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BOOKDESCRIPTION

ThePrimalofBloodandBone

A Blood and Ash Novel, Book 6 Jennifer L. Armentrout

Intheshadowsandflames, Primals will fall...

Andfr omthebloodandash, newgodswillrise.

Whatwasdr eamt.

Poppy was never meant to awaken, and the consequences are devastating and far-reaching, stirring ancient powers from their slumber and transforming Casteel and Kieran in ways even the Fates couldn't have foreseen. But what that means is the least of their concerns. For now.

Whatwasfor eseen.

The Blood Crown has fallen, but what has risen is a far greater danger than they've ever faced. From flesh and fire, the Great Conspirator has returned to the mortal realm, and he wants only one thing. They must stop the true Primal of Death before he regains his strength, and it won't be easy. Even weakened, his influence is undeniable. His power, unthinkable.

Hascometobe.

While the future of the realms rests upon them, they won't stand alone. The gods have awakened—each harboring their own blood-soaked secrets. But they must navigate an unbalanced realm, where every choice—past and present—has the

potential to not only undo everything they've fought for but also destroy the very bonds that have Joined them together.

For the Harbinger and the Bringer of Death and Destruction has risen.

ABOUT JENNIFER L. ARMENTROUT

#1 New York Times and #1 International Bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout lives in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. All the rumors you've heard about her state aren't true. When she's not hard at work writing, she spends her time reading, watching really bad zombie movies, pretending to write, hanging out with her husband, her Border Jack—Apollo, Border Collie—Artemis, six judgmental alpacas, two rude goats, and five fluffy sheep. In early 2015, Jennifer was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a group of rare genetic disorders that involve a breakdown and death of cells in the retina, eventually resulting in vision loss, among other complications. Due to this diagnosis, educating people on the varying degrees of blindness has become another passion for her, right alongside writing, which she plans to do for as long as she can.

Her dreams of becoming an author started in algebra class, where she spent most of her time writing short stories...which explains her dismal grades in math. Jennifer writes young adult, paranormal, science fiction, fantasy, and contemporary romance. She is published with Tor, HarperCollins Avon and William Morrow, Entangled Teen and Brazen, Disney/Hyperion, Harlequin Teen, and Blue Box Press; and PassionFlix recently made her Wicked series into a feature film. Jennifer has won numerous awards, including the 2020 Goodreads Choice Award in Romance for her adult fantasy, *From Blood and Ash*. She has also written Adult and New Adult contemporary and paranormal romance under the name J. Lynn.

ALSO FROM JENNIFER L. ARMENTROUT

Fall With Me

Dream of You (a 1001 Dark Nights Novel)

Forever With You

Fire in You

By J. Lynn

Wait for You

Trust in Me

Be with Me

Stay with Me

The Blood and Ash Series

From Blood and Ash

A Kingdom of Flesh and Fire

The Crown of Gilded Bones

The War of Two Queens

A Soul of Ash and Blood

Visions of Flesh and Blood: A Blood and Ash/Flesh and Fire Compendium

The Primal of Blood and Bone

The Flesh and Fire Series

A Shadow in the Ember

A Light in the Flame

A Fire in the Flesh

Born of Blood and Ash

Fall of Ruin and Wrath Series

Fall of Ruin and Wrath

The Covenant Series Half-Blood Pure Deity Elixir Apollyon Sentinel

The Lux Series

Shadows

Obsidian

<u>Onyx</u>

<u>Opal</u>

Origin

Opposition

Oblivion

The Origin Series

The Darkest Star

The Burning Shadow

The Brightest Night

The Dark Elements

Bitter Sweet Love

White Hot Kiss

Stone Cold Touch

Every Last Breath

The Harbinger Series

Storm and Fury

Rage and Ruin

Grace and Glory

The Titan Series

The Return

The Power

The Struggle

The Prophecy

The Wicked Series

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Torn

Brave

The Prince (a 1001 Dark Nights Novella)

The King (a 1001 Dark Nights Novella)

The Queen (a 1001 Dark Nights Novella)

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<u>Tempting the Player</u>

Tempting the Bodyguard

A de Vincent Novel Series

Moonlight Sins

Moonlight Seduction

Moonlight Scandals

Standalone Novels

Obsession

Frigid

Scorched

Cursed

Don't Look Back

The Dead List

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DEDICATION

For Melisse.

