



Suzanna J. Linton grew up in rural Orangeburg County, South Carolina. At age eight, she tried to read *The Secret Garden* by herself. After following her mother around for a day, asking questions about the Yorkshire accent, she gave up, but that didn't deter her in developing a deep appreciation for books and the worlds to which they open.

Her appreciation for storytelling, however, was born from her family. There isn't much entertainment in the middle of nowhere, and her father enthralled his children with stories about the mythical "Possum Brown". His friends also told tales, but not all of the were the sort for little ears. Linton sneaked out of her bedroom late at night in order to hear those.



In 2002, she attended the summer program at the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, where she refined her poetry and wrote her first decent short story. In 2007, Suzanna graduated from Francis Marion University with a Bachelor's in English.

Today, she continues to live in South Carolina with her husband and their assorted pets. She self-published her first novel, *Clara*, in 2013.

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Stories of Lorst

Clara, Book 1

Sold into slavery as a child, and rendered mute by the horrors she suffered, Clara's life extends no further than the castle kitchens and their garden. Those who know about her just think of her as the dull mute girl who may be a little soft in the head, not knowing that she carries within herself a precious gift: the ability to see the future. This is a gift she keeps secret, though, for fear of persecution.

However, a vision prompts her to prevent a murder, shoving her not only into the intrigues and gilded life of the nobility, but also into a civil war brewing in her country. As events unfold, and she is drawn deeper into the conflict, she meets an old friend, makes a new one, and begins to unearth secrets better left buried.

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Clara is such an amazing character. She overcomes so much and becomes such a powerful force to be reckoned with. I loved that no matter what came her way, she always does what she feels is right in her heart and fights for those she loves. – Tequila Rose



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Clara's Return, Book 2

Clara, lost and disillusioned from the civil war, hopes to discover answers about her lineage and abilities in the quiet village of Bluebell, where she once lived before being sold into slavery. However, as she and the Captain of the Royal Guard make their journey, a new threat to the kingdom arises in the form of a traitor.

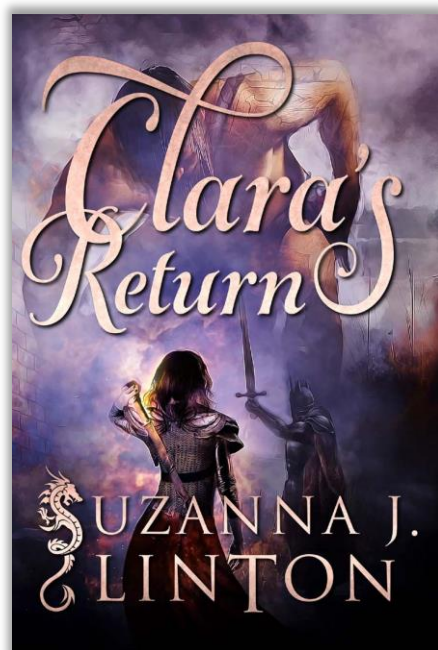
Patiently brewing since the fall of the sorcerer-king Marduk, there are careful plans now coming to fruition. Riots break out, a giant is sighted, and double agents quietly take their places. King Emmerich's struggles with his new role and his ever-present nightmares leave him feeling inadequate to the task. What he needs most is Clara.

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"A great book. Fast paced, action-packed, and filled with intense, well-imagined characters and some swoon-worthy romances and unrequited love.

The cherry on the top is the quiet, kick-butt-take-names protagonist, Clara who makes her first appearance in the prior book of the series. While these could be read as stand-alones since the antagonist in each book is different, but the story about the antagonists and their reasoning is explained more thoroughly if read as a pair, which I'd recommend. The ending is left open for a third book, and I could hope for nothing less!" --

Cady, Amazon and Goodreads user



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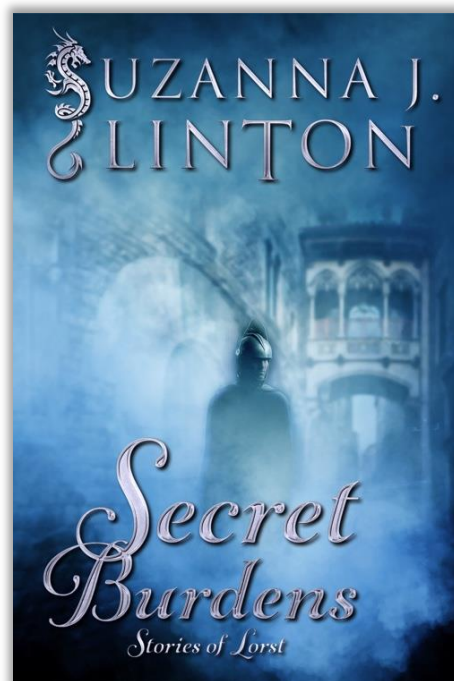
Secret Burdens, Book 3

Jarrett failed everyone close to him. In disgrace, he resigned his position as Captain of the Royal Guard and entered self-imposed exile in Lorst's Eastern Forests. As a common soldier, he fought the remainder of the sorcerer Marduk's monsters.

