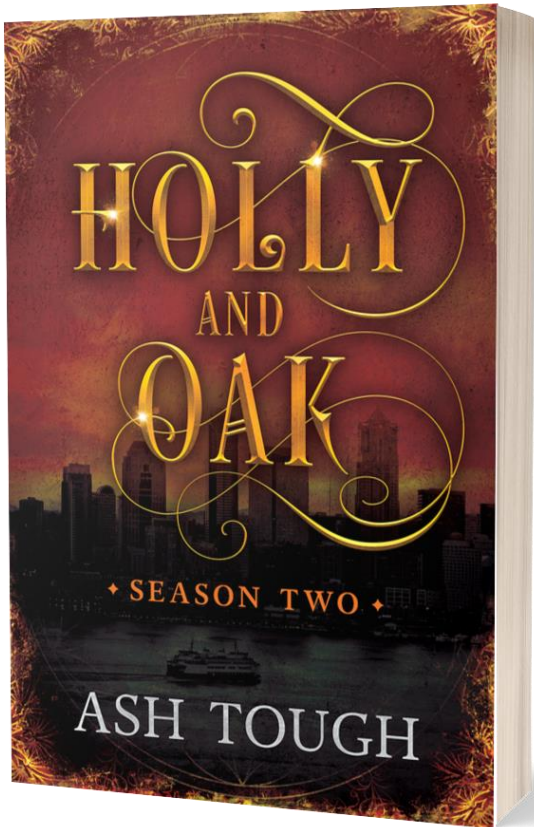


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STANDING ON THE BEACHES OF THE ISLAND OF HESPERIDES, KATE'S HAPPINESS IS FEELING COMFORTABLE IN HER OWN SKIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE...

Now moving forward, Kate has started rebuilding her life in Seattle, even going so far as to kindle a new romantic relationship. But the shadows of the past are waking. The remnants of the decades long civil war that tore her family apart are stirring and they have Kate in their sights.

When the ones closest to her are targeted also, Kate may be unable to save those she loves from the Fae that seem determined to claim victory.

What lengths will she go to prevent any more deaths being laid on her conscience?

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ash Tough was born in Brisbane but spent most of her childhood on the Gold Coast. Her love of reading and fantasy was inspired at an early age, after which she was rarely without a book in hand. While studying Law, International Relations and Japanese at Griffith University, Ash took an opportunity to live and study in Europe. The breathtaking landscapes and architecture she found there, inspired her to create the world of *Holly & Oak: Season One*, which is her first published novel. She recently returned to the Gold Coast after some time living and working in Brisbane.

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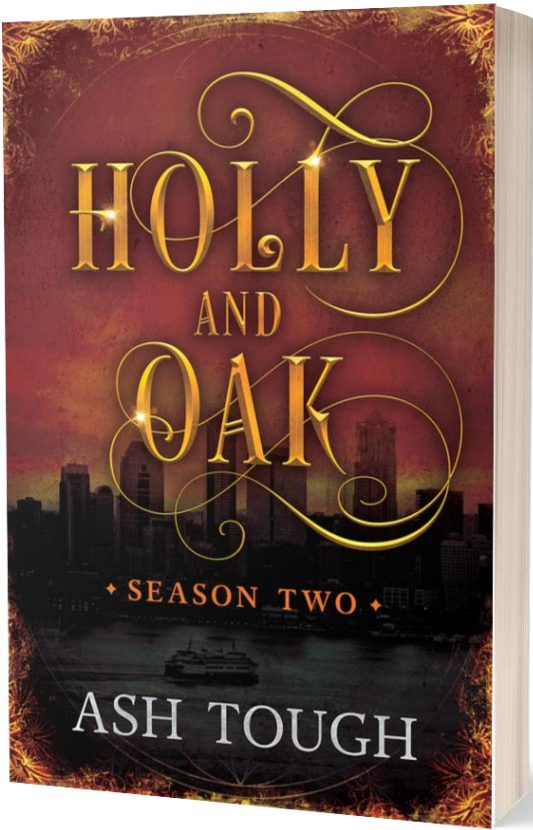
## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THE TITLE?

The title requires a little explanation but when researching twins in different mythology, I came across the story of the Oak King and Holly King. The two kings are considered to be the personification of the battle between light and dark. The endless "battle" that the two kings engage in is reflective of more than the seasonal cycles of the year but also crop renewal and growth. During warm days around Midsummer the Oak King is at the height of his strength while the Holly King regains power at the Autumn equinox, then his strength peaks during Midwinter, at which point the Oak King is reborn, regaining power at the Spring equinox, and perpetuating the succession. As such, I decided to incorporate that same duality in the title.

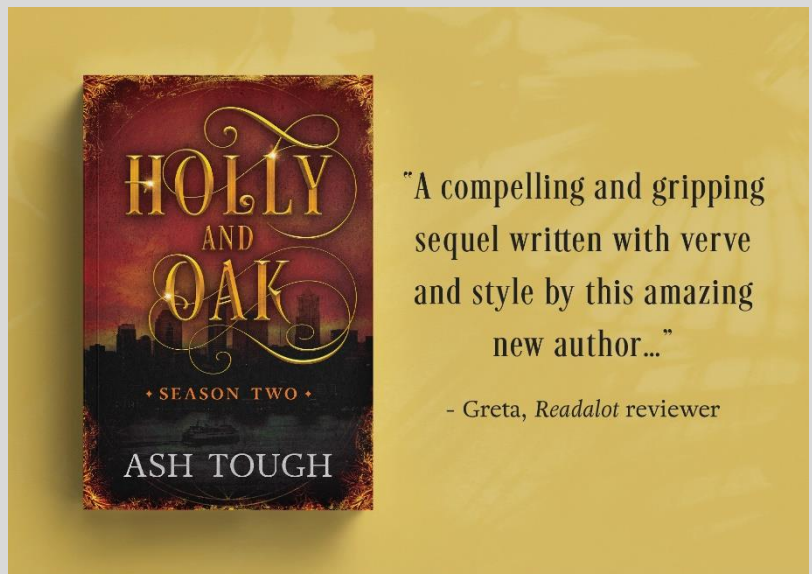
### WHAT DOES LITERARY SUCCESS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Literary success for me is about telling a story that people enjoy. I would love to say that I would like to see even one person take something worthwhile out of this but expecting this to change anyone's life is a lot to ask. As such, I will simply be happy if I can tell a story that people enjoy and want to read.



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