

Damsel in Distress? Not a Chance

Entirely new genre smashes the idea of the macho hero and gives the ladies in fantasy fiction their moment in the sun.

PORT ORFORD, Ore. - Former grade school teacher turned computer gamer Jayel Gibson had had enough of the macho male *über*-hero, so she set out to write fantasy books featuring women...but not just any kind of women.

In her latest release, ***Damselflies***, Gibson turns the traditional fantasy fiction genre on its head and puts the sword - and *cojones* - where they belong: With the ladies.

Part of her best-selling series, *The Ancient Mirrors Tales*, Gibson does not compromise her feminine point of view, giving women everywhere a way to look within for power and protection, rather than to a male hero figure.

Damselflies, the third in the series, is no exception. Arcinaë, the last Damselfly, is falsely considered a dangerous threat to mankind. To defend herself, she must overcome her docile nature to learn the skills of weaponry and war if she is to protect her unborn offspring and ensure the future of her race.

Spanning two generations, ***Damselflies*** weaves a web of twisted legends and broken promises, desire and deception, fear and fallacy, and the infinite struggle to control the minds of humankind.

Literary praise for the work of Jayel Gibson and *The Ancient Mirrors Tales* series:

"...will transport you to the world of Ancients, Guardians and Men; a world where you will savor the thoughts, feelings and adventures of many magical beings, totally forgetting everything else around you.

Jayel Gibson weaves magic with words."

--The Bloomsbury Review

"...set in a wonderful and magical world. Yavie is the perfect heroine...smart and honest."

--Writer's Digest commentary

"The world Jayel Gibson has created...is one that is complex, startling, and a true work of the highest imagination."

--Thomas Bolme, Jr., Independent Professional Book Reviewers

About the Author:

Fantasy author **Jayel Gibson** grew up listening to her grandmother spin stories of traditional Celtic folklore and faery tales, which would later influence the direction of her own writing and storytelling. The sense of mythology fostered in Gibson drove her to eventually create the *Ancient Mirrors Tales*, a series of books that delve into an ancient, magical world where men live alongside dragons and wizards.

Gibson resides in southern Oregon, with her husband, five pet sugar gliders—a small type of marsupial—and a Molluccan cockatoo. She often attends conventions and conferences, and can be found annually at BookExpo America, Wordstock, Oregon's South Coast Writers Conference and Faerieworlds. She is currently at work on her next novel.



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