



# THE SKYWARD ISLE

BOOK THREE OF THE CANTICLE CHRONICLES

## BOOK CLUB KIT

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# WELCOME, PILGRIMS

## About This Book

**W**elcome to the full-novel book club guide for *The Skyward Isle*, Book Three of the *Canticle Chronicles*.

This guide invites you to explore Johann, Brigitta, Bruno, Karsten, Jorgen, and their allies as they journey across strange kingdoms, sky sanctuaries, and the Middlespace. Together they confront the Many-Named One, pursue hidden secrets, restore what was lost, and learn what home means.

*Please note: This guide contains full-book spoilers.*

### How to Use This Kit

- ✦ Choose the questions that spark the best conversation for your group.
- ✦ Share your favorite moments, lines, and lingering mysteries.
- ✦ Try the activities to deepen your connection to the story.
- ✦ Adapt anything here to make the experience your own.

### Suggested 60-Minute Meeting

- ✦ **Welcome (10 min):** Greet and check in.
- ✦ **Discussion (30 min):** Explore a few questions together.
- ✦ **Activity (15 min):** Try a themed activity or creative prompt.
- ✦ **Closing Thoughts (5 min):** Share takeaways and pick a favorite moment to remember.



# STORY AT A GLANCE

*Six threads that carry the adventure.*

1

The Many-Named One flees into darkness and begins feeding on evil again.

2

Johann, Bruno, Lillis, and Witter become stranded in Burgenring and are sent on a pilgrimage toward Telegro's high sanctuary.

3

Brigitta, Karsten, and Jorgen struggle with a dormant kingdom and the cost of restoring it.

4

New figures and strange lands—including bells, towers, Rheingold, and Lorelei—expand the quest.

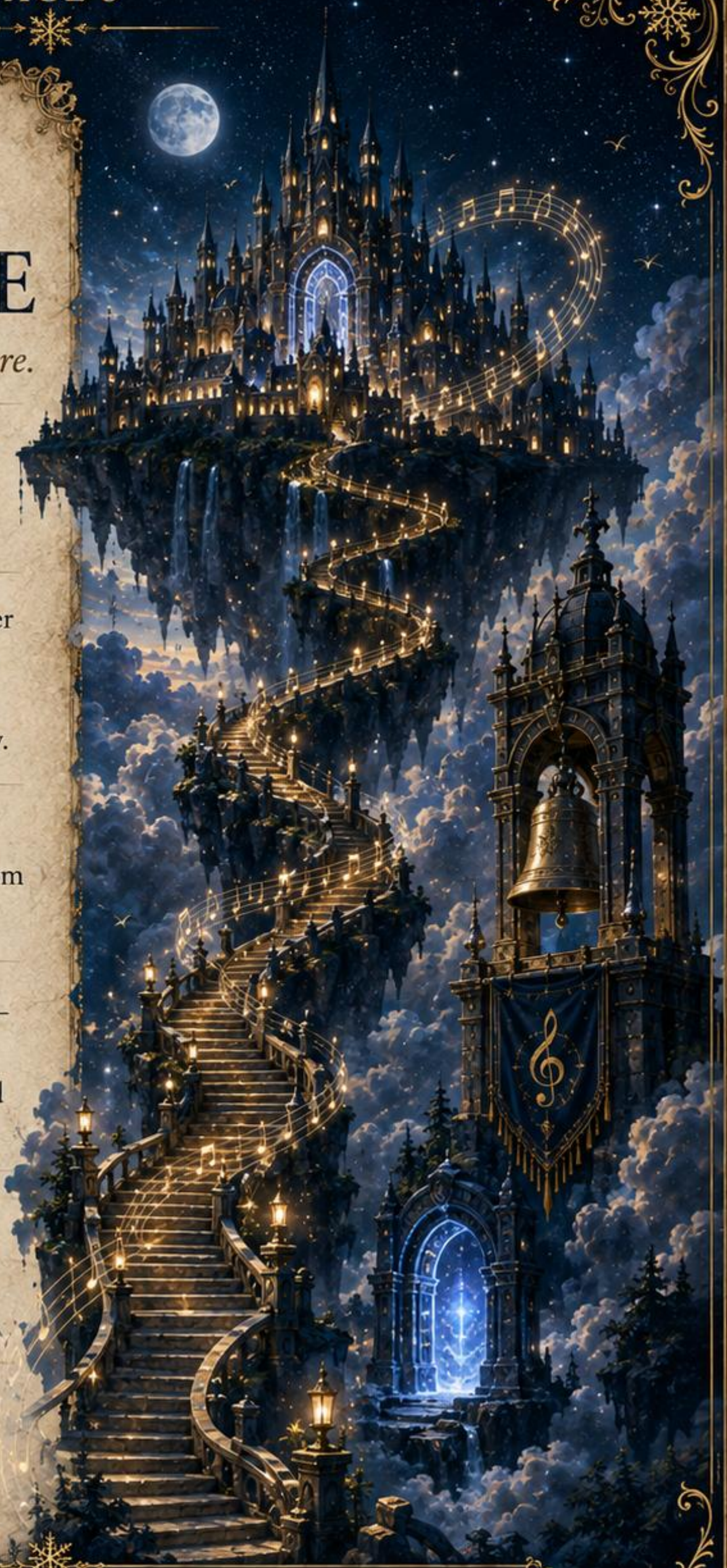
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The journey leads through the Middlespace, corrupted realms, and escalating revelations about identity, memory, and power.

