



Destiny Cycle Novel Series – Official Book Club Kit

Epic Celtic-inspired fantasy blending myth, magic, and legends!

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1. Series Overview

Ancient gods, fierce warriors, and the fate of Erin — a land caught between myth and history.

In a time before history was accurately recorded, the Tuatha Dé Danann gods weave a divine plan to protect ancient Erin from the rise of invaders, empires, and foreign faiths that were alien to the very being of every Gael.

At the heart of their design stands Breanna Ban Morna, a fierce warrior born of both Norse and Gaelic blood. Chosen as Erin's Hero, she embarks on a mythical quest to save her Gaelic Clans and neighboring Celtic tribes from being ruled by invaders.

Across the series, Breanna and her Warriors of Destiny face Norse raiders, Roman legions, and rising faiths, all while navigating the will of the gods and the price fate demands.

2. Author Bio

James Raquepau is a lifelong student of Celtic history. With over three decades of research into Irish myths and legends, Gaelic warrior traditions, and druidic lore, he crafts immersive, semi-historical epic fantasy. His Destiny Cycle novels blend authentic 5th-century detail with sweeping magical adventure, offering readers a world that feels both ancient and alive.



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3. Reading Order

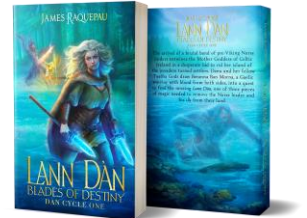
1. Blades of Destiny – The call of the gods and the quest for the legendary *Lann Dàn*.
2. Stone of Destiny – Alliances forged, and the price of power revealed in the magic of the *Triple Dàn*s, which Breanna must wield to end the Dreadlord and risk her very soul.
3. Heart of Destiny – Breanna rises as the Goddess of Time, and *Ćrói Dàn* proclaims her as Erin's Hero once more. They must bring their fight against Rome in Pretannia.
4. Warriors of Destiny (H1/2026) – Breanna brings the fight for Erin and Pretannia to Rome's doorstep and their breadbasket, hoping to stop Egypt's fall to the Romans.



5. Immortals of Destiny (H2/2026) – While her Gaels now have a fighting chance at a future, will Breanna and Eoin’s divine immortal children turn rouge to protect their parents?

4. Book Summaries

✂ **Blades of Destiny**: When Norse raiders threaten ancient Ireland – then known as Erin or the Emerald Isle – the *Tuatha Dé Danann* Gods choose Breanna Ban Morna, one born with the blood of both sides, to retrieve the mythical *Lann Dàn*, the Blades of Destiny. Her quest will test her loyalty, her heart, and the very limits of mortal courage. And be presented with a choice: Defend her land or choose her Norse father’s offer to join him in ruling her Gaels. Can he turn her?



👁 **Stone of Destiny**: The Dark Goddess, Badb Catha, commands Breanna to seek out *Lia Dàn*, the Stone of Destiny, in the realm of *Tir na nÓg*, the land of the Fairie, leading Breanna into a more profound truth. With the gods manipulating her fate, she must cast a vision for Erin’s future—one where her father had never existed. And what of her fate? Sacrifices must be made!



💚 **Heart of Destiny**: Claimed once more by the *Ćrói Dàn*, the Heart of Destiny, Breanna must learn to walk her Emerald Isle’s *Cycle of Time* and transform herself into the *Tuatha* Goddess of Time. Only by becoming more than mortal can she hope to alter the mighty river of Roman history, protecting her people from conquest, a gruesome fate, and the rise of new faiths that would be the end of her now fellow *Tuatha De Danann*!



🗡 **Warriors of Destiny (expected in H1/2026)**: Now forged as more than just a leader, Breanna gathers her Warriors of Destiny—those marked by fate, magic, and sacrifice—to defend Erin across time. Together, they battle mythic threats and mortal powers who seek to rewrite the Emerald Isle’s destiny. A time when Breanna and her *Laoch Dàn* must ensure no one ever rules over her Gaels and fellow Celts. Will it be enough to shape a destiny?

