A GUIDE TO

HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL COVEN

BOOK #1

CAST OF CHARACTERS

HELENA VANCE: A Level 5 elemental—brilliant, independent, always impeccably styled, and confident to the point of arrogance. The High Priestess of Her Majesty's Royal Coven, Helena is used to being in charge, following tradition, and getting what she wants. The prophecy will put her at odds with her oldest friends (Leonie, Niamh, and Elle)—all of whom took the oath to HMRC together as children and fought alongside each other in the civil war.

LEONIE JACKMAN: A Level 6 sentient—exuberant, prone to speaking her mind, and a bit chaotic. The first in her line and the only Black witch in their friend group, Leonie left HMRC to start her own, more inclusive coven, Diaspora, with her girlfriend Chinara—a move Helena considers a deep betrayal. Her brother, Radley, is the High Priest of the Warlock's Cabal.

NIAMH KELLY: Level 5 adept (part sentient, part healer)—calm, thoughtful, and empathetic. After the civil war, Niamh quit HMRC and moved to a small village, where she uses her healing powers as a veterinarian. But when a powerful young warlock, seemingly connected to the prophecy, is detained by Helena, Niamh offers to shelter him and teach him to control his powers.

ELLE PEARSON (NÉE DEVICE): A Level 4 healer—solid, reliable, a devoted wife and mother. Though from a legendary family of witches, Elle is intent on keeping her witch identity a secret from her husband and two kids, but must come clean when her daughter, Holly, starts to exhibit powers.

THEO: A young warlock of extraordinary capabilities—with sentient, healer, and elemental powers—who Helena believes is the legendary Sullied Child and a danger to witches everywhere. When Theo is revealed to be transgender, her powers suddenly make more sense, but Helena's insistence that trans girls can't be witches will cause ruptures in her friend group and the entire magic community.

HOLLY PEARSON: Elle's daughter, an angsty but kind teenager who has just begun to learn about her powers. She strikes up a friendship with Theo as Niamh teaches them the ropes.

SNOW VANCE-MORRILL: The daughter of Helena Vance, Snow is self-assured and haughty like her mother, and on her way to being a formidable elemental. As tensions heat up, she must decide whether her loyalties lie with her fellow witches-in-training Holly and Theo, or with her mother and HMRC.

ANNIE DEVICE: Elle's grandmother and the former Head Oracle—now retired but still fierce, sharp, and counted on in hard times.

DABNEY HALE: A Level 6 adept—the leader of the uprising and a former lover of Helena's. Now imprisoned at Grierlings for his crimes, Hale is still handsome, wealthy, and charismatic, and keenly believes that witches should rule the world.

CIARA KELLY: Niamh's twin sister and one of Hale's right hands during the civil war, prone to casual cruelty and consorting with demons. Severed from her spirit during battle, she is currently unconscious and confined to a bed in a private hospital/prison.