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And even as these diverse forces struggle to avert total ruin, the mathematici, led by Anne and Hugh, strive to re-create the original spell which exiled the ancient Aoi, neither knowing nor caring that their magical workings could tear their world apart….

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“In the Jaran series, Elliott proved herself good at setting up **conflict on a grand scale**…. Here she creates a complex fantasy world with intriguing parallels to European history, colorful characters, and plenty of action and magic.” *—Locus*

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“Kate Elliott, an excellent fantasist, writes **lush and lyrical scenes** and uses her characters to scale down cosmic events to a human scale.” *—Midwest Book Review*

“Ms. Elliott continues to weave **an elegantly intricate tapestry** of full-bodied characters who will fascinate and intrigue readers up to the very last page.”*—Romantic Times Magazine* (now *RT Reviews*)

“**Strong plotting, thorough world building** and sound characterization and character development make this novel a must-purchase for those collections that have invested in the rest of the series.”*—VOYA*

“Elliott has created **a world with depth and color** and peopled it with a large cast of characters, all poised on the brink of a cataclysmic conclusion.”*—SF Chronicle*

“This is a very good climax to a very long series…. The writing is **clear and excellent**, the universe is interesting, the politics and warfare believable.”*—SFRevu*

“Elliott has developed **as real a fantasy realm as any writer working in the genre**, and the very complexity of the story contributes to its verisimilitude.”*—Chronicle*

About the Author
Kate Elliott’s credits include the Nebula finalist novel, *King’s Dragon*, its sequels, *Prince of Dogs*, *The Burning Stone*, *Child of Flame*, and *The Gathering Storm*; her groundbreaking DAW science fiction series, *The Novels of Jaran—Jaran*, *An Earthly Crown*, *His Conquering Sword*, and *The Law of Becoming*; and her magnificent fantasy collaboration with Melanie Rawn and Jennifer Roberson, *The Golden Key*. She now lives in Hawaii with her husband, three children, and a dog. She can be found at kateelliott.com.

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