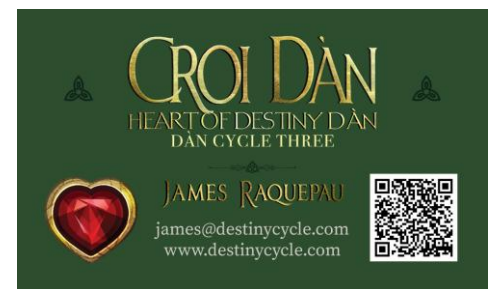
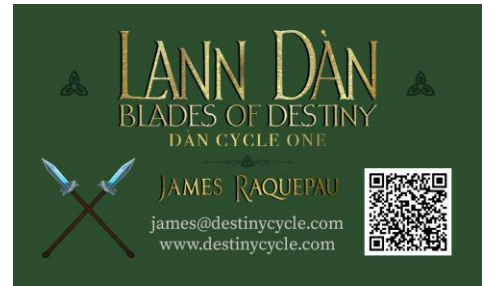


🎮 **Immortals of Destiny (expected in H2/2026)**: Having dealt Rome a severe setback in past centuries with their attempt to conquer Pretannia and Erin, Breanna now turns her attention to the future, where her Immortals of Destiny, the *Daoine Dàn*, endeavor to keep the worst atrocities that many horrible rulers will inflict on humanity from taking place. Breanna must lead them not just in battles, but across time itself, to change the past and preserve a future where the Gaels rise instead of fall. Yet, can she keep her immortal children from going rogue?



5. Discussion Questions

1. How does Breanna Ban Morna embody both her Norse and Gaelic heritage?
2. What role do the Tuatha Dé Danann play in shaping mortal destiny?
3. In what ways does James Raquepau blend historical details with myth and fantasy?
4. Which secondary character would you like to see in their own story?
5. How does the concept of fate vs. free will evolve throughout the series?
6. What parallels can you draw between struggles in the land of ancient Erin and modern times?
7. How does the use of the Gaelic language and the cultural aspects help deepen immersion?
8. Which battle or conflict scene was most memorable?
9. What do you admire most in Breanna's character (such as accepting fate, embracing her dual-blood identity, her choice to make a sacrifice, or her boundless courage)?
10. If you could ask Breanna a question, what would it be?
11. And Eoin, Breanna's stalwart mate in the series?
12. What one scene in each book sticks with you most?



6. Author Q&A

Q: What inspired you to write the Destiny Cycle series?

A: I wanted to create a fantasy world deeply rooted in authentic Gaelic history, where the myths I grew up reading could breathe and be rife with human drama.

Q: Are the Tuatha Dé Danann portrayed as heroes or manipulators?

A: Both — like all powerful beings, their motives are layered and often self-serving. After all, each pantheon of gods lives or dies by those who worship them.

Q: Is there direct conflict between the Norse Asgardian pantheon and the Gaelic Tuatha pantheon?

A: Yes, as each of them seeks to grow their base of worshipers or defend their base of worshipers (though in my humble opinion, the Norse pantheon is more aggressive – well, at least I made them so).

Q: Does this conflict occur openly in the Destiny Cycle Series?

A: Not initially, as the first two books, Blades and Stone of Destiny, are more focused on the physical nature of invaders turned settlers (aka Norvegrs – as the Norse

called themselves in the 5th century) and the defenders of the Emerald Isle (aka the Gaels). The hostility is not evident between the two sets of gods until Heart of Destiny.

Q: You paint the One God/Christians in a negative light. Will that turn off readers?

A: It may, but this is a fantasy that pits the future of the Gaels at that time, who lived their lives as if the Tuatha were their only path to commune with higher beings. To write semi-historical Epic Fantasy is to immerse yourself in that time. And I would hope that's what readers expect. As the author, I'm just a guide trying to paint a picture with words.

Q: Will there be more books in the Destiny Cycle universe?

A: Yes, I'm working on Warriors of Destiny now, as Breanna entangles her Druid Warriors even further into Roman history – targeting H1/2026 for that release. Then comes Immortals of Destiny, which involves rogue immortal teenagers (the divine children of Breanna and Eoin) hoping to help their parents with future tyrants that threaten their Gaels and the world; hopefully, I'll have it out at the end of 2026. After that, maybe some novellas exploring the various couples and “frien-emie” warrior pairs Breanna has forged over the ages.

