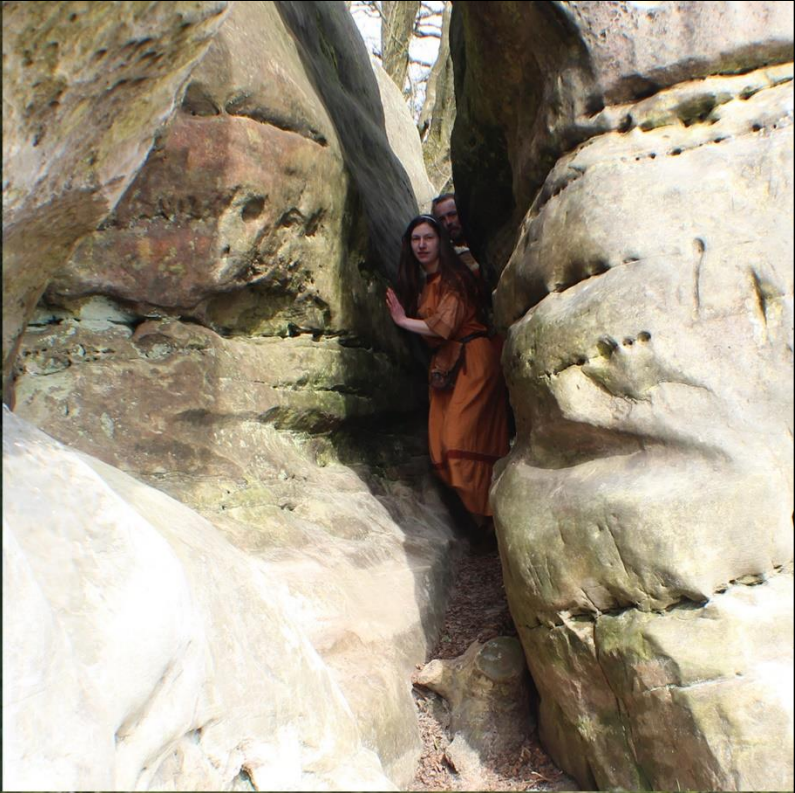
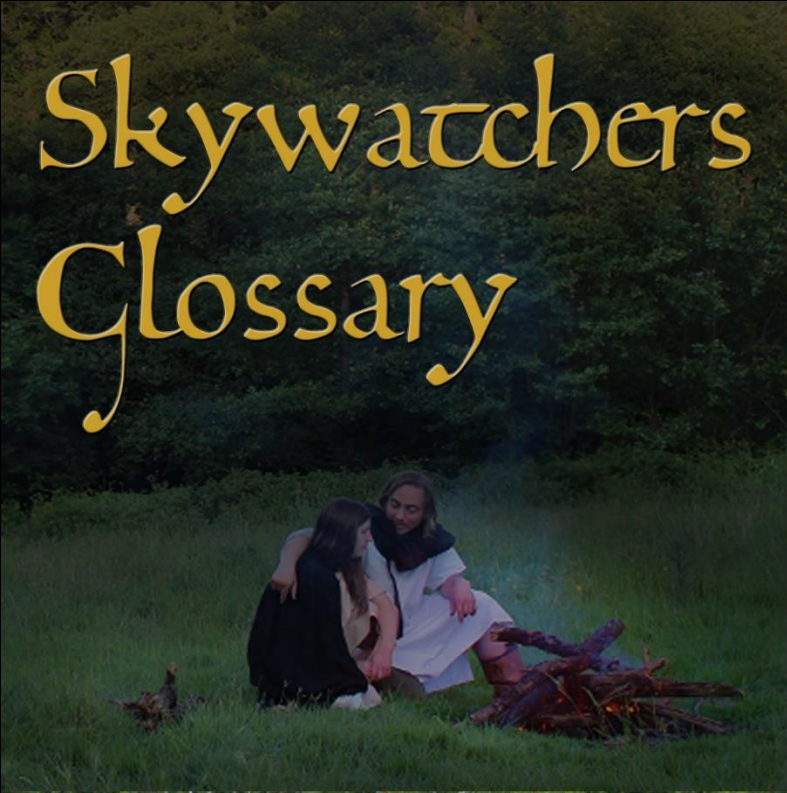


# Skywatchers Glossary



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## Glossary of Places and People in the Skywatchers Series

The **Skywatchers Series** is a quintet of novels by Cassie Oakman. This glossary is intended to provide a quick reference to the places and people in all five books. For further details of the **Skywatchers Series**, and other writing by Cassie Oakman, please see [www.cassieoakman.com](http://www.cassieoakman.com)

I want readers to be able to refer to this glossary while reading any of the books in the **Skywatchers Series**. In order to avoid spoilers, therefore, I have only mentioned facts that are known at the time of our first introduction to a character or place.

