

MARIE JUDSON

AUTHOR OF THE LOST XENTU SERIES



BOOK CLUB RESOURCE GUIDE



XENTU SECRET

Adult Mythic Fantasy

by Marie Judson



Thank you for considering
Xentü Secret for your next
Book Club read!

Synopsis

A HIDDEN WORLD. A FORGOTTEN LEGACY

Yanda, a gifted surgeon whose powers of sight and healing are growing beyond imagination, returns to Terlund, a watery world scarred by centuries of colonization yet alive with magic, ancient sentient stones, and peaceful elves. Here lies a secret older than history itself: the lost race of the Xentu.

Summoned by the Xentu—the daughter they abandoned at birth—Yanda must help bring their hidden moon into the Known Universe and tether it to Terlund. But danger lurks closer to home: the daughter she freed from a sinister academy is hunted by government forces determined to reclaim their prize.

With loyal allies by her side, Yanda must confront the truth of her origins and the source of her extraordinary gifts. The Xentu secret holds the power to save the universe—or destroy all that is good.

Editorial Reviews

From Jerry Bell, Author of *The Sigma Code Chronicles*

“As I read to the end of *Elf Stone of the Neyna*, I had the familiar internal war that goes on when finishing an excellent book. The world Ms. Judson created thoroughly absorbed me, as did the novel's intrigue and several plot twists. It is a wonderful read. Her character building is flawless and deep, pulling the story like a boat sailing in a strong breeze. It is the kind of book that reminded me why I loved fantasy novels in college; when I had trouble reading *The Fellowship of the Ring*, I had no such impediment with the *Elf Stone of the Neyna*. Her style is descriptive enough to envision all the action and wonders yet brief enough to pull the reader through the conflicts without bogging.

I give a review of five stars and would give more — an exemplary work of fiction. Read it; you will enjoy the ride.”

THE LOST XENTU SERIES

Yanda, a gifted healer with powers that stretch beyond imagination, discovers she is the daughter of the long-lost *Xentu*—a mysterious, powerful race thought vanished from the universe. Summoned from her own world to reunite her hidden people, she must navigate a cosmos filled with magic, ancient secrets, and mind-gifted beings like herself, where every choice carries the weight of destiny.

But danger lurks in both the Known Universe and her own past. With government forces hunting the children she's sworn to protect, and enemies who covet the extraordinary powers she wields, Yanda must confront the truth of her origins and the source of her gifts. Across hidden moons, war-torn worlds, and the folds of time itself, the Lost Xentu series is a journey of wonder, courage, and transformation—where the fate of the universe hangs in the balance.



XENTU SECRET DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Yanda's gifts of healing and sight grow throughout the story. How do these powers shape her identity and relationships?
- The Xentú's return raises questions about belonging and legacy. What do they represent in the story?
- Yanda's daughter was trained as a weapon and is now hunted. What does the story say about power, innocence, and control?
- The world of Terlund—its water, elves, and ancient stones—bears the scars of colonization. How does the setting deepen the book's themes?
- Yanda must confront the truth of her origins. How did learning her backstory change your view of her?
- The story explores many communities—human, elf, Xentú, and more. How does it challenge the idea of “us vs. them”?
- Power takes many forms in this book—healing, control, government authority. When does power become a burden or danger?
- Yanda's relationships—with her daughter, allies, and enemies—shift over time. Which one surprised you most?
- The theme of return appears often—returning home, to the past, to identity. What does “return” mean for Yanda?
- What aspects of the world-building stayed with you most—the imagery, moral questions, or emotional moments?



BOOK TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- Who does Yanda rescue from the hostile planet Blaz at the beginning of the story, and why is this escape so significant?
- What protects the Neyna elven forest on Terlond from outside detection, and where is its source located?
- How does Ilan, the Qontaqian techie, balance his use of AI with magic, and how does this duality affect his role in the group?
- What is the relationship between Seiti and Zami, and how does their bond influence Yanda's decisions?
- What role does Shalt, the Great Stone, play in guiding Yanda, and how does its influence differ from that of Ash-don?
- What troubling discovery is made about Seiti's unconscious signaling to the Blaz, and how do Merne and Shouma attempt to address it?
- Who is Decru, and what unique ability does he have that makes him crucial in helping Seiti?
- How does Yanda's past relationship with Tenali complicate her current bond with Ilan?
- What special foods or cultural practices are highlighted during the celebratory elven dinner, and how do they reflect the Neyna way of life?
- What ultimate task involving the Stones looms over Yanda, and how does it connect to her mysterious Xentu heritage?



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Marie Judson lives north of San Francisco, where she cultivates stories as richly layered as the ancient languages she once studied. With master's degrees in linguistics and educational technology, she brings a scholar's curiosity and a dreamer's heart to the worlds she creates. An ardent reader of fantasy since early adolescence, Marie was drawn to mythic quests, time-woven narratives and symbols hidden in language and psyche. Her fiction reflects that lifelong fascination: immersive adult science-fiction and fantasy where magic, myth, mind-powers and destinies converge. Her series—including the Braided Dimensions and Lost Xentu books—invite readers into worlds at once otherworldly and deeply human. In her day job she teaches special education in public schools—bridging the real world and the imaginative with compassion and insight.

When she's not writing, she is singing, working with dreams, or thinking about the power of story to heal, to shift, to awaken. Her work asks: what happens when the lost are found—and what awakens inside us when our origins and gifts are revealed. Marie writes for readers who seek wonder and wisdom, who crave more than an escape—they seek transformation, connection, and a story that feels meaningful as well as mesmerizing.

EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DETAILS

CHARACTER VISUALIZATIONS



Yanda, Surgeon
Special powers



Zamani
Leader of the Neyna elves



Vatu, Shapeshifter
From a water planet



Jejud Sisters, Part-Bird
From a cloud planet



Tenali, Half Elf
Space Captain from Neyna



Kridenit, Abductor
Hungry for revenge

A Hidden World, A Forgotten Legacy

PRIMARY THEMES OF XENTU SECRET

Identity

Yanda's journey is one of self-discovery as she unravels the truth of her origins and the source of her gifts. Through her transformation, the novel explores how understanding who we are—and where we come from—shapes the choices we make and the legacies we create.

Power

The story examines the dual nature of power: its capacity to heal and its potential to harm. Yanda's growing abilities challenge her to balance compassion with responsibility, asking what it truly means to wield power wisely.

Belonging

Across worlds divided by fear, history, and difference, the novel explores what it means to find a home and a sense of connection. Through Yanda's relationships and the Xentu's return, *Xentu Secret* reveals how belonging is both a personal and collective act of healing.

READER REVIEWS:

Amazon Readers

“What an enticing story. What an incredible world built by Marie Judson. Both thrilling and alluring, all the way to the end. It is always an honor to read Marie Judson's books. Xentu Secret is a definite recommendation by Amy's Bookshelf Reviews.”



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