7. Gaelic Pronunciation Guide

Lann Dàn: Lanna Dawn; Lia Dàn: Lia Dawn; Círói Dàn: Kree Dawn

Tuatha Dé Danann: TOO-a-hah Day DAH-nahn

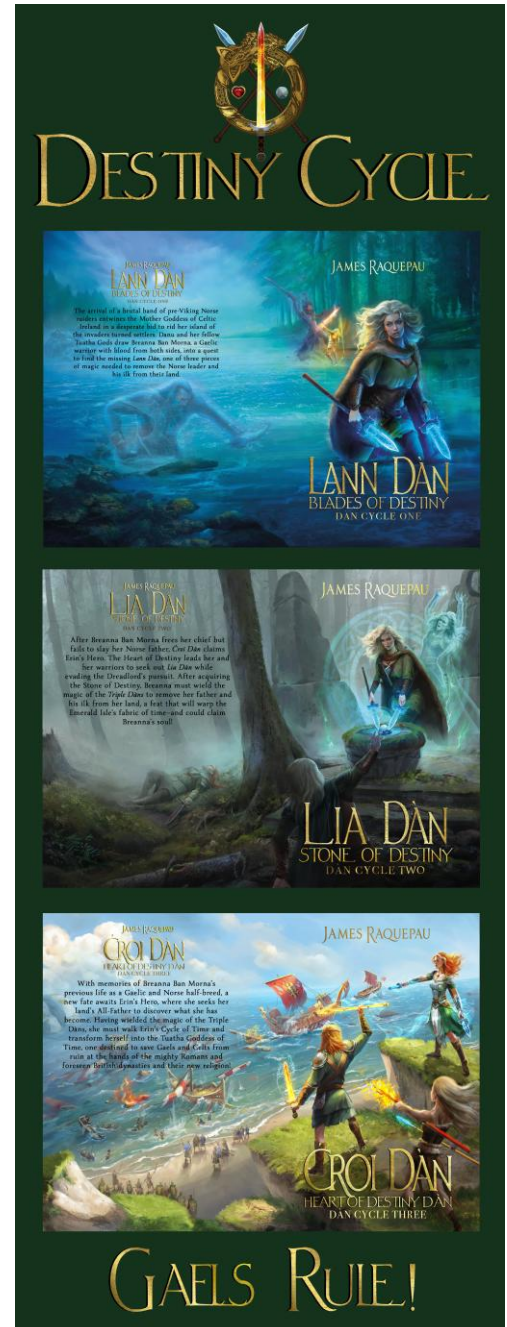
Breanna Ban Morna: BRE-anna Bawn MOR-na

Erin: AIR-in (poetic name for Ireland)

More pronunciations are in the **Central Characters & Places & Terms** back matter section, along with a short section that provides a **Guide to the Gaelic Language**.

8. Hosting Tips for Book Club Gatherings

- Pair readings with Celtic-themed snacks: honey oat bread, soda bread and butter, boxty – aka potato pancakes, Irish cheese, mead, Guinness, ale, or apple cider.



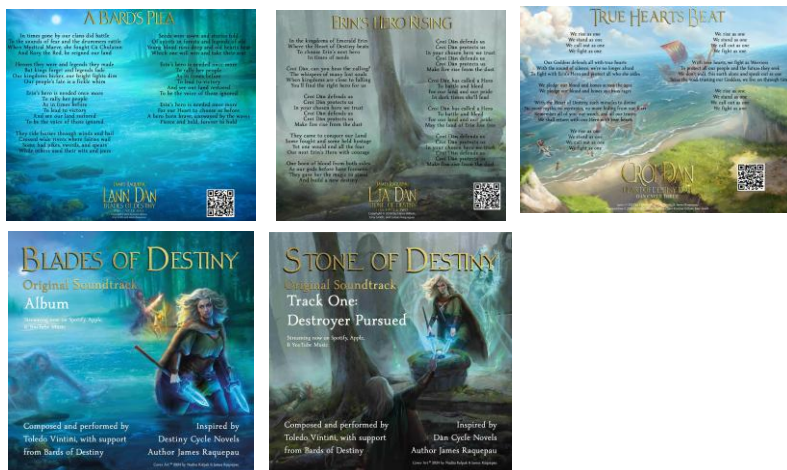
- Play the Blades of Destiny Soundtrack and Music by the Bards of Destiny in the background – streaming everywhere (i.e., Spotify, Apple, YouTube Music).
- Printable maps of Erin and Pretannia so members can follow Breanna’s journey more easily (found here: www.destinycycle.com/blog/destiny-cycle-maps).
- Assign roles to read key passages aloud for an immersive session.
- Using the Central Characters & Places & Terms back matter section, assign readers to pronounce (provided) each entry for an immersive session. How do you hear the name or place? It’s in the back matter!

