

THE FROZEN GLOBE

THE CANTICLE KINGDOM: BOOK II



Let the song
find the way.

BOOK CLUB KIT

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WELCOME, TRAVELERS

About This Book

Welcome to *The Frozen Globe*, Book II in
The Canticle Kingdom series.

Johann and Brigitta's journey continues as they cross
fractured worlds where beauty hides peril and every truth
comes at a cost.

In this story of music and sacrifice, old loyalties are tested,
hidden truths are revealed, and the shadow of the
Many-Named One grows ever closer.

As you read, reflect, and discuss, may you find resonance
in the songs that bind us—and the courage to face
the unknown.

Gather. Share. Explore.

STORY AT A GLANCE

Six threads that carry the sequel.

1

JOHANN AND BRIGITTA LEAVE HOME

The twins set out from the only world they've known, stepping into a wounded, postwar Europe where beauty masks danger and no place is truly safe.

2

KARSTEN SEARCHES FOR JORGEN

Driven by hope and guilt, Karsten follows faint clues across borders and memories, while the mystery of the stolen music-box—and the traitor within—deepens.

3

RICHARD IS DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT

An old man with a hidden past becomes an unexpected bridge between worlds, offering wisdom, tools, and a steady hand when others falter.

4

MOLLY, RUFUS, AND OTHER ALLIES

From castles to forests to forgotten realms, friends—new and old—face trials that test courage, trust, and the bonds that hold them together.

5

THE MANY-NAMED ONE GATHERS POWER

Shadows stretch across worlds as the ancient enemy weaves portals, sows fear, and seeks to silence the songs that remember who we are.

6

TOWARD SACRIFICE AND VICTORY

Every choice demands a price. Loyalties are broken, loved ones are lost, and in the end a sacrifice opens the way to a hard-won victory—and to questions even greater than before.

*One story, many worlds,
and every song has a cost.*



MEET THE MAIN CAST



JOHANN

*Brave, thoughtful,
burdened by responsibility.*



BRIGITTA

*Fierce, loyal,
compassionate.*



RICHARD

*Elderly, dutiful,
unexpectedly heroic.*



KARSTEN

*Kind, resourceful,
quietly courageous.*



MOLLY

*Young, magical, bright,
and determined.*

WORLDS & JOURNEY

One story, many doors.

1 THE CANTICLE KINGDOM

A magical homeland of songs, courts, and old loyalties.

2 EARTH, 1947–1948

Postwar Germany and England, full of trains, cities, ruins, and hidden doors.

3 THE MIDDLESPLACE

A white, in-between realm of passageways and peril.

4 BURGENRING

A mysterious kingdom of mountains, sacred rain, and sleepless watchers.

5 THE CENTERSPACE

A higher realm of order, creation, and cosmic responsibility.

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*Readers may enjoy tracing how
each world tests the characters
in a different way.*

THEMES & MOTIFS

What the sequel keeps returning to.



HOME AND EXILE

Characters are repeatedly separated from home and must decide what home really means.



MUSIC AS POWER

Songs can guide, heal, reveal, and destroy.



HISTORY AND MEMORY

The past is never dead, and official stories do not always tell the truth.



COURAGE AND SACRIFICE

Bravery often appears in costly, un-glamorous choices.



IDENTITY AND PURPOSE

Names, roles, and loyalties are tested across worlds.



GOOD VS. EVIL

The novel treats evil as seductive, consuming, and fragmenting.

Invite readers to track which motif feels strongest by the end.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BOOK CLUB CONVERSATION GUIDE

