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00:00:00 E.A. Maynard

Welcome to the Altar Blur podcast.

00:00:02 E.A. Maynard

I'm your host, Eric Maynard.

00:00:03 E.A. Maynard

So on this episode I have a returning guest, Amber Broudo, and we had a great conversation about her third book, which is the second in a series.

00:00:16 E.A. Maynard

So with that being said, you should listen to what her and I discuss.

00:00:20 E.A. Maynard

Because, well, why wouldn't you?

00:00:22 E.A. Maynard

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00:00:30 E.A. Maynard

Basically, find everything you want to find about either Amber, other guests that we've had, other guests that might be coming up, and articles that some of these guests, some of these authors have written for your enjoyment.

00:00:43 E.A. Maynard

So I try to give you what I can.

00:00:46 E.A. Maynard

I hope you do enjoy it.

00:00:47 E.A. Maynard

Other than that, that's about as far as I can go.

00:00:50 E.A. Maynard

And also go check out the links for Amber to give more of her information on the books that she's written, the things that she's trying to entertain you with.

00:01:00 E.A. Maynard

Because from what I'm gathering, the stories sound interesting.

00:01:04 E.A. Maynard

They sound like something that would keep you on your.

00:01:08 E.A. Maynard

So that's why I had her on again is because her stories sound like their stories.

00:01:13 E.A. Maynard

That would keep you interested.

00:01:15 E.A. Maynard

So as always, I appreciate you being here.

00:01:18 E.A. Maynard

I appreciate a lot of things, especially you sharing and telling people about the show, which is how I grow.

00:01:26 E.A. Maynard

And the more I grow, the more authors.

00:01:27 E.A. Maynard

Want to be on?

00:01:28 E.A. Maynard

And the more authors they want to be on.

00:01:30 E.A. Maynard

The more books you can find that you will want to read, so let's try to balance.

00:01:36 E.A. Maynard

It out. Let's try to.

00:01:37 E.A. Maynard

Make sure that we all have what we want.

00:01:39 E.A. Maynard

I have guests to talk to.

00:01:41 E.A. Maynard

You find books that you want to read, and you can also read and find stuff on all through Globecomm because you know, that's where you go.

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In theory, you should be able to.

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Listen to it.

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On every one of them.

00:02:10 E.A. Maynard

I think I have most of all of them covered as far as I'm aware.

00:02:13 E.A. Maynard

So with that being said, I'm gonna cut it to the end of this.

00:02:17 E.A. Maynard

You don't really want to listen to me talk.

00:02:20 E.A. Maynard

All too much.

00:02:21 E.A. Maynard

I think you're here more to listen to Amber.

00:02:23 E.A. Maynard

And that's what I'm gonna switch over to.

00:02:25 E.A. Maynard

So thank you again.

00:02:26 E.A. Maynard

Enjoy and share review.

00:02:29 E.A. Maynard

Tell people send me a message.

00:02:31 E.A. Maynard

Tell me what you think.

00:02:32 E.A. Maynard

I'd love to hear from you.

00:02:33 E.A. Maynard

And I'll look.

00:02:34 E.A. Maynard

Forward to it.

00:02:35 E.A. Maynard

So thank you.

00:02:36 E.A. Maynard

So I am here with Amber Boudreaux and we're here discussing her three books.

00:02:43 E.A. Maynard

Now if you.

00:02:44 E.A. Maynard

Haven't listened to all the episodes?

00:02:46 E.A. Maynard

You might want to go back to episode 13, where Amber and I discussed her first two books.

00:02:51 E.A. Maynard

The second nature in the dragon ear now today, Amber is going to give us.

00:02:55 E.A. Maynard

A quick overview of.

00:02:57 E.A. Maynard

Second nature and the dragon ear and then we're going to discuss her new book that's out that just came out October 3rd, October 3rd, correct, yes.

00:03:07 Amber Boudreau

October 3rd.

00:03:08 E.A. Maynard

All right, so let's do this for the people that haven't listened to all my episodes as they should have.

00:03:15 E.A. Maynard

Let's have you give a quick introduction of yourself so people can get to know you.

00:03:21 E.A. Maynard

And then we'll go into your books.

00:03:22 Amber Boudreau

Great, great, Eric.

00:03:24 Amber Boudreau

So my name is Amber Budrow and I write youth and adult fantasy and as as you mentioned.

00:03:32 Amber Boudreau

We can start with second nature.

00:03:34 Amber Boudreau

It wasn't my first book but it was the 2nd and and it is a if you like werewolves and shifters.

00:03:41 Amber Boudreau

That is what second nature is about.

00:03:44 Amber Boudreau

We follow Mavis as she tries to discover who.

00:03:47 Amber Boudreau

She is, and what she.

00:03:48 Amber Boudreau

Is so that's second nature. And then my first book was is the Dragon ear and that came out in September of 2020.

00:04:01 Amber Boudreau

And it is a I've lately started to think of it as more of a how to train, how to train your dragon ear.

00:04:09 Amber Boudreau

Type book, except it's still told from a 15 year old Moira's POV and how she was bitten by a dragon, and how she came to have these magical powers, and how she has to.

00:04:22 Amber Boudreau

Squire the Dragon and help him find a way home.

00:04:25 E.A. Maynard

Now just as.

00:04:27 E.A. Maynard

One thing that I remember from our last conversation, when you say the dragon bit her, it was no bigger than a salamander when it bit her, but ended up growing to a full size.

00:04:37 E.A. Maynard

So I do remember that, because I remember when you first told me I'm sitting there going well, most Dragons are pretty darn large.

00:04:44 Amber Boudreau

Right, right, exactly.

00:04:46 Amber Boudreau

Good memory.

00:04:48 Amber Boudreau

In the book, he bites her right after he's hatched, so he's not he's not very big at all.

00:04:54 Amber Boudreau

I I actually.

00:04:55 Amber Boudreau

Maybe even having a little bigger than a salamander.