9. Bonus Content

- Maps of Eastern Erin and Pretannia (downloadable from the Destiny Cycle Website BLOG post)
- Playlist – “Bards of Destiny” Commissioned Destiny Cycle Celtic-inspired music to accompany reading (streaming on Spotify, Apple, and YouTube Music)
- Cut scene from Blades of Destiny – Lugh and Danu sow seeds to end the Dreadlord of Garm (prequel tale to Lann Dàn):
<https://www.destinycycle.com/blog/lugh-battles-balor---blades-of-destiny-bonus-scene>
- Printable Destiny Cycle Custom Bookmarks, with book covers, banners, and other Celtic artwork forms (see following pages).

10. Promotional Resources

- Digital Kit Download (PDF with all the above content)
- Social Media Graphics – “Now Reading” & “Discussion Night” templates, with animated character graphics on the Destiny Cycle YouTube channel (see <https://www.youtube.com/@DestinyCycleBooks>).
- Streaming Music: Songs & Soundtracks



13. Destiny Cycle One Synopsis: Lann Dàn – Blades of Destiny

Opening Hook

Fifth-century Erin stands at a crossroads between the warring Celtic provinces and the rising shadow of Norse invaders. Among those resisting conquest is a young warrior, Breanna Ban Morna, gifted with an uncanny ability to foresee her enemy's moves in battle. Yet, her fate is not her own. Bound by a *geas*—a mystical destiny set upon her before birth—Breanna soon discovers that her sworn enemy, the brutal Norse warlord Hakon Skadi, is her father.

With the fate of her people at stake, Breanna embarks on a perilous quest to find *Lann Dàn*—the mystical Tuatha Blades of Destiny, enchanted weapons forged by the Dark Goddess. But when Breanna defies divine command and chooses instead to rescue her Chief, Eoin Mac Cairbre, from the Dreadlord's clutches, she risks unraveling the gods' plans. Will her rebellion against fate doom Erin to conquest, or will she claim her true destiny from the Mórrígan, Goddess of War, before her father can stop her—or maybe turn her?

Main Characters

- **Breanna Ban Morna** – A fierce warrior of Clan Dálaigh, skilled in combat and wielding the rare ability to seize the *void*, granting her near-supernatural awareness in battle. A deep hatred for Hakon Skadi drives her—until she learns he is her father, forcing her onto a path of vengeance or destiny.
 - **Eoin Mac Cairbre** – The young leader of Dun Arrogh's warriors and a Prince of the Blood. Noble and brave, he is the last defense supporting Breanna against Hakon's Dreadriders. Unspoken feelings complicate his deep bond with Breanna.
 - **Fergal Mac Conall** – Eoin's warrior cousin and former Champion who doubts the gods.
 - **Toal Mac Kyras** – Breanna's younger cousin and a skilled archer. His sharp mind and loyalty are critical in aiding Breanna's quest and leading a daring distraction against Hakon's forces.
 - **Hakon Skadi** – The ruthless Norvegr warlord known as the *Dreadlord of Garm*. Seventeen years ago, he conquered the land, slaughtered its defenders, and unknowingly fathered a child destined to destroy him. Now, he hunts for a white-haired warrior, never suspecting it is his daughter and not his son.
 - **Lunt and Lang** – Favored Dreadrider warriors who support their Jarl and hunt for the Destroyer.
 - **Runa, the Völva** – The Dreadlord's Seeress, skilled in Norvegr blood magic. She foresees his downfall at the hands of one of his offspring, but she cannot pinpoint the true *Destroyer*. To prevent the prophecy from unfolding, she summons the Fomorian god *Tethra*, calling upon dark forces to keep any Tuatha magic out of Breanna's hands.
 - **Beatha, the Fáidh** – A reclusive Druid and Seer who reveals the existence of *Lann Dàn*. She guides Breanna toward her ultimate fate and a decisive meeting with the Mother Goddess, *Danu*.
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Plot Overview

Status Quo & Inciting Incident

When Fergal Mac Conall challenges Breanna Ban Morna, she uses the *void* to defeat him, becoming Chief Eoin Mac Cairbre's Champion. Her life goal has been to protect her people from the Dreadlord's raiders, but her world shatters when she learns the truth—her father was not the noble warrior she always revered but another, the very man she has vowed to kill.

