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SHORT BIO

I am a former intelligence officer-turned-mom of four who writes genre-bending fiction about badass women, dual loyalty, and the false promise of patriotism.

EXPERIENCE

Author/Mentor Match 2022 Mentee

(Round 9): *A Stellar Spy* (Science Fantasy Thriller)

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Mentee: *A Time to Spy* (Thriller)

GENRES: Science Fiction/Fantasy, Thriller, Romance



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For fans of *Lower Decks*, *the Expanse*, and *Firefly*: a found family time travel adventure with humor, snark, and lots of heart.

One kickass immortal sailship captain.

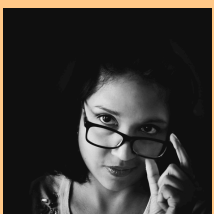
Captain Kareenna Yilmaz of the Earth Union Fleet has it all. Adoring husband? Check. The enduring loyalty of her crew? Check. Transformation into a beautiful ageless immortal? Check. Check. Check. But when a dimensional rift brings her low-down, dust-sniffing, no-good younger self hurtling into the present, Kareenna's carefully-constructed life wavers.

One snarky dust-addicted loser.

Flight Officer Ren Yilmaz is pretty sick of the hand she's been dealt. Her supervisor is an idiot. Her ex-husband is vindictive and has ruined her career. And now, here's her perfect future self, who everyone fawns over, while Ren is still ignored and alone.

They're the same person, 60 years apart

Both their ships are stranded: one in space, one in time. Kareenna needs to get her crew home safe and sound. And Ren has to get back to her reality and out of Kareenna's shadow. Working together would mean literally facing their past—including old traumas and transgressions best kept hidden. But if they don't, they'll be stuck with each other until the end of time.



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LOYALTY TO THE MAX

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Max Dupont stars in his own standalone adventure in the second installment of the Broken Union series, taking place one year after Ancient as the Stars.



Captain Maxime Dupont of the Earth Union is a rogue. A maverick. A clear-headed arbitrator of right and wrong—rules be damned.

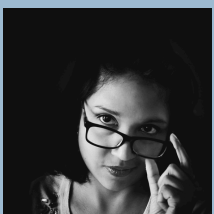
But even Max stumbles when he encounters his latest challenge. The Union is collaborating with former enemy Mars to fix the collapse of interstellar travel—but at the cost of vulnerable citizens. Max has to figure out where his loyalties lie—and if treason is a price he's willing to pay for doing the right thing.

Meanwhile...

Lieutenant Ren Yilmaz has finally found a crew. A home. A rewarding career, on the ESS Knight.

But Ren gets drawn into a web of espionage. Her captain, Max, has shady dealings with anti-Union rebel groups and assigns her shipmates off-the-books tasks. It's Ren's duty as an officer to investigate. But snooping can be disastrous. Not only would she be betraying her newfound family, but Ren has secrets too—and if she digs too far, her own past as a spy could get spectacularly exposed.

As tensions mount, the choices Max and Ren make will test their loyalty not only to the Union, but to each other—and the crew they call family.



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For fans of Lois McMaster Bujold, David Weber, and KB Wagers. Get swept away into a lush and romantic space opera that transcends time, untangles court intrigue, and spans the entire Galactic Whorl.

*A Republic soldier
A reluctant Emperor*

When love and duty collide, who wins?

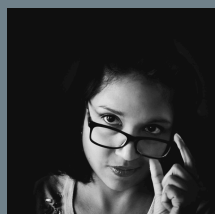


Layla is a patriotic soldier of the Altainan Republic. And patriots don't ally themselves with rival empires. But when she reenounters the handsome imperial noble she fell in love with years before, she falls again. Hard. And she decides: she's going to marry that man. Duty be damned.

Unfortunately, he's also the new Valharan Emperor.

And their planets are about to go to war.

As tensions rise between the two worlds, Layla's attempts at neutrality go awry. She finds herself unsafe and threatened, a foreigner no matter where she lands. Eventually, instability in their isolated galactic community leaves it ripe for invasion. Layla has to overcome her dual loyalty and end this war for once and for all-before the Whorl goes up in flames, and she loses the man she loves.



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A futuristic, magic-fueled homage to the great classics of the spy genre: the cerebral musings of John le Carre with the excitement of *The Americans*.

*Devoted mother and career woman.
A sleeper agent, poised to act.*

Tessa lives a double life. She's the security counselor to Finn, the leader of the planet.

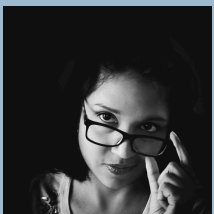
He's her ex-husband and father of her children.

She's still in love with him.

But she has a far worse problem. Tessa is also a deep cover operative for an enemy planet, and turns out, her next mission is to betray him.

After overpowered mages target and attack the seat of government, Finn wants to remove their magic completely—a brutal action Tessa can't support. So she does the only thing she can do: she contacts her handler.

But every action she takes increases the chance of discovery. If caught, she can't protect the mages from retaliation or prevent future attacks against Finn and the children. And when her two roles collide, she must choose: fail her family, or forsake her ideals.



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