00:04:58 Amber Boudreau

Maybe the size.

00:04:58 Amber Boudreau

Of a small cat.

00:05:00 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, when when he bites her, when he catches up with her again, he's he's grown to maybe the size of a small dog, but then he asks her to find him fire rock and she does.

00:05:15 Amber Boudreau

And of course he eats those and he he gets quite a bit bigger from there.

00:05:20 Amber Boudreau

They asked me.

00:05:21 E.A. Maynard

I understand so.

00:05:22 E.A. Maynard

Let's let's go a quick review over Dragoneer just so people can get it, so then we can go much easier into your series to your second book.

00:05:33 E.A. Maynard

And by the way, what is the name of your second book?

00:05:36 Amber Boudreau

The second book is called the Dragoneer and the Pretender.

00:05:39 E.A. Maynard

The pretender, alright, I'm gonna be interested in finding out more about that.

00:05:44 E.A. Maynard

So in the dragoneer, so it's more or more I'm horrible with names.

00:05:51 Amber Boudreau

OK.

00:05:52 Amber Boudreau

It's a tough one.

00:05:53 Amber Boudreau

Moira yeah.

00:05:54 E.A. Maynard

Yes, Maura, I just.

00:05:56 E.A. Maynard

I can't get it right.

00:05:57 E.A. Maynard

I don't know.

00:05:57 E.A. Maynard

Hi, my tongue is not completely there today yet, but your main your main character starts off.

00:06:01 Amber Boudreau

It is early.

00:06:05 E.A. Maynard

If I remember correctly.

00:06:06 E.A. Maynard

In being homeschooled because of some trauma she dealt with and she's trying to integrate herself back into public school when all this is starting out, correct?

00:06:17 Amber Boudreau

Right, right.

00:06:18 Amber Boudreau

She had to leave school for a time because she did have some.

00:06:21 Amber Boudreau

She had some anxiety issues.

00:06:23 Amber Boudreau

Stemming from the sudden loss of her of her father.

00:06:28 Amber Boudreau

It wasn't a traumatic accident or anything like that.

00:06:31 Amber Boudreau

Her father had an unknown and undiagnosed heart condition, and one day he he just succumbed to it, unexpectedly so, but perhaps just because of the manner in which he he.

00:06:44 Amber Boudreau

Past she has some she starts to have some anxiety and panic attacks associated with that and.

00:06:52 Amber Boudreau

So she sort of, she does.

00:06:53 Amber Boudreau

She leaves.

00:06:54 Amber Boudreau

School for a while.

00:06:54 Amber Boudreau

At at the school she so.

00:06:57 Amber Boudreau

She's homeschooled for a bit, but it's dumb.

00:06:59 Amber Boudreau

But by the time she gets to high.

00:07:00 Amber Boudreau

School she's ready to start going back to school, so.

00:07:02 Amber Boudreau

She's she's sort of had a freshman.

00:07:04 Amber Boudreau

Year at the high school.

00:07:07 Amber Boudreau

And she's now starting her sophomore year and she's she's.

00:07:12 Amber Boudreau

Connected with a few friends.

00:07:15 Amber Boudreau

But making those re connections has been difficult, so she's more into her schoolwork and focusing on.

00:07:24 Amber Boudreau

That so it's it's simple.

00:07:26 Amber Boudreau

It's easy for her.

00:07:27 Amber Boudreau

To be working on a project and being out in the woods and trying to, trying to get that finished and out of the way.

00:07:34 Amber Boudreau

They trying to be ahead of schedule, as it were, but that's where she runs into, that's where she runs, runs into end up meeting this, this dragon, this creature that she discovers.

00:07:46 Amber Boudreau

In a cave, so yeah.

00:07:48 E.A. Maynard

All right.

00:07:49 E.A. Maynard

And as she's doing this, she's training.

00:07:51 E.A. Maynard

She also starts developing magic from the.

00:07:54 E.A. Maynard

Dragon bite so.

00:07:55 E.A. Maynard

It's not the dragon.

00:07:56 E.A. Maynard

Just as a habit of biting her there was it did have a reason to pass on magic to her was the itself is correct.

00:08:04 Amber Boudreau

Right, right in this, in this world.

00:08:06 Amber Boudreau

Uh, Dragons are just innately magical beings.

00:08:10 Amber Boudreau

So when he.

00:08:12 Amber Boudreau

When he better, he sort of imbued her with these abilities that she doesn't recognize that she has right away, but through her, through her reconnecting with a mentor figure, she's able to.

00:08:26 Amber Boudreau

To sort of learn, start to learn and understand what she's capable of.

00:08:31 Amber Boudreau

So yeah.

00:08:32 E.A. Maynard

OK. And?

00:08:33 E.A. Maynard

Through the first well in the dragoneer, what does she really I refresh my memory if you would 'cause it has been a little bit since we spoke.

00:08:43 E.A. Maynard

So what is she trying to fight against?

00:08:47 E.A. Maynard

What is the big challenge that she's faced in this book?

00:08:51 E.A. Maynard

Is there like a she's just trying to?

00:08:54 E.A. Maynard

Come to terms with who?

00:08:55 E.A. Maynard

She is or is there?

00:08:57 E.A. Maynard

An external force that she has to battle what?

00:09:00 E.A. Maynard

What are we looking at here?

00:09:01 Amber Boudreau

They right there, there's a there's a bit of that.

00:09:05 Amber Boudreau

There's a bit of both.

00:09:06 Amber Boudreau

So yes, internally she's struggling with these, with this panic or with this anxiety of having run across an honest to God fantastical creature that needs her help.

00:09:17 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, that that shouldn't exist in this world.

00:09:21 Amber Boudreau

But does, and not only does he exist, he talks and he asks.

00:09:25 Amber Boudreau

Her for help so.

00:09:28 Amber Boudreau

She's she's got to deal with that and then and then externally there there is in there are trolls that have been sent to basically get rid of Zephyr or kill kill the Dragon.

