

Local author completes second volume of trilogy

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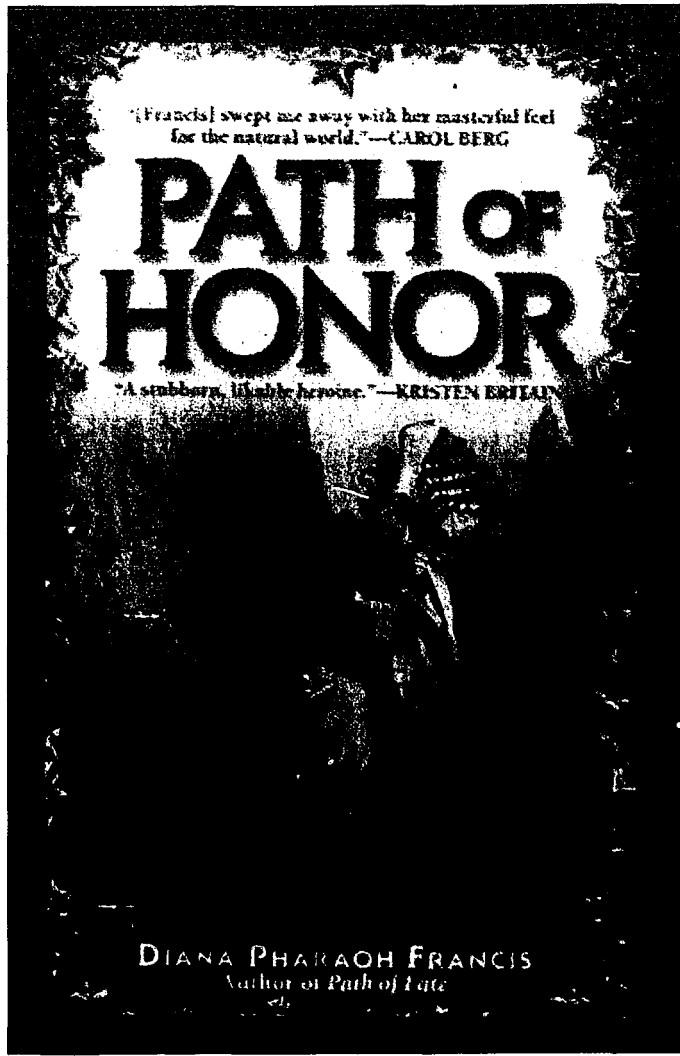
This is the second book in a trilogy by Francis, with the first being Path of Fate.

In the novel, the character of Reisel thinks she has finally found the home she'd always dreamed of. Instead, she finds herself the object of suspicion and malice. Nokulas, magical creatures who were once human, are running loose and locals know firsthand the danger they can cause. The ruler has become a Nokulas, locked away so he can do no harm, but causing a leadership power vacuum that his evil son wants to fill.

A man from another dimension finds Reisel hoping she will heal his wounded land. The countries that border on Kodu Riik blockade the nation so that no one can cross into their countries, bringing the plague into their lands. Reisel must locate the hiding wizards to make them undo the damage they have caused to two realms in different dimensions.

Reisel must also find a way to cure the plague sweeping Kodu Riik before her enemies can kill her. And, one of her enemies may just be her closest friend.

Elizabeth Barrett of Broad Universe Broadsheet says of Francis, "in a time when many traditional fantasy motifs have been done to death, Diana Pharaoh Francis delivers a breath of fresh mountain air."



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"Little Women" on tap at the Orphan Girl Theatre

Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents opines Jo March to her three sisters at the beginning of the Orphan Girl Theatre's current Holiday Production of "LITTLE WOMEN: Christmas Without Presents."

Adapted directly from Louisa May Alcott's classic novel "Little Women", the Orphan Girl family production which opens next weekend, is a perfect holiday treat for families looking for a

fun Christmas outing for the whole family.

The play, which focuses on the Christmas experienced by the young March sisters in Concord during the early years of the Civil War, takes the audience through the emotional holiday during which the sisters suffer the hardships of wartime and the absence of their beloved father who is off at the front lines aiding in the Union effort.

The first performance will directly follow the YOUNG MUSICIANS concert at The Mother Lode Theater on Thursday December 16 (showtime 8 p.m.). The Friday, Dec. 17 performance is at 7 p.m., and the Saturday Dec. 18 shows are at 2 and 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for children and seniors and \$7.00 for general admission. Call 723-2300 for reservations.

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