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ISADORA MOON

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Half vampire, half fairy, totally unique!

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Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for being a part of Isadora Moon's journey over the last ten years! I never dreamed my little vampire fairy girl would fly so far around the world and into the hearts and homes of so many young (and young-at-heart!) readers.

This has been a magical decade for me, and I am so, so grateful to everyone who has helped me and Isadora along the way: from the editors, designers, and the whole team at Oxford University Press, to the publishers around the world who gave Isadora a chance in their country, to the booksellers who put Isadora on their shelves, and, most of all, to you, for picking up this book and reading about Isadora's adventures.

I first created Isadora Moon a little over ten years ago, at a time when I really wanted to create a book specifically illustrated in black and pink. I have always loved those two colours together and I thought that a half-vampire half-fairy would be the perfect mix of gothic black and candy pink. This was the very FIRST sketch I ever did of Isadora Moon! Once I had designed her the stories just came naturally as I started to imagine all the different sorts of adventures a little vampire fairy girl might have.



I can't believe that since my first sketch of Isadora in 2014, there are now more than forty books in the World of Isadora Moon series, many of them published in countries all over the world! Some of these books are about her naughty witch-fairy cousin, Mirabelle, and some are about her rebellious princess mermaid friend, Emerald, but they all grew from that one original sketch.

And now, when I leave my studio and step out into the world for a bookshop or festival event, I get to meet children, and sometimes grown-ups, who have enjoyed my books about Isadora Moon and her friends. And sometimes they even dress up as Isadora, or Mirabelle, or even Pink Rabbit or Isadora's parents, which is WONDERFUL and absolutely makes my heart SPARKLE!

I really am so grateful for the love and support so many people have shown Isadora and her friends and family over the last ten years. During that time Isadora has met dragons and ghosts, nymphs, and glow sprites. She has stayed up late for vampire balls and pop concerts, visited the snow fairy queen's palace, and dived deep down to the mermaids' undersea kingdom. But Isadora's journey isn't over yet! There are still so many adventures and new experiences for her to have. I can't wait to share them with you, and I hope you will enjoy reading about them as much as I enjoy writing about them!

With love, magic, and sparkle,

Hamet Huncaster
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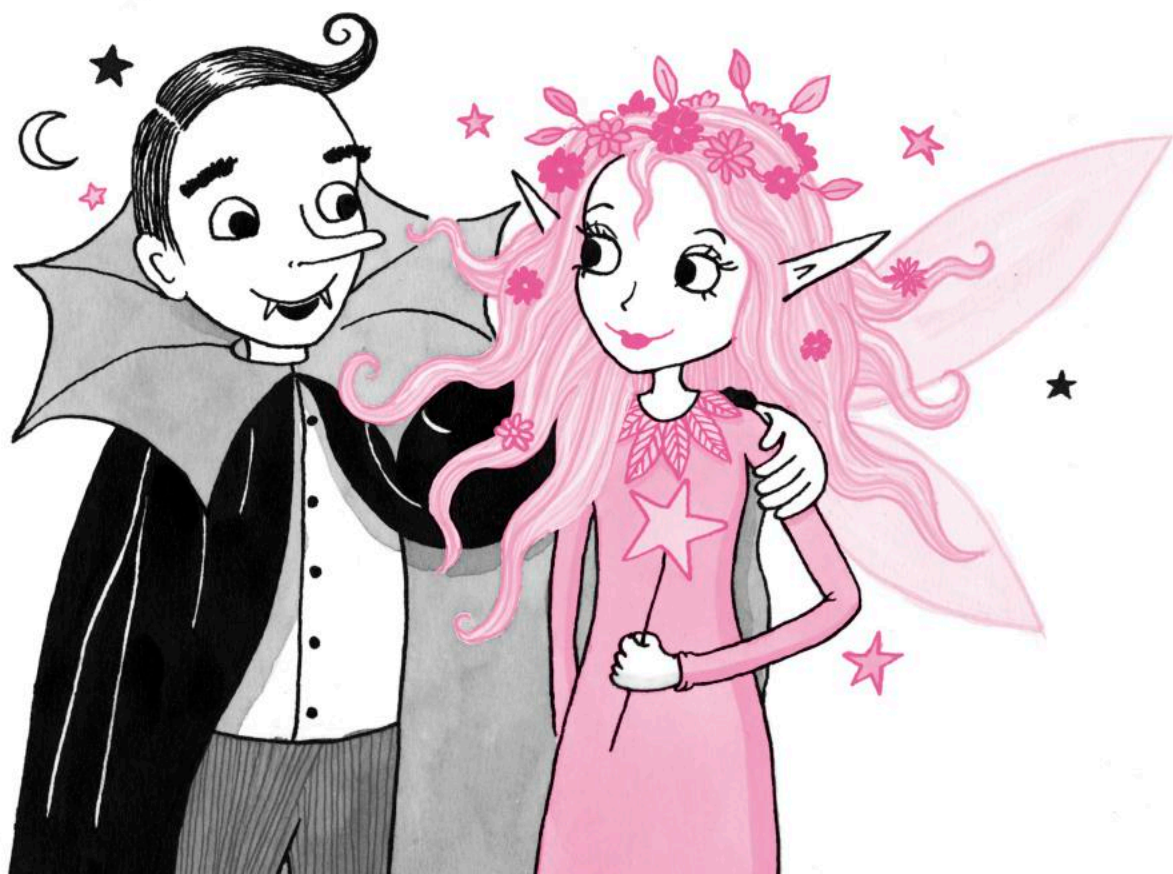


Chapter ONE

Isadora Moon, that's me! And this is Pink Rabbit. He was my favourite stuffed toy but my mum magicked him alive with her wand. He comes everywhere with me, even to birthday parties!



I have been to lots of birthday parties since I started school. Human ones! They are very interesting and very different from the parties we have at home. I had only ever been to vampire or fairy ones before I met my human friends. That's because my mum is a fairy and my dad is a vampire. Yes, really!



Do you know what that makes me?

A vampire fairy!

I am a bit of both. I wasn't sure where I fitted in but then I went to human school and discovered that everyone is a little bit different and that's the best way to be.

I have especially enjoyed going to all my friends' human birthday parties. They are all so different! I couldn't wait for my own birthday so that I could have a party of my own.

'I hope you will be having a nice traditional vampire party when it's your birthday,' said Dad.

'Hmm,' I said.



I wasn't sure about having a vampire party. I think my friends would find it a bit scary. A vampire party is always held in the dead of night and you have to dress very smartly and have very neat hair. Vampires are very fussy about their appearance. They like to play flying games, and shoot across the sky at lightning-quick speed. My wings can never keep up as they are more flappy, like fairy wings. Vampires also like to eat red food at their parties and drink red juice. I hate all red food.