6

The battle for the Canticle Kingdom ends in sacrifice, reunion, renewal, and a deeper understanding of home.

*One story, many worlds, and every step climbs toward home.*



# MEET THE MAIN CAST



**JOHANN**

*adventurous,  
growing into wise leadership*



**BRIGITTA**

*loyal, fierce,  
and steady-hearted*



**BRUNO**

*cynical, funny,  
and more courageous  
than he admits*



**KARSTEN**

*practical, inventive,  
and deeply devoted*



**JORGEN**

*brilliant, repentant,  
and driven to create  
rather than destroy*

# WORLDS & JOURNEY

*One story, many doors.*

1

## THE CANTICLE KINGDOM

*A once-dormant homeland of song, memory, and restoration. Its people built the music that shaped worlds.*

2

## BURGENRING

*A high and mysterious kingdom of towers, sleepless watchers, and sacred pilgrimage. Duty lives here.*

3

## THE SKYWARD ISLE / TELEGRO'S SANCTUARY

*A floating destination above the clouds, associated with secrets, forbidden knowledge, and ascent.*

4

## THE MIDDLESPACE

*The in-between realm of portals and peril. Paths shift, time bends, and choices carry weight.*

5

## EARTH

*The human world—tied to Molly, history, and the legacy of the music box. Where the story began, and where its echoes remain.*



*Songs connect these worlds.*



*Portals open where music and memory intersect.*



*Every choice changes the path forward.*



*Return is possible—but nothing remains the same.*

# THEMES & MOTIFS

*What the story keeps returning to.*



## 1. HOME AND BELONGING

the search for where one truly belongs.



## 2. MUSIC, BELLS, AND STORY

song and sound as magic, memory, and guidance.



## 3. PILGRIMAGE AND ASCENT

climbing, striving, and becoming worthy.



## 4. MEMORY AND IDENTITY

hidden truths, lost histories, and the self beneath changing roles.



## 5. CREATION VS. CORRUPTION

making beautiful things versus twisting them toward ruin.



## 6. COURAGE, SACRIFICE, AND REUNION

the cost of love and the healing power of return.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS I

*Characters, choices, and belonging.*

1

How do Johann and Brigitta's journeys change their understanding of home?

2

Bruno often hides his feelings behind humor and irritation. How does he grow over the course of the novel?

3

What makes Karsten and Jorgen's relationship so emotionally important to the story?

4

Which supporting character most surprised or moved you, and why?

5

How does the novel balance wonder and danger across its many settings?

6

What kind of leader is Johann becoming by the end of the book?

7

In what ways does Brigitta show strength that differs from Johann's?

8

Which reunion or act of loyalty had the strongest emotional impact on you?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS II

*Worldbuilding, magic, and the ending.*

- 1 How does the novel connect music, bells, or story with real power?
- 2 Which world or realm felt most vivid to you, and why?
- 3 What does the Middlespace symbolize in the larger story?
- 4 How does the Many-Named One represent corruption or twisted creation?
- 5 Which revelation or turning point most changed your understanding of the story?
- 6 What sacrifices felt necessary, and which felt especially painful?
- 7 How satisfying was the novel's ending in bringing restoration and closure?
- 8 What doors does the ending leave open for future stories in the Canticle Chronicles?



# BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES & EXTRAS

*Make the meeting an adventure.*

1

## BUILD A SKYWARD DISPLAY

Create a centerpiece with clouds, bells, candles, and a tiny floating isle.

2

## MAP THE PILGRIMAGE

Trace the characters' journey across the major worlds.

3

## QUOTE ROUND

Each reader shares a favorite line, scene, or image.

4

## SOUNDTRACK MOMENT

Pick a song or instrumental piece that fits the novel's mood.

5

## CHARACTER DEBATE

Defend one character decision for two minutes.

6

## WRITE THE NEXT DOOR

Imagine where a new portal might lead after the novel ends.

# CLOSE THE MEETING

*Rate, reflect, and look through the next door.*

## RATE THE NOVEL



*My favorite moment was:*

## FINAL THOUGHTS

*What stayed with me most from  
The Frozen Globe?*

## LOOKING AHEAD

*My hopes, questions, or  
future possibilities:*



*Until the next adventure—keep the song alive.*