On her deathbed, her mother, Morna, reveals the dark secret of Breanna's lineage. Hakon Skadi raped her during his conquest, and in grief and rage, Morna placed a powerful *geas* upon her unborn child—to one day rise and destroy the Dreadlord. The weight of destiny presses down on Breanna, forcing her to question everything she has known.

Major Plot Points

- **The Dreadriders' Hunt** – Hakon, unaware of Breanna's true identity, sends his warriors to track down his foretold *Destroyer*, expecting a white-haired male warrior. His Seeress (in old Norse, *völva*), Runa, summons the Fomorian god *Tethra* to prevent Breanna from obtaining Tuatha artifacts, ensuring no divine weapons can challenge the Dreadlord's rule.
- **A Fateful Encounter** – While bathing in a nearby stream, Eoin and Fergal are ambushed by two Dreadriders. They are moments from death when Breanna intervenes, wielding her *void*-seizing ability to defeat the warriors and drive them away.
- **A Prophetic Revelation** – Breanna is drawn into the woods by an unseen force, where she encounters Beatha, the exiled Seer. Beatha tells her of *Lann Dàn*, the legendary Blades of Destiny, forged by the gods to vanquish magical enemies. If Breanna is to fulfill her *geas* and defeat Hakon, she must find these weapons.
- **The Quest Begins** – On the eve of Samhain, Breanna enters the sacred grove to summon one of the Tuatha Gods. *Danu*, the Mother Goddess, answers the call and commands her to find the long-lost *Lann Dàn* and bring them to the Mórrígan. But Breanna defies the gods, instead choosing to rescue Eoin, whom Hakon has taken hostage.

Climax & Resolution

- **A Desperate Race** – As Breanna and Toal begin their journey, Hakon learns from his wounded Dreadriders of a white-haired warrior matching his features. Realizing his *Destroyer* is pursuing Tuatha magic, he mobilizes his warriors and takes Eoin captive—still unaware that the son he seeks is, in truth, his daughter.
- **Of Gods and Demons** – Having found *Lann Dàn*, Breanna must summon the Tuatha Gods to aid her against the Tethra's Fomorian demons engaged by Hakon to stop her. Drawn to the power of the blades, the demons attack, while the Sun God *Lugh* clashes with *Balor of the Baleful Eye*, the monstrous Fomorian warlord. Breanna desperately calls down *balefire*—divine lightning strikes—to destroy the demons.
- **The Duel of Fates** – With *Lann Dàn* in her hands, Breanna infiltrates Dun Garm and frees Eoin from his stone prison. She slays a Dreadrider before facing Hakon in a battle

of blades and willpower. Yet, in a shocking turn, *Lann Dàn* fails her—the magical blades, meant for divine engagements with demons, do not recognize her mortal vendetta.

- **The Final Choice** – The *geas* compels Breanna to kill Hakon, but doubt grips her. Should she follow fate or defy it? Sensing her hesitation, the Dreadlord seizes the moment, offering her power and dominion instead of war. If she joins him, she will rule at his side. If she refuses, she may not survive the battle.
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Character Development & Emotional Arc

- **Breanna's Transformation** – She evolves from an instinct-driven warrior to a leader who must choose between fate and free will. Though she begins by fighting out of duty, she ultimately fights for herself, her people, and Erin's future.
 - **Eoin's Unyielding Loyalty** – Though wounded, Eoin proves crucial in rallying their small band and challenging Hakon's forces. His unwavering faith in Breanna allows her to embrace her destiny.
 - **Hakon's Manipulation** – Once an untouchable warlord, Hakon now faces a daughter who could either be his destruction or his salvation. He attempts to turn her to his cause, seeking to twist fate in his favor.
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Conclusion

Breanna's journey is self-discovery, vengeance, and defiance against fate. *Lann Dàn – Blades of Destiny* delivers an epic opening to a saga of magic, prophecy, and war, where gods and mortals clash in a battle for the heart of Erin. With *Lann Dàn* in her grasp, Breanna must decide—not only her destiny but that of her people and the future of the Emerald Isle itself. Can she truly become Erin's Hero?

This epic tale picks up Breanna's plight to evade her father while seeking the magic of the *Triple Dàn*s in *Lia Dàn – Stone of Destiny*! And that is followed by *Ćrói Dàn – Heart of Destiny*!



