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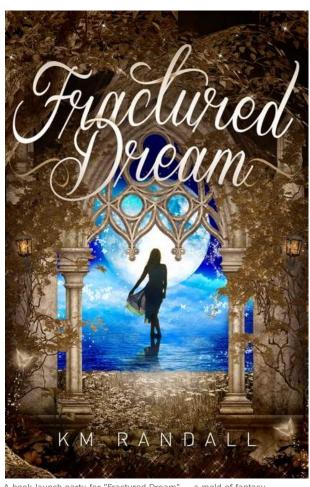








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A book launch party for "Fractured Dream" — a meld of fantasy, adventure and romance — will be Saturday at T.R. Noonan's in Perinton.





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FARMINGTON — Folklore, myth and fantasy have been a sizable slice of Katrina Mendolera's literary diet since childhood, an interest that she has distilled into her debut novel, "Fractured Dream," released under the name "KM Randall."

And just as fairy and folk tales tend to morph with the telling and with the culture, the Farmington resident is exploring the concepts and tropes of classic tales but putting her own



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"It's basically about a girl, the main character, who you find out early on has lived between two worlds," Mendolera said. "When she went to sleep, she woke up in a fantasy world — that's where fairy tales come to life when they've been written down."

The protagonist — named "Story Sparks" — hasn't had a dream in eight years, throughout her adolescence — but now, in her first year of college, the dreams are returning. And the fantasy world isn't one of ethereal, gossamer-winged fairies; her dreams are dark things of warrior figures, wolves and witches. Some of which, Mendolera notes, bear some resemblance to such figures as Little Red Riding Hood or Morgan le Fey from the King Arthur legends.

Ultimately, "Fractured Dream" is a journey of self-discovery, Mendolera said, as Story and friends enter the realm of her dreams. "She learns who she really is, and finds out that she serves a much greater purpose in the scheme of things," Mendolera said.

A book launch party for "Fractured Dream" is scheduled for this Saturday, June 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at T.R. Noonan's, 7408 Pittsford Palmyra Road (Route 31), Perinton.

The novel — some eight years in the making — has been only one of Mendolera's literary efforts. There's also her seven-year day job as editor in chief of inVocus, a digitation was service that covers the media industry, plus her side job as an editor for Booktrope, am publishing platform that's publishing "Fractured Dream."

Earlier, Mendolera — who resides in Farmington with her husband Ron are oung son Bryson — worked as a reporter for newspapers, including the Daily Messenger, covering such issues as education and religion. She's a graduate of Nazareth College in Pittsford and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

"As a journalist, I've learned to be a better writer - I had to be more discerning at being more concise," Mendolera said. That's carried over into her editing work as well.

Coming up next under the "KM Randall" name is "The Reaper's Daughter," in which the author again explores the myths and legends of various cultures — Greek, Hindu, Mexican and more — this time about the personification of death. The concept: "It's about a young girl in college, who finds out that her mother is the Grim Reaper," Mendolera said.

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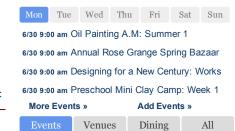
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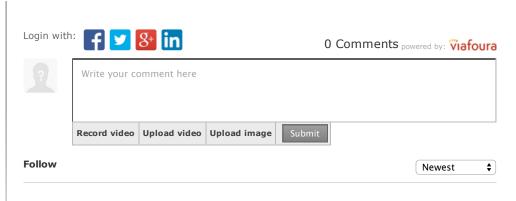
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