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"Kij Johnson has an unrivalled gift for making the unreal real and the real unreal. In this spellbinding story, the intense reality of a quest through dreamland finds its goal in a here-and-now America that seems even stranger than the mountains and caverns of the dream. " ?Ursula K. Le Guin

"By the time we finish this gorgeously written tale, we're about convinced that Lovecraft's wriggly gods and monsters are no match for smart women." ? *The Chicago Tribune*

"In the world of Vellitt Boe everything has meaning, from the numbered stars to visions in flame... This book held me spellbound from start to finish." ?NPR

"With 'The Dream-quest of Vellitt Boe,' Kij Johnson has deftly spun a delight and a wonder. Truly, this is one of my favorite weird tales of the last several years, weaving beauty, terror, and bittersweet triumph from a corner of Lovecraft's mythos that all too few dreamers dare to explore. Brava!" ?Caitlín R. Kiernan

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"Superb worldbuilding and gorgeous prose will hold readers rapt....Utterly irresistible." ?*Publishers Weekly* Starred Review

"A solid dose of that odd mix of visceral horror and mythic vision that was the source of Lovecraft’s power... the story’s brilliant denouement may be its most subversive aspect of all." ? *Locus*

About the Author
KIJ JOHNSON is an American fantasy writer noted for her adaptations of Japanese myths and folklore. Her Tor.com story "Ponies" won the 2011 Nebula Award for Best Short Story. Her story "Fox Magic" won the 1994 Theodore Sturgeon Award, her novel *The Fox Woman* won the Crawford Award for best debut fantasy novel, and her subsequent novel *Fudoki* was a finalist for the World Fantasy Award and was cited by *Publishers Weekly* as one of the best fantasy novels of its year. She is also an associate director of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of Kansas.

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