

Ottawa author's first book a children's fantasy/fiction adventure

March Break Books

“When Princess Alex and her friends walk through mirrors, they’re instantly transported from 18th-century Europe into Luminaria, but not the magical, light-filled world described to them by the young fairy, Willow. Instead, they step into a lifeless, charred landscape laid waste by the evil SheZor. Battling giant spiders, fierce red-eyed dogs and fire-breathing dragons is only part of what they must do to defeat SheZor and return Luminaria to its former glory.”

These are the words describing the story which unfolds in *Luminaria*, a children's fantasy/fiction adventure written by local author Jackie Morris. Her first book took just over one year to complete and hit the Ottawa bookshelves and amazon.ca in November. This action-packed tale draws young readers into the magical land of *Luminaria*. Its lively characters are vividly brought to life, making you feel like you're right there with them on their quest.

“*Luminaria* is great! It was so good I finished it in a day! I just couldn't stop reading,” writes one enthusiastic fan.

Jackie makes her home in Stittsville. Her marriage to Rick in December of 2009 graced her with three more children, for a total of four, ranging in age

from eight to 25. Her children were the primary inspiration for the main characters in *Luminaria*.

“I had a lot of fun writing my family members' personalities into the story,” says Jackie. “They all got a kick out of becoming part of the fiction, fighting magical creatures and performing heroic acts in an imaginary land, especially our youngest in the role of Willow, the endearing fairy.”

The cover artwork and illustrations were all created by Jackie, who finds writing and illustration a nice change from the network diagrams and PowerPoint slides she provides for local high-tech companies.

In addition to being an author and illustrator, Jackie is a graphic designer and a semi-professional violinist/violist. She is a classic car enthusiast who currently owns a 1980 Camaro, and is soon to start training for her private pilot's licence.

Jackie has already set virtual pen to paper getting her second book underway, a continuation of the exciting quadrilogy.

Luminaria is available at the following locations: Chapters, Kanata Centrum; Chapters, South Keys; Coles, Carlingwood; Collected Works, 1242 Wellington Street West; and Urban Tags, 1 Hobin Street, Stittsville

Visit www.jackiemorris.ca, follow *Luminaria*2010 on Twitter or become a fan of “*Luminaria*” on Facebook to get the latest news.

