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Episode Title and Number: Legends, Librarians and Lattes (Season 3, Episode 7)

Episode Summary: Sara and Daniel interview author Travis Baldree, author of *Legends and Lattes*, the bestselling cozy fantasy novel about an orc who trades in her weapons to open a coffee shop in a quiet village. In this episode – which focuses on ReadICT category 3, a book about friendship – Travis shares his thoughts on how our friendships are a form of self-reflection, why found families are important, and what exactly a hobgoblin is.

Guest Bio:



(Photo: Travisbaldree.com)

Travis is a full-time audiobook narrator who has lent his voice to hundreds of stories. Before that, he spent decades designing and building video games like *Torchlight*, *Rebel Galaxy*, and *Fate*. Apparently, he now also writes books. He lives in the Pacific Northwest with his very patient family and their small, nervous dog. *Legends & Lattes* is his debut novel.

(Source: Panmacmillan.com)

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Books recommended in this episode:

The Girls from Ames: A Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship by Jeffrey Zaslow

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

The Cat Who Saved Books: A Novel by Sosuke Natsukawa, translated by Louise Heal Kawai

Thirty Thousand Bottles of Wine and a Pig Called Helga: A not-so-perfect tree change by Todd Alexander

Tomorrow Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Nation by Terry Pratchett

Rules for Visiting: A Novel by Jessica Francis Kane

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

How Far the Light Reaches: A Life in Ten Sea Creatures by Sabrina Imbler

Someone Who Will Love You in All Your Damaged Glory: Stories by Raphael Bob-Waksberg

Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune

Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carlie Sorosiak

Love, Clancy: Diary of a Good Dog by W. Bruce Cameron

The Book Haters' Book Club: A Novel by Gretchen Anthony

The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers

Special Thanks to our reading community on Facebook and callers to our book review hotline for sharing their recommendations!

Resources & Links:

About Travis Baldree

[Travis's Website](#)

Instagram: [@travis_baldree](#)

TikTok: @travisbaldree

Twitter: [@TravisBaldree](#)

YouTube Channel: [@travisbaldree](#)

Books by Travis Baldree

Legends and Lattes (2022)

Bookshops and Bonedust (coming November 2023)

["Pages to fill: A *Legends and Lattes* short story"](#)

[Audiobooks narrated by Travis Baldree](#)

Upcoming Appearances/Projects

[Bookshops and Bonedust Book Tour \(November 6-17, 2023\)](#)

[Dragon Con: Atlanta, GA \(August 31-September 4, 2023\)](#)

[Rose City Comic Con: Portland, OR \(September 22-24, 2023\)](#)

Books mentioned in this episode

Going Postal by Terry Pratchett

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones

Mort by Terry Pratchett

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Murder, She Wrote (Book Series) by Donald Bain (1989-2017), Renée Paley-Bain (2002-2016), Jon Land (2018-2020), Terry Farley Moran (2020-Present)

Hercule Poirot (Series of Novels) by Agatha Christie

Legends and Lattes Fan Art

[Secondbrickfast.com](https://secondbrickfast.com): [Lego Fan Art by Rick Martin](#)

[Legends and Lattes by Travis Baldree Fan Art Procreate Time Lapse \(Eleni Hardman on YouTube\)](#)

[Viv and Tandri drawing by Alyzea Rodriguez on ArtStation](#)

[Thimble drawing by Hayley Morgan on ArtStation](#)

[Tandri drawing by Pinkchaosart on DeviantArt](#)

[Viv, Tandri and Thimble drawing by The-Great-RKL on DeviantArt](#)

[Thimble drawing by Amy West \(@HargoliphStudio\) on Twitter](#)

[Legends and Lattes Art by DracoKiro on Reddit](#)

[Tandri, Viv and Thimble drawings by Pinapli \(@pinapli\) on Twitter](#)

[Viv, Tandri and Thimble drawing by Rosiethorns88 on Tumblr](#)

Other Resources

[The Great British Bake Off \(TV Show\)](#)

[Fixer Upper \(TV Show\)](#)

[Slice-of-life \(literary genre\)](#)

[Baldur's Gate \(video game series\)](#)

[Neverwinter Nights \(video game series\)](#)

[Merriam-Webster definition of Hobgoblin](#)

Book Riot: [What Counts as Cozy Fantasy? \(May 2, 2023\)](#)

Mythcreants: [What Legends and Lattes Teaches Us About Light Stories \(December 3, 2022\)](#)

[Studio Ghibli](#)

New Ground Magazine: [How Covid-19 changed coffee shop geography \(May 30, 2022\)](#)

The Afictionado: [The Rise of Cosy \(sic\) Sci-Fi and Fantasy in the Pandemic Era \(February 9, 2023\)](#)

[NaNoWriMo](#)

[NaNoWriMo: Prep 101](#)

[Aven Shore-Kind \(narrator/writer\)](#)

[Psychology Today: Social Comparison Theory](#)

[Tor Publishing](#)

[The Venture Bros. \(TV Show\)](#)

[Will Patton \(audiobook narrator\)](#)

[Fate \(videogame\)](#)

[Torchlight \(videogame\)](#)

[Justin Gerard \(Illustrator\)](#)

[Wraithmarked Kickstarter Campaign: Legends & Lattes Deluxe Hardcover](#)

Full Transcript: http://wichitalibrary.org/BooksMore/Podcast/Pages/rrr_s3e7.aspx

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