00:09:44 Amber Boudreau

His name is Zephyr.

00:09:45 Amber Boudreau

She named him.

00:09:45 Amber Boudreau

He asks her for a.

00:09:46 Amber Boudreau

Name and she says.

00:09:48 Amber Boudreau

How about zephyr?

00:09:49 Amber Boudreau

So yes, suffer is the name of the dragon.

00:09:53 Amber Boudreau

And so yeah, so now that she's got this, she has this external threat of keeping Zephyr safe from this troll, from trolls.

00:10:01 Amber Boudreau

And and on top of that, there's a mysterious figure who's appeared in the library who goes by the name of the librarian.

00:10:09 Amber Boudreau

I know.

00:10:10 Amber Boudreau

So she has this librarian who tells her that if she doesn't keep the dragon safe, then it's not just going to be his life on the line, but hers as well.

00:10:21 Amber Boudreau

So she is, she is now linked to this, to this dragon.

00:10:25 Amber Boudreau

So she she knows she has to help him.

00:10:27 Amber Boudreau

And what she thinks that means is that she has.

00:10:30 Amber Boudreau

To help him find a way home, she has to help him get back to where he came from.

00:10:34 E.A. Maynard

Alright, so that sounds good.

00:10:36 E.A. Maynard

And so now we're going into the dragon ear in the pretender.

00:10:40 Amber Boudreau

Right, so Jeremy Renner, pretender.

00:10:41 E.A. Maynard

So where do we start off with the dragon ear and the pretender?

00:10:45 Amber Boudreau

Right.

00:10:46 Amber Boudreau

So for me as a writer, it sort of just made sense to just pick it right back up where, right?

00:10:53 Amber Boudreau

Where we left.

00:10:54 Amber Boudreau

Off at the very end of the dragoneer so, uh, Dragonair Pretendre starts pretty much right where Dragon Year ended.

00:11:05 Amber Boudreau

Which is with Moira visiting her mentor in the hospital, where actually he's just woken up from a coma and she's there with him when he has an unexpected warning and he he knows that.

00:11:25 Amber Boudreau

Something is is occurring and that she needs to, she needs to go and so she more, you know, running out of the hospital.

00:11:35 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, trying to find her friend?

00:11:38 Amber Boudreau

Who she knows this?

00:11:41 Amber Boudreau

A character, not the captain of the trolls from the last book.

00:11:45 Amber Boudreau

There are the trolls that.

00:11:45 Amber Boudreau

Are trying to kill.

00:11:46 Amber Boudreau

To kill Zephyr, and then there's the captain of the trolls, who's giving them their orders.

00:11:50 Amber Boudreau

So she knows she's got to protect not only Zephyr from them, but also her friend.

00:12:00 Amber Boudreau

Ansel, who is in the first book, just protect him from not only the trolls, but the captain of the trolls who seems to be under the misconception that Ansel is the dragon ear when he is not.

00:12:13 Amber Boudreau

Moyer is the dragon ear.

00:12:15 Amber Boudreau

Due to his.

00:12:16 Amber Boudreau

Mistake he actually kidnaps.

00:12:20 Amber Boudreau

The wrong people, he.

00:12:23 Amber Boudreau

He not only kidnaps Ansel, he also kidnaps his twin brother Aaron, so he he's doubly mistaken.

00:12:31 Amber Boudreau

He he's he's confused, but he's he's operating on the under some misconceptions, which unfortunately leads to more ends of his friends being kidnapped, so once they're taken.

00:12:43 Amber Boudreau

My friends ever have.

00:12:44 Amber Boudreau

To get them.

00:12:45 E.A. Maynard

Back, OK, so now.

00:12:47 E.A. Maynard

Now at the.

00:12:48 E.A. Maynard

Beginning of the Dragoneer Moira is 15 years old, right?

00:12:53 E.A. Maynard

So how old is she in the second book?

00:12:57 Amber Boudreau

She's actually.

00:12:57

Is she still?

00:12:58 E.A. Maynard

13 or ash.

00:12:59 Amber Boudreau

She's still she's still 15.

00:13:01 Amber Boudreau

Yeah she's uh it because of the because the way it starts picks up right where it left off.

00:13:06 Amber Boudreau

She's she's.

00:13:07 Amber Boudreau

Still 15? Yep.

00:13:08 E.A. Maynard

All right.

00:13:09 E.A. Maynard

So the first book takes it all starts and takes place within the a year span basically.

00:13:16 Amber Boudreau

Oh, not even a year.

00:13:17 Amber Boudreau

It's a very accelerated.

00:13:20 Amber Boudreau

Span of time.

00:13:20 Amber Boudreau

I'm uhm, yeah.

00:13:21 E.A. Maynard

OK.

00:13:23 Amber Boudreau

So actually the first book probably takes place over the span of a couple weeks.

00:13:27 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, three of the most.

00:13:30 Amber Boudreau

Maybe maybe a bit longer if we go back to the very initial bite when Zephyr bites are.

00:13:38 Amber Boudreau

So so yeah.

00:13:39 Amber Boudreau

This book two also takes place over just a very.

00:13:44 Amber Boudreau

Condensed part of the amount of time.

00:13:46 Amber Boudreau

A couple a couple of weeks, but it is it is what you would call a portal fantasy.

00:13:51 Amber Boudreau

So, uhm, basically, since they've kidnapped her friends, moirans ever have to travel to the his world of origin?

00:14:01 Amber Boudreau

Where's ever came from to?

00:14:02 Amber Boudreau

Get them back.

00:14:03 E.A. Maynard

All right.

00:14:04 E.A. Maynard

So when you say portal fantasy, because there's a ton of categories out there nowadays on all these books, so I hate little fantasies basically, where you have to travel through a portal to get somewhere.

00:14:16 E.A. Maynard

To be able to take action correct.

00:14:18 Amber Boudreau

Yes, yeah.

00:14:19 E.A. Maynard

Is there any more to?

