

Tremontaine

Season One

Writing Team



Ellen Kushner

Ellen Kushner's paying jobs have included folksinger, book editor, national public radio host ([Sound & Spirit/WGBH](#)), writing teacher (Clarion, Odyssey, WRX, Hollins Child.Lit.MFA), audiobook narrator (all three Riverside novels for [Neil Gaiman Presents](#)) and pilgrim at Plimoth Plantation. Her Riverside novels begin with *Swordspoint*, followed by *The Privilege of the Sword* (Locus Award, Nebula nominee); *The Fall of the Kings* (written with Delia Sherman) and a growing collection of short stories. She lives in New York City with Delia Sherman, no cats, and a whole lot of airplane and theater ticket stubs she just can't bring herself to throw away. [EllenKushner.com](#). [@EllenKushner](#).



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Malinda Lo is the author of several young adult novels including most recently the science fiction duo logy *Adaptation and Inheritance* (Little, Brown). Her first novel, *Ash*, a retelling of Cinderella with a lesbian twist, was a finalist for the William C. Morris YA Debut Award, the Andre Norton Award, the Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, and the Lambda Literary Award. Her novel *Huntress* was an ALA Best Book for Young Adults and a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award. [malindalo.com](#). [@MalindaLo](#).



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Joel Derfner is the author of *Gay Haiku*, *Swish: My Quest to Become the Gayest Person Ever* and *What Ended Up Happening Instead*, and *Lawfully Wedded Husband: How My Gay Marriage Will Save the American Family*. (Are you sensing a theme?) Musicals to which he has composed the score have played in New York, London, and various cities in between (going counterclockwise). He lives, alas, in Brooklyn, along with his husband and their small, fluffy dog. [joelderfner.com](#). [@JoelDerfner](#).



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Patty Bryant is a cafe-based writer who publishes in the romance genre under several different pen names. She has an M.A. in archaeology from New York University and, when she is not in the field, lives in Brooklyn, NY. She is passionate about tea, nail polish, and horror movies.



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