The Witching Work*, *The Queerest Quest*, and *The Perilous Past*.

A clinical sexologist and hypnotist, Marsh is also the author of four non-fiction books on human sexuality and/or hypnosis. As a sexologist, Marsh has appeared on Japanese and Australian television, and in the US, on Tyra Banks, National Geographic Taboo, Good Morning America, as well as NPR's Audacious, with Chion Wolf. Marsh is a regular contributor to FutureofSex.net. Ze lives in Oregon with seven cats.