00:14:20 E.A. Maynard

It or is that just the gist?

00:14:22 E.A. Maynard

Of it there so.

00:14:23 E.A. Maynard

Again, I'm not familiar with Portal fantasy myself.

00:14:26 Amber Boudreau

I think, uh, portal fantasy is.

00:14:29 Amber Boudreau

I mean, whether it's a, I don't know if it's whether it's a, uh, a portal per.

00:14:34 Amber Boudreau

Say or a.

00:14:34 Amber Boudreau

Door that they have to.

00:14:35 Amber Boudreau

Walk through or some sort.

00:14:39 Amber Boudreau

Of time, slipstream, something I but yes, they have to go somewhere else.

00:14:43 Amber Boudreau

They have to go to a different world.

00:14:46 Amber Boudreau

And that's that's what they do in this.

00:14:47 E.A. Maynard

Book yes, OK.

00:14:49 E.A. Maynard

And what world do?

00:14:50 E.A. Maynard

They end up going to.

00:14:51 E.A. Maynard

I mean is it?

00:14:52 E.A. Maynard

But in the same dimension, is it far far off in the?

00:14:56 E.A. Maynard

Galaxy is it?

00:14:58 E.A. Maynard

Is it?

00:14:59 E.A. Maynard

Uh, I don't know.

00:15:00 E.A. Maynard

What could it possibly be?

00:15:02 Amber Boudreau

It could possibly.

00:15:03 Amber Boudreau

Be an alternate universe, maybe where dinosaurs never went extinct.

00:15:08 Amber Boudreau

Or it could be just an alternate reality, yes?

00:15:13 E.A. Maynard

No, no, I mean with the dragoneer, where, where did she go through?

00:15:19 E.A. Maynard

So I understand.

00:15:19 E.A. Maynard

I I think I understand the portal concept now, but with her when she went through the portal or through the gateway, wherever she went.

00:15:22

Gotcha, gotcha.

00:15:29 E.A. Maynard

Through did she go to another dimension, another timeline?

00:15:35 E.A. Maynard

Where did she end up going?

00:15:38 Amber Boudreau

She ends up in a.

00:15:40 Amber Boudreau

World not unlike the one that she left, only that this is 1 where Dragons exist and they work alongside man, so.

00:15:50 Amber Boudreau

Dragon and men have have come to work together.

00:15:55 Amber Boudreau

She actually lands in a field in a cultivated field that uhm.

00:16:00 Amber Boudreau

They make reference to the the Wyverns or the Dragons working.

00:16:04 Amber Boudreau

She goes into a city where there are extra large sidewalks because there are Dragons.

00:16:10 Amber Boudreau

Talking down the side.

00:16:11 Amber Boudreau

Of it, they're also, they're also hitched to wagons.

00:16:15 Amber Boudreau

They're they're pulling goods and services, pulling goods through the town.

00:16:20 Amber Boudreau

Uh in the city that they end up in, which is called farrago, they.

00:16:26 Amber Boudreau

They they run across a constable who is who is also a dragon.

00:16:32 E.A. Maynard

Alright, so are all the Dragons in the story intelligent or is there different types and kinds of Dragons?

00:16:38 Amber Boudreau

All all the Dragons that we've run into are fairly, yes, intelligent there.

00:16:44 Amber Boudreau

The problem is actually that comes up later in the book is that they are all Dragons are considered fairly noble creatures, so they they're all all the Dragons that we run into are.

00:16:59 Amber Boudreau

Intelligent and.

00:17:00 Amber Boudreau

Contribute to society in some way.

00:17:03 Amber Boudreau

So yes.

00:17:04 E.A. Maynard

OK, so now with that, what does the main character?

00:17:09 E.A. Maynard

Because there obviously is a pretender or another character is the pretender.

00:17:14 E.A. Maynard

The villain or.

00:17:15 E.A. Maynard

Is the pretender somebody that's trying to help her?

00:17:18 Amber Boudreau

The pretender is at more of a puppet, a political puppet.

00:17:24 Amber Boudreau

That that's so Morgan gets into memorial really falls into it.

00:17:29 Amber Boudreau

She's she's.

00:17:30 Amber Boudreau

Being hunted by this magician who seems to have realized his mistake after having kidnapped Ancelin Aaron, so whatever, seems to have the correct Intel now and is seeking her and and Zephyr, so she has that to deal with.

00:17:47 Amber Boudreau

She has more trolls.

00:17:50 Amber Boudreau

They shouldn't.

00:17:51 Amber Boudreau

There are more trolls to do.

00:17:52 Amber Boudreau

With there are also.

00:17:54 Amber Boudreau

There is also an IMP army that is being bred by this pretender.

00:17:59 Amber Boudreau

There are to this.

00:18:01 Amber Boudreau

Grown-ups and the throne it is.

00:18:08 Amber Boudreau

He's pretended to the throne of another city.

00:18:10 Amber Boudreau

That's a castle turn, which is, which exists a fair bit of distance from where Moira lands in this new world.

00:18:19 Amber Boudreau

So so of course, so it's now where we're on the.

00:18:22 Amber Boudreau

Road so I have a.

00:18:23 Amber Boudreau

We have we.

00:18:24 Amber Boudreau

Have a girl in her dragon and traveling.

00:18:29 Amber Boudreau

To where she thinks her friends are, so that she.

00:18:31 Amber Boudreau

Can get them back.

00:18:32 Amber Boudreau

So along the way, she's going to run into goblins she's gonna run into, she's going to learn about the Imps she's gonna she has those things to face off against, and she has this magician.

00:18:43 Amber Boudreau

Who is ultimately the bad guy who has installed this, the son of the Regent on the throne?

00:18:51 Amber Boudreau

And who is who is the pretender?

00:18:54 Amber Boudreau

So they she she has him to go up against as well.

00:18:57 E.A. Maynard

Alright, so now, now, I sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you.

00:19:01 E.A. Maynard

I do apologize, but I do have a question that's running through my head right now.