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**Places**, in the order in which they are mentioned

<b>Countries</b>	
Sheruflag	Island country, north of the main continent, where <i>Brightly Shines the Darkness</i> and parts of subsequent novels are set.
Orflag	Northernmost country on the main continent, south and across the sea from Sheruflag, where much of <i>Distant my Companions</i> and parts of subsequent novels are set.
Mantalag	Country south of Orflag. Part of the Tarkan Empire.
Tarka	Powerful country to the south-east of Mantalag.
Arbaka	Country far to the east of Tarka. Distant and mysterious, known only for the silk and spices that merchants bring to Tarka and the west.
The Western Isles	Group of islands to the west of northern Sheruflag. Fiercely independent, of Sheruflag as well as of the main continent.
Wenslag	Independent country across the sea to the east of Sheruflag.

<b>Settlements in Sheruflag</b>	
The Village	Small settlement in south-eastern Sheruflag. Place where the main characters of <i>Brightly Shines the Darkness</i> were born and grew up.
Carshak	Town about half a day's walk east of The Village, where Vetia was born and grew up. Renowned for the quality of its embroidery.
Ruafor	Small town on the main road from Levrik to the coast at Rorbik. Over half a day's walk north-east of The Village.
Rorbik	Major port on the south-eastern coast of Sheruflag, where trading boats from neighbouring Orflag and the Tarkan Empire dock.
Barnak	Hamlet on the southern coast of Sheruflag. Fishing community.
Levrik	Capital city of Sheruflag, seat of government. Nearly three days' walk from The Village.
Borlei	Port on the west coast of Sheruflag, north-west of Levrik.

Jentok	Major sunservicing centre in southwestern Sheruflag, and capital of a province of the same name.
Chistak	Town on the southern coast of Sheruflag.
Hentis	Town and large port on the southern coast of Sheruflag. Nearest port to Jentok.
Deorlin	Province in the far south-west of Sheruflag.
Sondree	Fishing settlement and small port on the west coast of Sheruflag, somewhat south of Borlei.

<b>Settlements elsewhere</b>	
Bornoi	Port, fishing and trading town on the northern shore of Orflag, south across the sea from Rorbik in Sheruflag.
Sandlar	Port on northern coast of Orflag, to the east of Bornoi.
Laketon	Town by a large lake in southern Orflag.
Lamanoi	Town in southern Orflag, near the border with Mantalag, west of Laketon.
Sentleton	Capital of Orflag, south-west of Bornoi, and north of Shabonol.
Shabonol	Town in Mantalag just south of the border with Orflag.

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## People

<b>People in <i>Brightly Shines the Darkness</i> (Book 1 in the Skywatchers Series)</b>	
Passenda	Once priest to the Village, together with her husband Pero. They attended the Annual Priests' Gathering, on this occasion in Jentok, and we learn in the prologue that warriors of the One Religion invaded this ceremony and imprisoned and then slaughtered all the priests.
Pero	Once priest to the Village, together with his wife Passenda. They attended the Annual Priests' Gathering, on this occasion in Jentok, and we learn in the prologue that warriors of the One Religion invaded this ceremony and imprisoned and then slaughtered all the priests.
Dhoban	Was brought up by Pero and Passenda, together with his sister Serin, after their parents abandoned them many years ago. Having served an apprenticeship with their foster-parents, he and Serin feel obliged to take on responsibility for their community's spiritual welfare after Pero and Passenda's untimely deaths, in spite of their youth.
Serin	Was brought up by Pero and Passenda, together with her brother Dhoban, after their parents abandoned them many years ago. Having served an apprenticeship with their foster-parents, she and Dhoban feel obliged to take on responsibility for their community's spiritual welfare after Pero and Passenda's untimely deaths, in spite of their youth.
Ronil	Master merchant who lives in the Village, and trades with other settlements in south-eastern Sheruflag on its behalf. He has an assistant, Jorbat, and at the start of the book he has seeking to appoint an apprentice.
Sharn	Farren and Arka's elder son, who works in the Village as a builder. He has recently married Vetia.
Vetia	Sharn's wife, who comes from Carshak.
Farren	Chief elder to the Village, having trained in interpreting the law in Levrik many years ago. Married to Arka, and father of Sharn and Lorjak.

