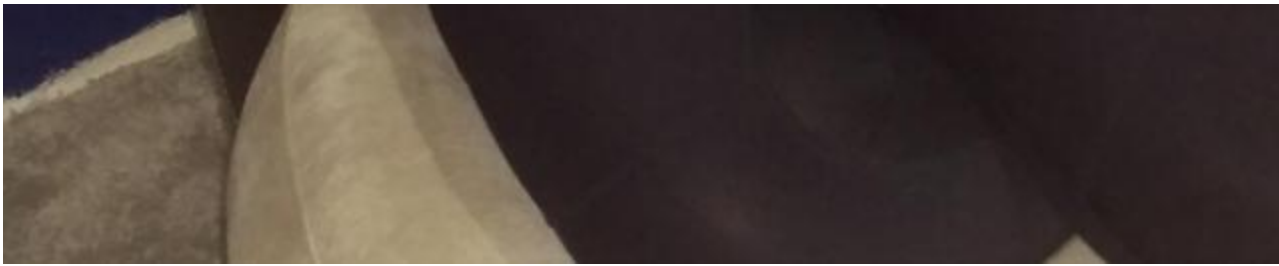




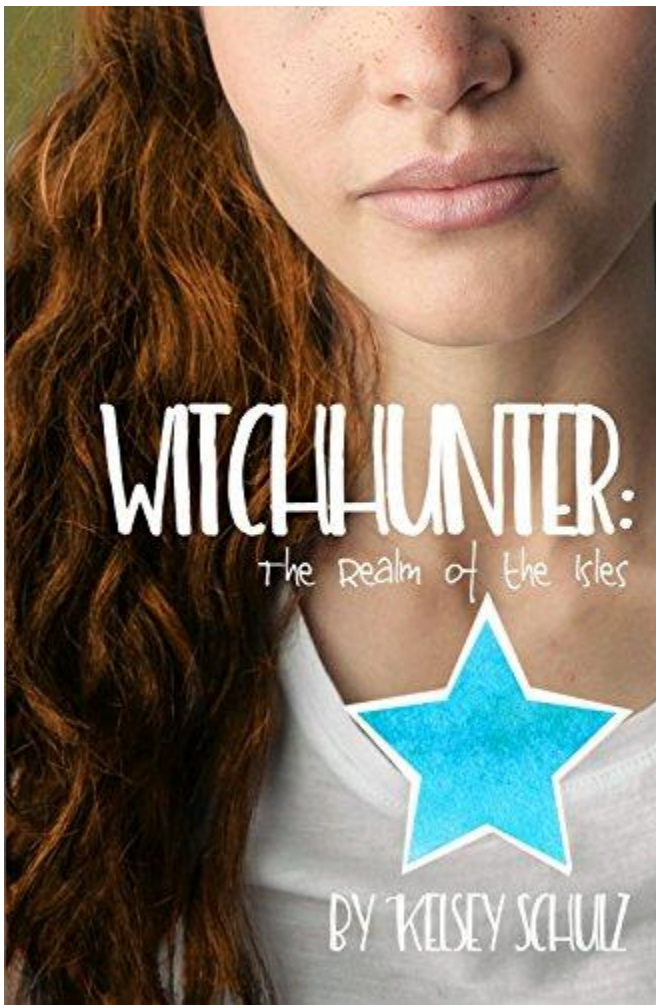
Local author releases book on Amazon

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GODFREY - She had been working on it since she was a freshman in high school, she wrote three or four editions, and last month, she published it on Amazon.



Kelsey Schulz, 23, placed her book, *Witchhunter: Realm of the Isles*, on **Amazon**. It can be downloaded through Kindles for \$2.99 or purchased as a paperback for \$9.99. Schulz utilized Amazon's **Create Space** for the paperback copy. Through that, Amazon is able to create books as orders are placed to fill them. Schulz said she turned to Amazon after a handful of queries to literary agents and publishers went unanswered.

"I did not get the responses I wanted to move the book forward, so I decided to go through Amazon and publish through Kindles," Schulz said. "After I found Create Space, an Amazon-owned website, I was able to publish a print copy. They publish as people order it. It allowed me to do it that way for people who want it in print."

Witchhunter: Realm of the Isles is a suspense-filled fantasy thriller, where things are not what they seem for 19-year-old Aria, the main character in the story. Schulz said the heroine in her novel lives in a small town and "shut down" after losing her parents in a car accident. Her brother helps her cope through the trauma, and together they discover their parents' death was not the accident it first seemed.

"They discover they are from a different world," Schulz said. "Aria discovers she and her friends have special abilities. Eventually, they make their way into that other realm and put themselves in a war that was waging before they were born."

Schulz attended **Alton High School**, and graduated in 2012. She wrote throughout high school, and continued her education to **Lewis and Clark Community College**. She attained her associate's degree within a year, and went to **Benedictine University** in Springfield for her bachelor's degree in writing and publishing.