Without your support, the world of Poppy and Cas wouldn't exist.

Without your wisdom, fewer people would've discovered their world.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

The Primal of Blood and Bone contains material that can be perceived as passive suicidal ideation and/or suicidal ideation and mentions of assault that may be triggering or distressing to some readers. Please take care of yourself while reading.

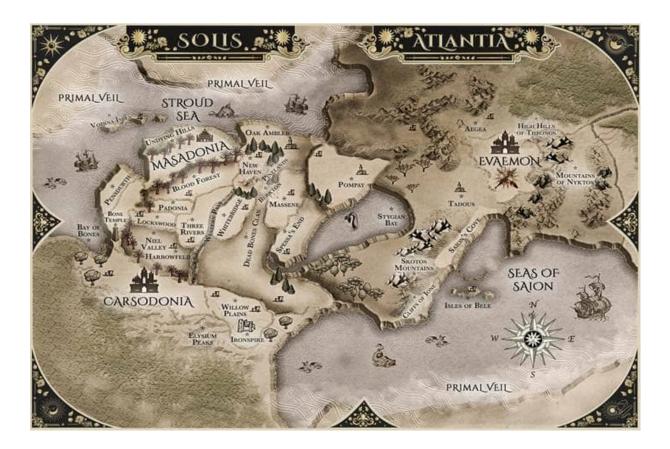
If you are struggling, you are not alone, and help is available:

In the United States, you can dial or text **988** to connect with the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for free, confidential support 24/7.

If you are outside the U.S., please visit https://findahelpline.com, where you can find international hotlines and resources in your region.

If you've experienced assault or need support, you can call the **RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline** at **1-800-656-4673** (U.S.), or use their online chat at https://rainn.org.

MAP



To see a full-size version of the map, visit https://theblueboxpress.com/books/blood-and-ash-map/

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Characters

Aios – AYY-ohs

Alaric – AL-uh-rik

Alastir Davenwell – AL-as-tir DAV-en-well

Andreia – ahn-DRAY-ah

Antonis – an-TOE-nis

Arden – AHR-den

Attes - AT-tayz

Aurelia – au-REL-ee-ah

Aydun - AY-dun

Baines – baynz

Baron Torian – BAIR-uhn TOR-ee-uhn

Basilia – bah-SILL-ee-ah

Beckett – BECK-et

Bele – bell

Blaz – blayz

Bram – BRAHM

Brandole Mazeen – bran-dohl mah-ZEEN

Braylon Holland – BRAY-lon HAA-luhnd

Britta – brit-tah

Callum – KAL-um

Casteel Da'Neer – ka-STEEL DA-neer

Clariza – klar-itza

Commander Centren – kuh-MAN-der SEN-trun

Coralena – kore-a-LEE-nuh

Corvin – KOR-vin

Coulton – KOHL-ton

Crolee – KROH-lee

Da'Silva – duh-SIL-vuh

Dafina – dah-FEE-nuh

Dain – DAYNE

Daneal La'Zeer – duh-NEE-uhl lah-ZEER

Daniil – da-NEEL

Davina – dah-VEE-nuh

Delano Amicu – dee-LAY-no AM-ik-kyoo

Diaval – dee-AH-vuhl

Dominik Na'Lier – DOH-mih-nik nah-LEER

Dorcan – dohr-kan

Dorian Teerman – DOHR-ee-uhn TEER-man

Duchess and Duke Ravarel – duch-ess and dook RAV-ah-rell

Dyses – DEYE-seez

Ector – EHK-tohr

Edmund Hawley – ED-mund HAW-lee

Effie – EH-fee

Ehthawn – EE-thawn

Elashya – eh-LASH-yuh

Eldric Ashwood – EL-drik ASH-wood

Elian Da'Neer – EL-ee-awn DA-near

Elias – el-IGH-us

Elijah Payne – ee-LIE-jah payn

Eloana Da'Neer – EEL-oh-nah DA-neer

Embris – EM-bris

Emil Da'Lahr – EE-mil DA-lar

Erlina – Er-LEE-nah

Ernald – ER-nald

Eryx – EH-riks

Evander – eh-VAN-der

Everett – EH-vuh-rit

Eythos – EE-thos

Ezmeria – ez-MARE-ee-ah

Gemma – jeh-muh