00:19:05 E.A. Maynard

So with the second one, the dragon ear and the pretender, it's it.

00:19:10 E.A. Maynard

It has a world full of Dragons and people working with Dragons.

00:19:14 E.A. Maynard

What is it that?

00:19:17 E.A. Maynard

The main character Moira and Zen.

00:19:19 E.A. Maynard

For makes them special or different from all the people in this realm that they read.

00:19:27 Amber Boudreau

Ah, so Maggie Moira is is still dragon bit Dragonair, which makes her a good deal different.

00:19:36 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, then then the then the Dragons and dragon ears that work alongside?

00:19:42 Amber Boudreau

Each other there.

00:19:44 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, so that's still.

00:19:45 Amber Boudreau

It's still that's still.

00:19:46 Amber Boudreau

Something that doesn't happen very frequently.

00:19:49 Amber Boudreau

In fact, it's happened less and less frequently.

00:19:52 Amber Boudreau

So she's this dragon bit dragoneer, and that's that's not even common there.

00:19:58 E.A. Maynard

OK, so with that, that makes it a whole metal realm of abilities that she has over others.

00:20:08 E.A. Maynard

Is there A is there a reason or is it just it doesn't happen because people aren't around Dragons when they hatch?

00:20:15 E.A. Maynard

Or I'm just curious on where that starts out?

00:20:19 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, yeah.

00:20:20 Amber Boudreau

You've hit upon the the reason why is that they with when they hatch and they're not around their own kind, they sort of have an instinct that takes over and they're driven to sort of bite a human, so.

00:20:37 Amber Boudreau

Uhm, that's that's what happened.

00:20:41 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, exactly.

00:20:42 Amber Boudreau

So where in in the world they.

00:20:44 Amber Boudreau

Traveled through there.

00:20:45 Amber Boudreau

Are there are clutches of eggs and things, and when Dragons hatched, they're around other Dragons.

00:20:50 Amber Boudreau

But what happened in Morris case or Zephyrs case is that when he hatched there was no one else there.

00:20:56 Amber Boudreau

Was no one else around?

00:20:57 E.A. Maynard

OK.

00:20:58 E.A. Maynard

Well that makes sense then, so.

00:21:01 E.A. Maynard

How did do you talk about how Zephyr ended up into the same world as Moira, if it's a different?

00:21:08 Amber Boudreau

Ah yeah, thanks we're getting.

00:21:11 Amber Boudreau

To that that's going to.

00:21:12 Amber Boudreau

Come with bird.

00:21:13 Amber Boudreau

Book. I appreciate that.

00:21:13

OK.

00:21:15 Amber Boudreau

So I have thought about that.

00:21:17 Amber Boudreau

That is that.

00:21:18 Amber Boudreau

That is a story we're going to have to save for the third book.

00:21:22 E.A. Maynard

Well, at least we know there's a third book coming.

00:21:24 Amber Boudreau

I'm working on it right now.

00:21:27 E.A. Maynard

Well, that's very good to hear.

00:21:29 E.A. Maynard

So what actually made you decide to go from the first book into the second book?

00:21:35 E.A. Maynard

Because other than the publisher saying, you know, we want another book, was there something else 'cause you guys said, no, I don't feel I want to continue on this way.

00:21:44 E.A. Maynard

What was it that made you say I want to keep going?

00:21:48 E.A. Maynard

With the dragoneer.

00:21:49 Amber Boudreau

Right I I think I just had more story to tell with the way it ended I was like I could I could keep going this could this could happen and and and I don't that's funny that your Pi you think your.

00:22:03 Amber Boudreau

Publisher is like, hey, we want a sequel.

00:22:05 Amber Boudreau

I don't think anybody ever has said that.

00:22:07 Amber Boudreau

It's just like, guess what?

00:22:08 Amber Boudreau

We're getting this sequel so high.

00:22:13 Amber Boudreau

But when I did say I had this sequel and I did send it to my publisher, I think they were excited.

00:22:18 Amber Boudreau

And and and and Dragon St Press has been awesome with working with me on.

00:22:25 Amber Boudreau

The sequel they've been very.

00:22:27 Amber Boudreau

And we've done things a different way than I have with other publishers.

00:22:33 Amber Boudreau

So it's been, it's been, it's been fun and it's been a great experience to work with them on it.

00:22:38 Amber Boudreau

They have a cover for the second one which I have not had time to to post, but I will.

00:22:46 Amber Boudreau

I'm happy to share this with you hopefully.

00:22:47 Amber Boudreau

On your screen for this the cover for the dragoneer in the pretender coming October 3rd.

00:22:54 Amber Boudreau

I'm very excited.

00:22:56 Amber Boudreau

It's a great cover.

00:22:57 Amber Boudreau

I'm looking forward to everybody having a chance to read it.

00:23:02 Amber Boudreau

They come.

00:23:03 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, I just.

00:23:04 Amber Boudreau

I thought there was more story to tell.

00:23:06 Amber Boudreau

So I was.

00:23:07 Amber Boudreau

Like, alright, let's try to.

00:23:08 Amber Boudreau

Let's try to tell.

00:23:09 Amber Boudreau

It and then and I even now.

00:23:11 Amber Boudreau

With the third one I was like.

00:23:12 Amber Boudreau

I there's there's more.

00:23:14 Amber Boudreau

So it's very interesting.

00:23:16 Amber Boudreau

To to sort of pick it up with the sequel and move forward and introduce new characters and build the world where where they're going and.

00:23:26 Amber Boudreau

And to see how.

00:23:26 Amber Boudreau

Their relationships shift and change over time.

00:23:29 Amber Boudreau

So it's, it's.

00:23:31 Amber Boudreau

Been an interesting endeavor.

00:23:34 E.A. Maynard

So and with that, I think last time we talked you described yourself as a pansear, which means everything you write, you write on the go and then you go back and just edit the living daylights.

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Out of it.

00:23:46 Amber Boudreau

I like I.

