

Tremontaine Season 2 Author 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](#).



Tessa Gratton

Tessa Gratton has wanted to be a paleontologist or a wizard since she was seven. Alas, she turned out too impatient to hunt dinosaurs, but is still searching for a someone to teach her magic. After traveling the world with her military family, she acquired a BA (and the important parts of an MA) in Gender Studies, then settled down in Kansas with her partner, her cats, and her mutant dog. She now spends her days staring at the sky and telling lots of stories about magic. [tessagrattton.com](#). [@tessagrattton](#).



Mary Anne Mohanraj

Mary Anne Mohanraj received her Ph.D. from the University of Utah, specializing in post-colonial literature and creative writing. She is the author of several books, including her dissertation novel, *Bodies in Motion*, an exploration of sexuality, marriage, and Sri Lankan/American immigrant concerns. Her academic research includes an exploration of black masculinity in the work of horror writer Tananarive Due. Mohanraj has recently received an Illinois Arts Council fellowship, a Neff fellowship in English, a Steffenson-Canon fellowship in the Humanities, and the Scowcroft Prize for Fiction. She lives in Chicago. [maryannemohanraj.com](#). [@mamohanraj](#)



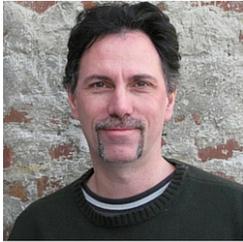
Joel Derfner

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](#).



Racheline Maltese

Racheline Maltese is a performer and storyteller focused on themes of loss, desire, and fame. With Erin McRae she co-writes the Love in Los Angeles LGBTQ+ contemporary romance series from Torquere Press and the Love's Labours contemporary gay romance series from Dreamspinner Press. From tentacle monsters that rule the New York City subways to lesbian werewolf bodyguards in 19th century Rome, her short fiction is about the practical problems caused by fantastical events. Racheline also writes plays and poetry, and her non-fiction on all things pop-culture has been widely published. [@Racheline M.](#)



Paul Witcover

Paul Witcover is the Nebula and World Fantasy nominated author of, most recently, *The Emperor of All Things* and its sequel, *The Watchman of Eternity*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, and takes his chocolate hot and spicy, hold the cream. [@PaulWitcover](#)



Alaya Dawn Johnson

Alaya Dawn Johnson is the author of six novels for adults and young adults. Her novel *The Summer Prince* was longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature. Her most recent, *Love Is the Drug*, won the Andre Norton Award. Her short stories have appeared in many magazines and anthologies, including *Asimov's*, *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Interzone*, *Subterranean*, *Zombies vs. Unicorns* and *Welcome to Bordertown*. In addition to the Norton, she has won the Cybils and Nebula Awards and been nominated for the Indies Choice Award and Locus Award. She lives in Mexico City. [AlayaDawnJohnson.com](#). [@alayadj](#).