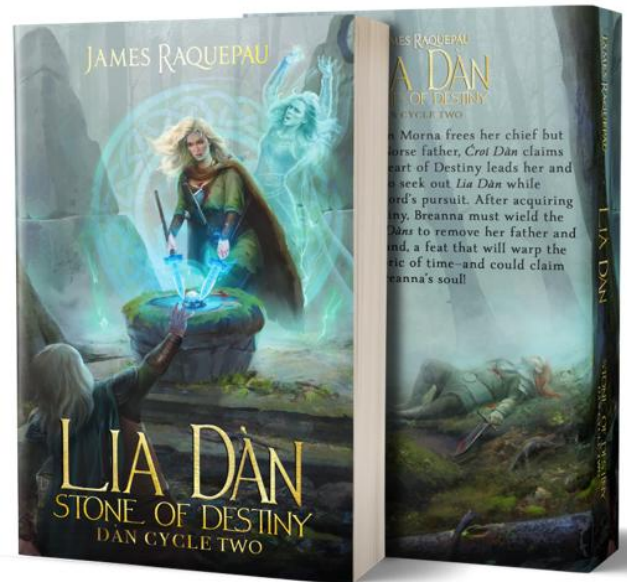
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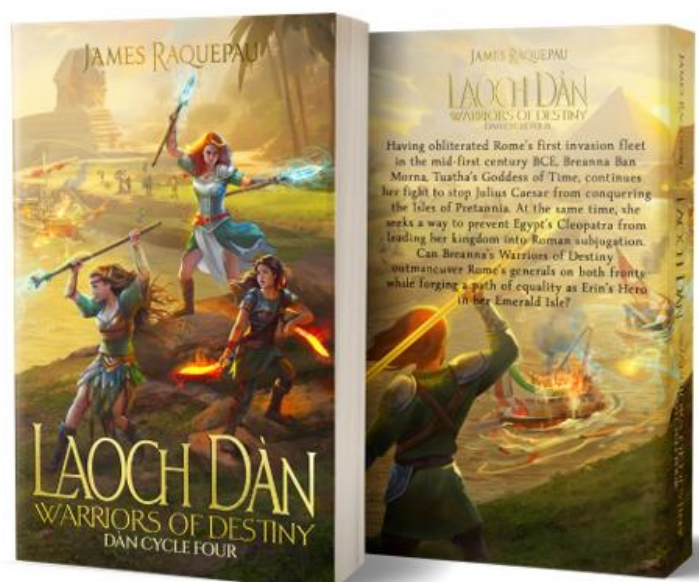
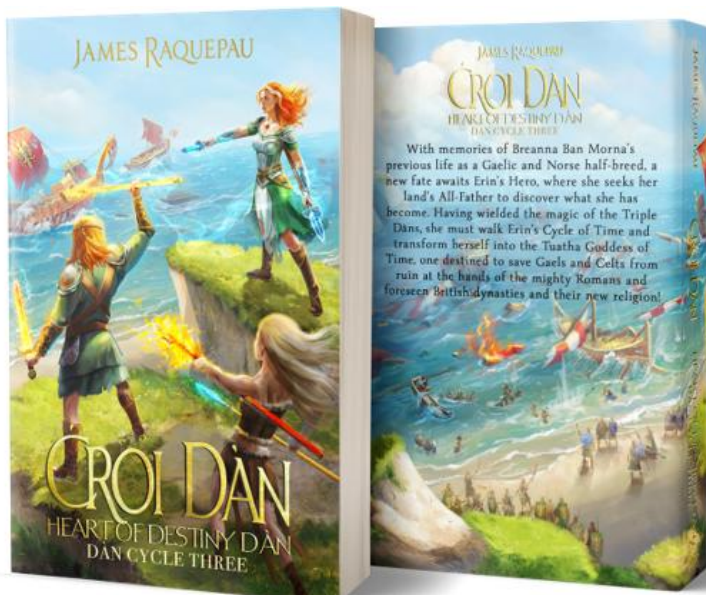
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Stone of Destiny
Dàn Cycle Two



Ćrói Dàn (Kree Dawn) –
Heart of Destiny
Dàn Cycle Three

Laoch Dàn (Loch Dawn) –
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Dàn Cycle Four (H1/26)



Destiny Cycle Duology



Destiny Cycle Trilogy



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Destiny Cycle Promotion Ads & Trailers

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