00:23:49

Like to think I.

00:23:50 Amber Boudreau

Actually draw like from from both worlds of Pantsing or swatters, right?

00:23:57

Right.

00:23:57 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, I I read.

00:23:59 Amber Boudreau

I think I read somewhere.

00:24:00 Amber Boudreau

It's like if you want to write fast and well, I was like, yeah, that's.

00:24:03

What I want?

00:24:03 Amber Boudreau

To do the right, fast and right.

00:24:05 Amber Boudreau

Well, I was like, well, maybe you should have an outline.

00:24:08 Amber Boudreau

So I not that I'm writing from an outline, but I think in my head I have an outline that I'm I'm working from, and when something happens, I'm more than happy to ditch that outline and substitute the a new one and service from that one instead.

00:24:22

Right.

00:24:24 Amber Boudreau

So I think it's uh.

00:24:26

Yeah, I'm a.

00:24:26 Amber Boudreau

Little bit of both, because I I think I know where I think I know.

00:24:30 Amber Boudreau

I think I know where things are going and it's always a surprise sometimes so.

00:24:34 E.A. Maynard

Right.

00:24:35 E.A. Maynard

And that's the one thing I find with my writing is it's always fun to kind of say, oh, I didn't realize how it.

00:24:40 E.A. Maynard

Was happening or I didn't.

00:24:41 E.A. Maynard

Realize this or that.

00:24:43 E.A. Maynard

It's always.

00:24:44 E.A. Maynard

Interesting, I said.

00:24:45 E.A. Maynard

I'm the panser type person myself.

00:24:47 E.A. Maynard

It's also the reason I have a stack of longer than my arm of stories I've started and just kind of pushed aside, so.

00:24:55 Amber Boudreau

Right, right.

00:24:56 Amber Boudreau

I have a, uh, a writer friend and my writing group who was like, I've decided to start with theme.

00:25:03 Amber Boudreau

Like I'm going, she's going.

00:25:04 Amber Boudreau

To get the theme down first before she starts writing this story, I was like, OK.

00:25:10 Amber Boudreau

Let me know how that goes.

00:25:10 Amber Boudreau

Those so yeah.

00:25:12 E.A. Maynard

Yeah, that that would be interesting.

00:25:14 Amber Boudreau

It is.

00:25:15 Amber Boudreau

I mean, I think it's always something good to have in the back of your mind, but like, but yeah, I don't know if you can take it and and shake it and invert it and make it do what you.

00:25:19 E.A. Maynard

Right.

00:25:25 Amber Boudreau

Want it to?

00:25:26 Amber Boudreau

Do good, good.

00:25:27 Amber Boudreau

More power to you.

00:25:27

Yeah, yeah.

00:25:28 E.A. Maynard

And that's the one great thing about having so many different writing styles and writers is you do end up with so many different types of stories.

00:25:35 E.A. Maynard

I mean, just from the authors I've spoken with on this episode on not this episode.

00:25:41 E.A. Maynard

I'm sorry, from the.

00:25:42 Amber Boudreau

No worries.

00:25:43 E.A. Maynard

From this show alone, the way people come up with stories, these things that they bring to their stories are things that one I would never have thought about.

00:25:55 E.A. Maynard

Their life experience brings a whole lot different telling of they could have a similar story of Romeo and Juliet.

00:26:02 E.A. Maynard

And end up having each author would have a different way of telling it so.

00:26:07 Amber Boudreau

Right, right. Yeah.

00:26:09 E.A. Maynard

So what is it in your life that brought or I guess the better question is, is what in your life do you put into the story that brings you connected to the stories of the Dragon ears?

00:26:22 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, I I think that that idea of I think everybody is only I think doesn't everybody always want their own dragon, I mean.

00:26:31 E.A. Maynard

Well, if it's fun.

00:26:33 E.A. Maynard

I mean, I remember the never ending story with them.

00:26:35

Half alcohol.

00:26:38 E.A. Maynard

I mean, ever since a kid, I always wish I.

00:26:41 E.A. Maynard

Had a little Dragon Ball right around.

00:26:43 E.A. Maynard

Didn't it make traffic a heck of a lot better?

00:26:46 Amber Boudreau

Right, right.

00:26:47 Amber Boudreau

I I think, you know right up there with like Treehouse was Dragon.

00:26:52 Amber Boudreau

Uh, so I think those two things are really what I'm shooting for.

00:26:59 Amber Boudreau

So no, I yeah, yeah, I I just.

00:27:03 Amber Boudreau

I think I like the idea of, you know, there's a character who is a little reserved and.

00:27:11 Amber Boudreau

I've been through this trauma so she she has experience dealing with things that would otherwise make people panic or fly off the handle or dissolve.

00:27:24 Amber Boudreau

Into a puddle.

00:27:25 Amber Boudreau

Ah, and she she she knows what that's like.

00:27:29 Amber Boudreau

So she she has that experience.

00:27:31 Amber Boudreau

She knows how to.

00:27:32 Amber Boudreau

Maybe she knows when.

00:27:33 Amber Boudreau

She she knows when she maybe needs to go to pieces and when she needs to.

00:27:37 Amber Boudreau

Keep it together.

00:27:39 Amber Boudreau

So she's sort.

00:27:40 Amber Boudreau

Of able to deal kind of with with this fantastical.

00:27:45 Amber Boudreau

Notion that this beast has bitten her and now she can do amazing things, but what?

00:27:53 Amber Boudreau

She needs to.

00:27:54 Amber Boudreau

Do is to help him well, at first get back home and then and then and then help get her friends back from wherever his home is.

00:28:04 Amber Boudreau

So yeah.

00:28:05 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, I I I like that.

00:28:07 Amber Boudreau

Idea I I wasn't.

00:28:10 Amber Boudreau

And it wasn't so much that, like, I think when Zephyr bit her that she he imbued her with, you know, certain magical abilities because he's a magical creature, but they don't do magics themselves, but they're just innately magical beings.