- 1 How does the protagonist change from the beginning to the end of the story? What moments or relationships shaped their growth the most?
- 2 Trust is hard-won in a world of secrets and shadows. Who did you trust—or mistrust—throughout the story, and why?
- 3 Sacrifice echoes throughout the tale. Which act of sacrifice moved you most, and how did it shape the story's outcome?
- 4 Music is more than art in this story—it is power, memory, and magic. How does music influence the characters and the world around them?
- 5 The Canticle Kingdom is fractured by snow, silence, and separation. What does the divided state of the world reveal about its people—and about our own?
- 6 Which character's courage inspired you the most? How did their bravery (large or small) help drive the story forward?
- 7 Friendship and loyalty are tested again and again. Which relationships were your favorite, and what made them meaningful?
- 8 The Many-Named One carries the weight of countless identities. What do you think this reveals about destiny, choice, and who we are beneath the names we carry?
- 9 What was your favorite scene—or sequence—and why did it stand out to you?
- 10 What do you think comes next for our characters and the Canticle Kingdom? What hopes—or fears—do you have for the story ahead?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BOOK CLUB CONVERSATION GUIDE — PART II

- 1 How does the novel connect magic with modern inventions such as trains, planes, radios, and machines?
- 2 Which world or setting felt most vivid to you, and why?
- 3 What does the Middlespace suggest about transitions, choice, or uncertainty?
- 4 How do side characters expand the emotional range of the story?
- 5 In what ways do secrecy and hidden history shape the conflict?
- 6 Which acts of guidance or mentorship mattered most in the novel?
- 7 How does the story use winter imagery beyond simple atmosphere?
- 8 What does the novel suggest about power that is borrowed, stolen, or misused?
- 9 Which reveal or turning point changed your understanding of the story?
- 10 What questions about the larger universe remain most intriguing after the ending?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BOOK CLUB CONVERSATION GUIDE — PART III

- 1 Which scene best captured the emotional heart of the novel for you?
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- 2 How does the story portray friendship under pressure?
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- 3 What role does hope play when the characters feel most lost?
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- 4 Which sacrifice felt most significant, and why?
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- 5 How effective was the ending in balancing resolution with future possibility?
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- 6 How did Brigitta's choices shape your experience of the climax?
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- 7 What did Johann's journey reveal about responsibility and growth?
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- 8 Which supporting character would you most want to follow in another story?
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- 9 What image, phrase, or setting from the novel has stayed with you most?
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- 10 After finishing the book, what do you think its deepest message is?

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ACTIVITY: THE MUSIC WITHIN

Leitmotif, memory, and magical consequence.

Choose one musical moment, song, or sound-image from the novel.

1 What happens in the story at that moment?

2 What emotions does the music create?

3 What does the music reveal about a character or world?

4 If you composed a theme for Johann, Brigitta, or the Many-Named One, what would it sound like?

5 Why is music such an effective storytelling force in this novel?

BONUS:

Optional: share a real song that matches the mood of the book.

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ACTIVITY: WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS

Map the cosmology — then test your theory.



Use the diagram to discuss how the worlds connect, what each realm symbolizes, and where the greatest dangers or hopes emerge.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- 1 Which realm seems most stable, and which most vulnerable?
- 2 Which realm would you most want to visit, and why?
- 3 How does moving between worlds change the characters?

CHARACTER DEBATE CARDS

Cut apart or read aloud.



JOHANN

Leaving home
was necessary,
even if it led to
greater danger.



BRIGITTA

Loyalty means
acting, even
when you do not
know the outcome.



RICHARD

Ordinary people
can change
the fate of
whole worlds.



MOLLY

Creativity and
courage are
forms of
power.

Pick a card. Defend the statement for two minutes, even if you disagree.

BOOK CLUB EXTRAS

Make the meeting an adventure.



1

BUILD A FROZEN-GLOBE DISPLAY

Create a table centerpiece with snow, glass, maps, and tiny lights.



2

QUOTE ROUND

Everyone shares a favorite line or image.



3

SOUNDTRACK MOMENT

Play one song that fits the book's mood.



4

THEME NIGHT

Invite winter treats or German/British-inspired snacks.



5

MAP IT OUT

Sketch the journey across worlds.

6

LOOK AHEAD

Predict what the next story might explore.



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CLOSE THE MEETING

Rate, reflect, and look through the next door.

1 RATE THE NOVEL

How would you rate *The Frozen Globe*?



2 FINAL THOUGHTS

What stayed with you most from this story?

3 LOOKING AHEAD

What questions, hopes, or fears do you carry into the next adventure?

*Until our next adventure –
keep the song alive.*