Mikon	Religious leader of the sunservers in Sheruflag, based in Jentok.
Ardil	Son of Brocal, the miller, and his wife in the Village. Fourteen years old. Has applied for an apprenticeship to Dhoban and Serin, and also to Ronil.
Arka	Farren's wife, and mother of Sharn and Lorjak.
Jorbat	Assistant to Ronil, having recently finished his apprenticeship.
Lorjak	Son of Farren and Arka. Fourteen years old. Has applied for an apprenticeship to Dhoban and Serin, and also to Ronil.
Benelus	Lawgiver in Levrik, with particular responsibility for trade. He and Farren were apprentices together there, many years ago.
Ojan	Son of the widow Yarmil in the Village. Twelve years old. Theoretically still a child, but has nevertheless applied for an apprenticeship to Dhoban and Serin.
Yarmil	Ojan's mother, who was widowed shortly before his birth. A gentle and sensitive woman, she is often employed to help care for someone who is sick, or to look after children while their mother is ill.
Lutjak	Was priest to the Village a long time ago, after training and practising in Carshak.
Tandis	Apprentice merchant in Carshak.
Rimond	Head husbandryman in the Village.
Darlet	Young man who meets Ardil and Tandis on the way to Levrik.
Marind, Jomak	Villagers who work for Rimond in animal husbandry.
Malik	Devout follower of the One Religion, who works for the Church Commission as an enforcer.
Dosant	Malik's second-in-command.
Varmak, Rastil, Bardan, Vinlik	Warriors in Malik's band.

**People in *Distant my Companions* (Book 2 in the Skywatchers Series)**

Some of those already introduced in *Brightly Shines the Darkness*, plus the following:-

Marbo	Innkeeper in Bornoï.
Farmol	Scribe in the service of the Nameless One.
Nameless One	Leader of the community in the mountains.
Rarlus	In charge of the defence of the mountain community.
Petroi	One of the attendants who serve the Nameless One.
Samblon	Master-builder in Levrik.
Muntol	Strategist who plans raids on behalf of the mountain community, since a leg injury prevented him from continuing to carry out raids.
Darvil	Pathfinder of Laketon.
Panol	Pathfinder of Shabonol.
Saclin	Widow and embroiderer who lives in Laketon, next door to Darvil.
Baftol	Rarlus' second-in-command.
Fabloi	Chief raider for the community in the mountains.
Rimpik	In charge of food allocation in the mountains.
Varlak	Elder of Lamanoi.
Fordlik	Healer of Laketon.
Brocal	Miller in the Village. Ardil's father.
Calon	Builder, recently arrived in the Village.
Falmik	Once a priest and one of Lutjak's mentors, she died many years ago.
Venela	Dhoban and Serin's mother. She trained as an embroideress and as a priest in Carshak. Originally Lutjak's apprentice, she later became his professional partner when they moved to the Village.
The Songster	Venela's husband, and Dhoban and Serin's father.



Finileus	Lawgiver in Levrik, charged with advising on religious integration.
Marnoi	Trader of Laketon.
Poltoi	Elder of Shabonol.
Kretloi	Elder of Laketon.
Ailsha	Nameless One's loyal servant.
Banda	An old woman who lives in the Village.
Darius	Lawgiver in Levrik, responsible for foreign affairs.
Framil	An elder in the Village.
Chara	Ailsha's sister, and also in the service of the Nameless One.

### **People in *Sombre Glows the Sun* (Book 3 in the Skywatchers Series)**

Some of those introduced earlier in the series, plus the following:-

Man	Male slave in Borlei, owned by Master Merchant Trevis.
Woman	Female slave in Borlei, owned by Master Merchant Trevis.
Eron	Older of Mikon's twin sons, a member of the Council of Sunservers in Jentok.
Ishtin	Eron's wife.
Trys	Younger of Mikon's twin sons, a member of the Council of Sunservers in Jentok.
Erelan	Trys' year-partner.
Kella	Mikon's only daughter, and youngest child. Enslaved by Hantor.
Hantor	Tarkan sunserver and warrior, sent by the Empire to Sheruflag. A member of the Council of Sunservers in Jentok.
Trevis	Master merchant in Borlei.
Renius	Trevis' most valued assistant.

Jena	Trevis' young daughter.
Brak	Young man who lives in a rural location some distance from Borlei.
Carek	Brak's wife.
Ranna	Brak and Carek's baby daughter.
Flandak	Seamaster who lives in Rorbik, and whose ships ply the sea between Sheruflag and Orflag.
Mistrak	Brak's father.
Galdus	Servant in the employ of Trevis Merchant.
Mindak	Ostler in the employ of Trevis Merchant.
Reemal	Inhabitant of Newvale.
Konal	Inhabitant of Newvale.
Depinicus	Darius' most senior assistant.
Petra	Small baby, cared for by Chara in the mountains.