00:28:19

Right.

00:28:24 Amber Boudreau

But I also think that when he bit her, I think he got, I think he got a little bit more.

00:28:30 Amber Boudreau

A little bit more.

00:28:31 Amber Boudreau

Red versus him just being just maintaining all of his dragon status quo, I think.

00:28:37 Amber Boudreau

I think you see a little bit of.

00:28:40 Amber Boudreau

Apparently their personalities reflected in each other a little bit, so it's interesting to kind of write that dynamic and so.

00:28:49 Amber Boudreau

It's interesting to see how it evolves over time.

00:28:53 E.A. Maynard

Understand, and if I remember correctly, and forgive me if this was second nature of the drag, drag near but there was a love interest where and I thought it was the twins that they may care more.

00:29:06 E.A. Maynard

The main character was you're attracted to.

00:29:09 E.A. Maynard

So is this dragoneer and what ended up.

00:29:09 Amber Boudreau

Right. Yeah.

00:29:14 E.A. Maynard

Is she still trying to figure?

00:29:15 E.A. Maynard

Things out with that or what's going on there?

00:29:17 Amber Boudreau

Right.

00:29:18 Amber Boudreau

So so yeah, by the time we hit the second book, her and Ansel, who has been her friend.

00:29:25 Amber Boudreau

Have kind of parted ways.

00:29:28 Amber Boudreau

And she is she is seeing Erin.

00:29:33 Amber Boudreau

I mean as in their friendly I don't know if there I don't know if you want.

00:29:37 Amber Boudreau

I don't know if we want to put.

00:29:38 Amber Boudreau

Labels on things, Eric, I don't.

00:29:40 Amber Boudreau

Want to say their boyfriend?

00:29:41 Amber Boudreau

Girlfriend but like.

00:29:44 Amber Boudreau

But like, you know, she'd probably be OK with that, no?

00:29:48 Amber Boudreau

I think she's she's trying to figure it out.

00:29:51 Amber Boudreau

I think she's she's happy.

00:29:52 Amber Boudreau

I think she's happy that Aaron is talking to her and.

00:29:54 Amber Boudreau

She's happy to reconnect with him and and see where things go, but at the same.

00:30:00 Amber Boudreau

Time she's sort of, she's sort.

00:30:02 Amber Boudreau

Of grieving that.

00:30:03 Amber Boudreau

That last friendship with with Ansel.

00:30:06 Amber Boudreau

So and it's you know to add to the fact that the boat twins it just adds another layer of you know difficulty to things so but as we as we go forward in the Dragonair and the pretendre he we actually discovered that.

00:30:23 Amber Boudreau

Something might have happened.

00:30:25 Amber Boudreau

That would cause.

00:30:26 Amber Boudreau

Aaron to show.

00:30:28 Amber Boudreau

And interest in moraira that we might not have been expecting?

00:30:32 Amber Boudreau

So there there is that.

00:30:33 Amber Boudreau

To look forward to.

00:30:34 E.A. Maynard

All right, nice.

00:30:35 E.A. Maynard

So and then here's another question is more is 15 years old?

00:30:41 E.A. Maynard

She's not no old enough to drive, but she's old enough to know right from wrong and all the things that.

00:30:46 E.A. Maynard

She's doing.

00:30:47 Amber Boudreau

Right.

00:30:47 E.A. Maynard

Was there a specific reason that you chose?

00:30:51 E.A. Maynard

15 where?

00:30:52 E.A. Maynard

You couldn't have the cars involved, you couldn't have a. There's a lot more limitations on things she could do where even as a 16 year old she would have a couple more I guess options and what she can and can't do. There's a reason you said you know, 15's at age where this story needs to take place.

00:31:13 Amber Boudreau

You know, yeah, driving was a, uh, considered she 'cause Mario doesn't drive, but Ancelin Erin do.

00:31:20 Amber Boudreau

So yeah, that was it.

00:31:22 Amber Boudreau

It was an.

00:31:23 Amber Boudreau

Age where I felt like.

00:31:24 Amber Boudreau

She wanted freedoms, and so she she took them anyway she could going, you know, leaving the house, going for walks.

00:31:32 Amber Boudreau

She's basically on her own ticket to and from school.

00:31:37 Amber Boudreau

Anyway, she can, but yeah, but limited in the way that no, she doesn't have access to a motor vehicle, and she doesn't have and she doesn't have a driver's license either, so yeah, which is always an interesting.

00:31:52 Amber Boudreau

Thing we have to to get around.

00:31:54 Amber Boudreau

Always an interesting element to work around in a story, because as I write the.

00:31:58 Amber Boudreau

Third one I was.

00:31:58 Amber Boudreau

Like, well, she's gotta get there.

00:32:00 Amber Boudreau

How is she?

00:32:00 Amber Boudreau

Going to get there, so.

00:32:02 Amber Boudreau

It's very, it's like it's no.

00:32:04 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, so, yeah, so.

00:32:06 Amber Boudreau

That that question has come up not only in the, not so much in the second one, but definitely in the in the third book that I'm writing, it's, it's, it's.

00:32:14 Amber Boudreau

Reared its head so, yeah.

00:32:15 E.A. Maynard

Alright, so I mean, what else can you tell us between the dragon ear and the dragon urine pretender?

00:32:23 E.A. Maynard

That would actually, if somebody is not already a fan of you, would make them say, you know, I need to pick up this book, these this series.

00:32:32 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, well I appreciate it.

00:32:34 Amber Boudreau

So I will say that my publisher has called the Dragon of the Pretender a standalone sequel.

00:32:40 Amber Boudreau

So he would say you probably don't necessarily need to read the first one to understand what's going on in the second book.

00:32:46 Amber Boudreau

You could just pick it up and find and get sucked into the story.

00:32:50 Amber Boudreau

But I would say if you're interested, you can.

00:32:53 Amber Boudreau

Check out the dragoneer.

