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Meteorologist turned novelist, **Maria V. Snyder** has been writing since she was bored at work and needed something creative to do. Over twenty-two published novels and numerous short stories later, Maria's learned a thing or three about writing. She's been on the New York Times bestseller list, won a dozen awards, and has earned her MA degree in Writing Popular Fiction from Seton Hill University where she's been happily sharing her knowledge with the current crop of MFA students. When she's not writing, she's either playing pickleball, traveling, taking pictures, or zonked out on the couch due to all of the above. Maria welcomes readers to learn more about her and her books at [www.MariaVSnyder.com](http://www.MariaVSnyder.com)

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