### **People in *Strangers, my Kin* (Book 4 in the Skywatchers Series)**

Some of those introduced earlier in the series, plus the following:-

Ripton	Hantor's most valued advisor, and to some extent his confidant.
Hostus	One of Darius' senior assistants.
Tarbenak	Lawgiver in Levrik, responsible for internal order and domestic affairs.
Portenis	Lawgiver in Levrik.
Tia	Young widow in the Village.
Miranto	Sunserving priest, trained in Chistak, and recently appointed to the Village.

**People in *Strident Sings the Moon* (Book 5 in the Skywatchers Series)**

Some of those introduced earlier in the series, plus the following:-

Katli	Moonfollowing priest, now dead. She trained with Lutjak in Carshak, and remained there when he and Venela moved to the Village.
Prinzin	Long-dead moonfollowing priest. He and Falmik were partners, and trained Lutjak and Katli.
Tirla	Kella's baby.
Tellus, Partus	Warriors in Darius' service.
Ailin	Maidservant in Jentok.
Gussa	Trys' housekeeper in Jentok, and Ailin's older sister.
Winna	Midwife in Jentok.
Flentik	Woodsman who lives west of Jentok.

**People in the Skywatchers Series, in alphabetical order**

Person	First mention	Description
Ailin	Book 5	Maidservant in Jentok.
Ailsha	Book 2	Nameless One's loyal servant.
Ardil	Book 1	Son of Brocal, the miller, and his wife in the Village. Fourteen years old. Has applied for an apprenticeship to Dhoban and Serin, and also to Ronil.
Arka	Book 1	Farren's wife, and mother of Sharn and Lorjak.
Baftol	Book 2	Rarlus' second-in-command.
Banda	Book 2	An old woman who lives in the Village.
Bardan	Book 1	A warrior in Malik's band.
Benelus	Book 1	Lawgiver in Levrik, with particular responsibility for trade. He and Farren were apprentices together there, many years ago.

Brak	Book 3	Young man who lives in a rural location some distance from Borlei.
Brocal	Book 2	Miller in the Village. Ardil's father.
Calon	Book 2	Builder, recently arrived in the Village.
Carek	Book 3	Brak's wife.
Chara	Book 2	Ailsha's sister, and also in the service of the Nameless One.
Darius	Book 2	Lawgiver in Levrik, responsible for foreign affairs.
Darlet	Book 1	Young man who meets Ardil and Tandis on the way to Levrik.
Darvil	Book 2	Pathfinder of Laketon.
Depinicus	Book 3	Darius' most senior assistant.
Dhoban	Book 1	Was brought up by Pero and Passenda, together with his sister Serin, after their parents abandoned them many years ago. Having served an apprenticeship with their foster-parents, he and Serin feel obliged to take on responsibility for their community's spiritual welfare after Pero and Passenda's untimely deaths, in spite of their youth.
Dosant	Book 1	Malik's second-in-command.
Erelan	Book 3	Trys' year-partner.
Eron	Book 3	Older of Mikon's twin sons, a member of the Council of Sunservers in Jentok.
Fabloi	Book 2	Chief raider for the community in the mountains.
Falmik	Book 2	Once a priest and one of Lutjak's mentors, she died many years ago.
Farmol	Book 2	Scribe in the service of the Nameless One.
Farren	Book 1	Chief elder to the Village, having trained in interpreting the law in Levrik many years ago. Married to Arka, and father of Sharn and Lorjak.



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Flandak	Book 3	Seamaster who lives in Rorbik, and whose ships ply the sea between Sheruflag and Orflag.
Flentik	Book 5	Woodsman who lives west of Jentok.
Fordlik	Book 2	Healer of Laketon.
Framil	Book 2	An elder in the Village.
Galdus	Book 3	Servant in the employ of Trevis Merchant.
Gussa	Book 5	Trys' housekeeper in Jentok, and Ailin's older sister.
Hantor	Book 3	Tarkan sunserver and warrior, sent by the Empire to Sheruflag. A member of the Council of Sunservers in Jentok.
Hostus	Book 4	One of Darius' senior assistants.
Ishtin	Book 3	Eron's wife.
Jena	Book 3	Trevis' young daughter.
Jomak	Book 1	Villager who helps Rimond look after the animals.
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Partus	Book 5	Warrior in Darius' service.
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## **Moon-following priestly line of succession**

### **In Carshak**

Falmik (f) and Prinzin (m)

trained Katli (f) and Lutjak (m)

who trained Rindor (m) and Venela (f)

Katli and Rindor then stayed in Carshak, where their line of succession continues, but is not followed in the **Skywatchers Series**.

### **In the Village**

Lutjak (m) and Venela (f) moved to the Village, and

trained Pero (m) and Passenda (f)

who trained Dhoban (m) and Serin (f)

who need to choose and begin training apprentices at the start of the **Skywatchers Series**.