However, after an assassination attempt leaves her bedridden, Clara summons Jarrett back to the capital city of Bertrand. Over his protests, she appoints him Captain of the Seer's Guard. Though both her parents and her ability to see the future are restored to her, neither of these things can help her find her would-be killer. There's also a greater threat on the horizon she must face and she needs someone she can trust.

Jarrett searches for both Clara's enemies and his sense of honor. However, his investigations threaten to expose secrets that could ruin them all and shake the Lorst to the core.

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“Third book in the Lorst series, Secret Burdens, did not disappoint. Suzanna J. Linton has created a cast of amazing characters that you care and root for. The emotion in her writing is real. You celebrate and mourn along with them. This third book has secrets around every turn and you lose track of whose trust is worthy. If you have already started the Stories of Lorst series than this is a must read that you don't want to miss.” — Amanda Lavoie, Once Upon a Book Dream

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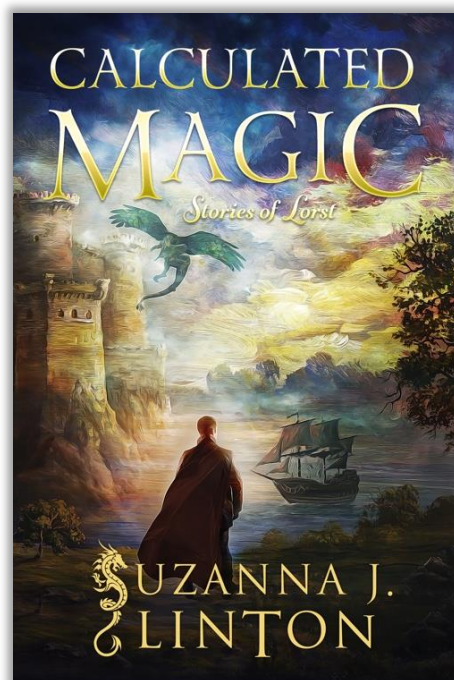
Stories of Lorst

Calculated Magic, Book 3.5

Bruin, exiled to Arvent, starts life over as a simple charm-seller. That is, until he learns of Emmerich's plan to meet Precene in a historic summit of kings.

In this game of secrets and alliances, the one wildcard is Galeen. The small coastal kingdom is dying under the stranglehold of Tier. The actions of the Crown Prince Gentius could be the difference between peace and war. Bruin decides to go to Gentius and offer his services in the hope of preventing disaster. However, only smugglers can pass through Tier's blockade. He buys passage on one such ship for himself and his newly acquired apprentice.

During the voyage, Bruin discovers the ship carries precious cargo stolen from Lorst. It's destined for persons unknown—a person that might be Gentius. Caught out in the ocean with nowhere to go, Bruin must choose between what is convenient for his mission and what is right.



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“Bruin's journey is filled with some familiar faces and some new. One new character is a girl named Fajra. She is spunky, keeps Bruin on his toes and is a perfect addition to the Stories of Lorst cast. I can't wait to see her interact to my favorite characters in books to come.” – Amanda Lavoie, Goodreads user and reviewer

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Lands of Sun and Stone Series

Willows of Fate, Book 1

All her life, Desdemona has seen things others haven't. Dragons, knights, dwarves, kids with three eyes. Heeding her mother's advice, she keeps silent about this and struggles through life, pretending everything is normal.

At her mother's death, Desdemona returns to a home haunted with memories but she is determined to not be shaken from what little normalcy she has. However, when her brother is murdered and she uncovers a family secret, Desdemona realizes that there is more to what she sees. Perhaps a whole other world, one that's willing to kill to have her as its own.

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"The Land of Sun was a magical place filled with interesting characters." ~ Amazon reviewer

"I'm hoping to see more adventures of Desdemona in the future and more of Ms. Linton's captivating style!" ~ Amazon reviewer



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Short Bio:

Suzanna J. Linton grew up in (very) rural Orangeburg County, South Carolina. She was fed a steady diet of catfish, tall tales, and ghost stories. After reading the Dragonriders of Pern books in high school, Linton decided she wanted to be a writer.

However, after many, many rejection letters, she decided to reject traditional publishing. She self-published her first novel, Clara, in 2013. In 2014, she quit her job at a library to write full time. Today, she continues to live and write in South Carolina with her husband and assorted pets.

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