00:32:54 Amber Boudreau

And see how it all kicked off and see how it started.

00:32:57 Amber Boudreau

Uh, yeah, they, I'm, I'm excited to share their books with everybody.

00:33:02 Amber Boudreau

They, you know, they take a look at what the ignorant Maurice character and what somebody would do in that situation.

00:33:10 Amber Boudreau

So as fantastic 'cause it.

00:33:12 Amber Boudreau

But yeah, anybody I think who's a fan of Dragons come.

00:33:18 Amber Boudreau

Like I said, the first one is a little bit how to train your dragon here in this case, but by the second one, you know, it's it's half track, half Dragon will travel.

00:33:27 Amber Boudreau

So she's she's got a mission and she's got to get her friends back.

00:33:32 Amber Boudreau

And the second one, and she's going to do that in.

00:33:34 Amber Boudreau

Any way she can.

00:33:35 Amber Boudreau

So yeah.

00:33:36 Amber Boudreau

And then she's gotta go.

00:33:38 Amber Boudreau

She's going to go up against trolls, she's going to go up against Imps, she's an army of Imps, she's going to go up against an evil magician.

00:33:45 Amber Boudreau

And on top of all that she's got, she's.

00:33:47 Amber Boudreau

Got to deal with politics?

00:33:49 Amber Boudreau

So it's a lot.

00:33:51 E.A. Maynard

Who wants to?

00:33:52 E.A. Maynard

Deal with politics.

00:33:53

Yeah, exactly.

00:33:55 Amber Boudreau

It's like all.

00:33:55 Amber Boudreau

Of these are bad, and then and then they.

00:33:58 Amber Boudreau

Also have politics, so.

00:33:59 E.A. Maynard

Yeah, So what other creatures besides the trolls, the goblins and Imps and Dragons, obviously, or being able to be discovered in this other world?

00:34:10 Amber Boudreau

Well actually she does up along the way, saves the life of 1/2 Fey. So halfling, she leaves, she saves his life. His his name is Arianne and she ends up traveling with them. So she does come to his aid and sort of in in response.

00:34:30 Amber Boudreau

To that he feels that he needs to.

00:34:33 Amber Boudreau

He needs to repay that debt, so he thinks that he should travel with them for some time.

00:34:39 Amber Boudreau

So yeah, so we also have a little bit of introduction to Fey or the halfling, and I should say inks in this case are also the products of of Fey and humans, so.

00:34:53 Amber Boudreau

Just to put that out there as well, but it eurion is a halfling, so his mother was Fey, so that's how handsome he looks.

00:35:02 Amber Boudreau

More human than an IMP would, so that's that's how they end up traveling together.

00:35:05 E.A. Maynard

OK.

00:35:08 E.A. Maynard

Well, that sounds good.

00:35:10 E.A. Maynard

So now obviously I imagine you have plenty to do for today and I don't want to take up too much of your time.

00:35:17 E.A. Maynard

I'm very happy I got to speak with you.

00:35:19 E.A. Maynard

About your third book.

00:35:20 E.A. Maynard

Coming out the second in the Dragoneer series.

00:35:23 E.A. Maynard

Where other than.

00:35:25 E.A. Maynard

Altar blurb com where I have all your information.

00:35:28 E.A. Maynard

Where do you think people should best find you if?

00:35:31 E.A. Maynard

They want to.

00:35:32 E.A. Maynard

Find your books fine.

00:35:33 E.A. Maynard

And we contact you, ask you questions or what?

00:35:36 E.A. Maynard

So have you.

00:35:37 Amber Boudreau

Yeah, I I appreciate that.

00:35:39 Amber Boudreau

So of course everything is available at the giant umbrella of things that is Amazon, so.

00:35:47 Amber Boudreau

We we we.

00:35:47 Amber Boudreau

Know that things can be found there, but wherever.

00:35:52 Amber Boudreau

Fine fine.

00:35:53 Amber Boudreau

Books are sold I guess is what they say.

00:35:55

Right, right.

00:35:56

I haven't heard that in.

00:35:56 Amber Boudreau

Forever, wherever fine books are sold, so yeah, you can find them at you can go to your local bookstore and request it there.

00:36:04 Amber Boudreau

They sure they would be happy to order it for you, but yes, ebooks are probably going to be relegated to that, to that Amazon world.

00:36:11 Amber Boudreau

But there you can find them on Amazon, Barnes and Noble.

00:36:17 Amber Boudreau

Anywhere, really.

00:36:18 Amber Boudreau

Also on online I'm I'm on Twitter, I'm on Instagram, I'm on Facebook.

00:36:23 Amber Boudreau

I I have since since we last spoke, I started an author page.

00:36:28 Amber Boudreau

So author Amber Boudreaux.

00:36:32 Amber Boudreau

Page or all those handles are at an amber author, so you should be.

00:36:36 Amber Boudreau

You can find me anywhere.

00:36:37 Amber Boudreau

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

00:36:39 Amber Boudreau

I I do have a website with an e-mail address.

00:36:42 Amber Boudreau

People can drop me questions or lines.

00:36:45 Amber Boudreau

I'm always happy to connect with readers, mostly because I want to find out what they're reading.

00:36:50 Amber Boudreau

Because I'm always looking.

00:36:51 Amber Boudreau

For something good.

00:36:54 E.A. Maynard

Well, that sounds perfect.

00:36:55 E.A. Maynard

So sounds like there's if somebody is having problems finding you, it's their own fault, because you sound like you're out there enough.

00:37:02 E.A. Maynard

And if you're listening to this show, obviously you have all the links in the show notes or at your profile on author blurb.

00:37:09 E.A. Maynard

So again, I do appreciate you being here.

00:37:12 E.A. Maynard

We're going to end the conversation for everybody else, but as before, just hold on and we'll talk a little bit more.

00:37:18 Amber Boudreau

Sure, sounds great.

00:37:20 Amber Boudreau

Thank you, Eric.

00:37:21 E.A. Maynard

Thank you.