

In the ancient epic, Grendel and his mother are monstrous allies to the fierce warlord Beowulf. In *Sister of Grendel* we learn a different story, told by the long-widowed matriarch of their brutal clan. In this powerful and poignant reimagining, Grendel has a sister, Helena. She and her brother are not savagery. They are humans who practice refined magic and ferocious, pure physical strength, and longevity. They live close to the natural and spiritual world and are skilled in herbal medicine, prophecy, and magic and can move the dreams of sleeping humans. But Grendel and Helena are witness to the loss of their home. Determined to return, a male Viking and dangerous, abide with Helena's people. Through her trials she helps her family and others, including Grendel's son, a priestess, a man and a woman.

"*Sister of Grendel* is a masterful retelling of the legend of Grendel and his mother, woven together with many fascinating details of life just off the coast of Scandinavia in the 8th century. The author's vivid prose and lyrical style have won over many readers since the first book in the series, *Grendel*. This second book is no less compelling. Grendel's sister is as mysterious as her brother, and it is equally impossible to stop reading her as she begins her life as a concubine, protector, apothecary, healer, and even occasional midwife. Authoring in its originality, one will never cease to feel the universality of the human experience who traverses the tale. I highly recommend this book to all readers. Grendel's sister, you will never forget you."

—SUSAN THURSTON, *The Last Transfiguration*, *Alone at the Edge*, *Child Lin*

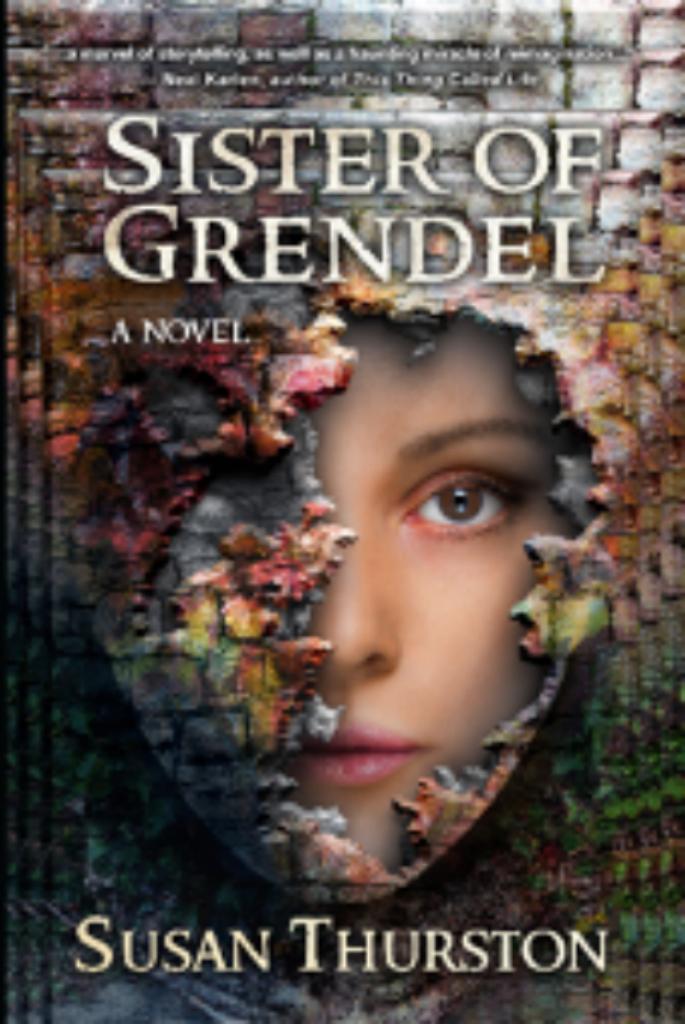


Anne Constantine writes magical fiction that explores the healing by fire, pain and transformation. Her first two books, *The Last Transfiguration* and *Alone at the Edge*, are now available in the US. She is also exploring the mysteries of the human landscape, from Viking Age jewelry discovered in England to the ancient sacred rock walls associated with caves, such as the ones in the Blue Mountains, where *Grendel's Sister* was published.



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A marvel of storytelling, as well as a fascinating mixture of history and fantasy.

Neal Karanik, author of *2012: The Longest Day*