

# **IT'S A SIGN!!! – Moon & Sun Book 3: The Emerald Sun**

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A long time ago (back in 2006-2008), I wrote two novels I loved and younger readers loved.

**The Ruby Key: Moon & Sun Book 1**

**The Silver Door: Moon & Sun Book 2**

I'd started work on the third one, **The Emerald Sun: Moon & Sun Book 3...**

And then Scholastic told me they weren't going to continue the series. It would end with Book 3, and they would only want the third book if I took a massive pay cut.

**I couldn't afford to take the pay cut.** We were already just squeaking by.

So I stopped working on the series, and wrote a bunch of writing books instead. *Mugging the Muse: Writing Fiction for Love & Money, Create a Character Clinic, Create a Plot Clinic...* and a long list of other books and classes I'm not going to name goes here, but that kept a roof over our heads and food in our bellies.

Meanwhile, however, I kept hearing from the kids who wanted to know what happened next with Genna, Dan, the Cat...

And now those kids are adults.

**The rights to the first two books have reverted to me.** Today I start the read-through of the first one to get back into the world, to get the voice back, and to find and take notes on any toys I left on the floor that I can pick up for Book 3.

And after I did the first run of reading, I got an unexpected gift.

During a Hard Drive Move (which is never anyone's favorite thing) years ago (which I think coincided with our move from Georgia back to Florida, I lost track of the Book 3 outline and early chapters.

My older computer had become massively obsolete. I moved the backups to a new computer, and when I did this, Moon & Sun had already become a dead project, so I didn't check to make sure I could find it.

Forward a bunch of years to when I wanted to find it, and I couldn't. Realize... Macs have excellent backup, and really good search, and I knew what I was looking for. And no search term I had brought me to those manuscripts.

Today, on the day I started this project, I dug into an unrelated folder looking for something else, and found the entire Moon & Sun project in *there*, including the start of Book 3. Wasn't where it was supposed to be, but everything opens, everything is readable, everything is usable.

**It's a sign.** Time to write Book 3, time to get the first two into print again, time to bring this world back to life.

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