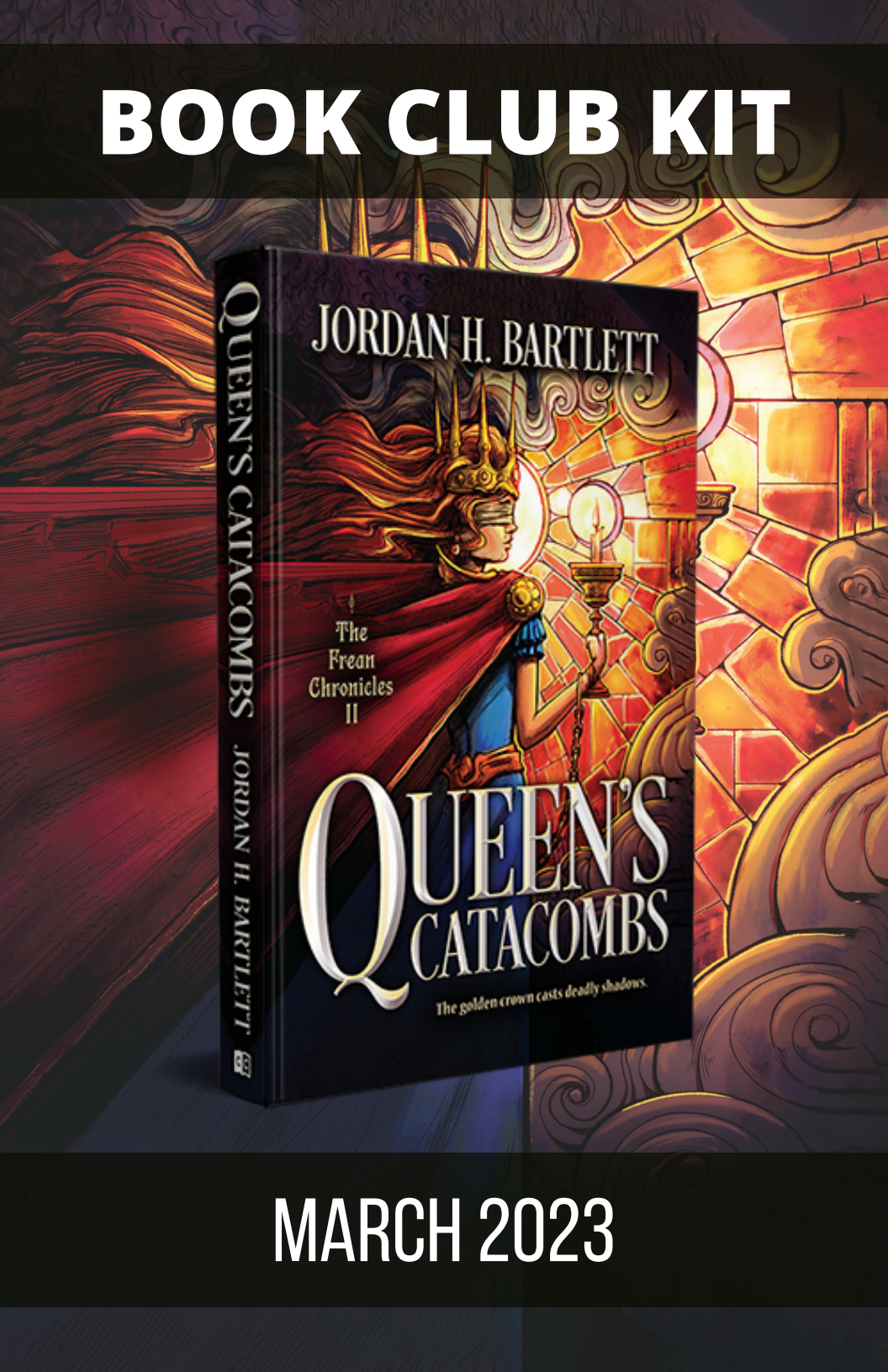
BOOK CLUB KIT



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your favorite scene or moment in the book, why?

2. What does this novel say about power? Which characters are powerful? Which characters are powerless? How is this represented? Where do we see examples of each in the novel?

3. What is the central theme of this novel? How was this theme brought to life?

4. Which character or moment prompted the strongest emotional reaction for you? Why?

5. Share a favorite quote from the book. What was it about this quote that made it memorable?

6. What are the different ways the characters talk about gender roles? What are some beliefs held about women in this world? What are some beliefs held about men in this world? How are these beliefs true/false? How do these beliefs affect different characters?

7. What motivates the actions of each of the main characters in the book?

8. How do different characters cope with the mind-affecting power of the Undercourt? What does this say about their personality? What does it tell us about their past?

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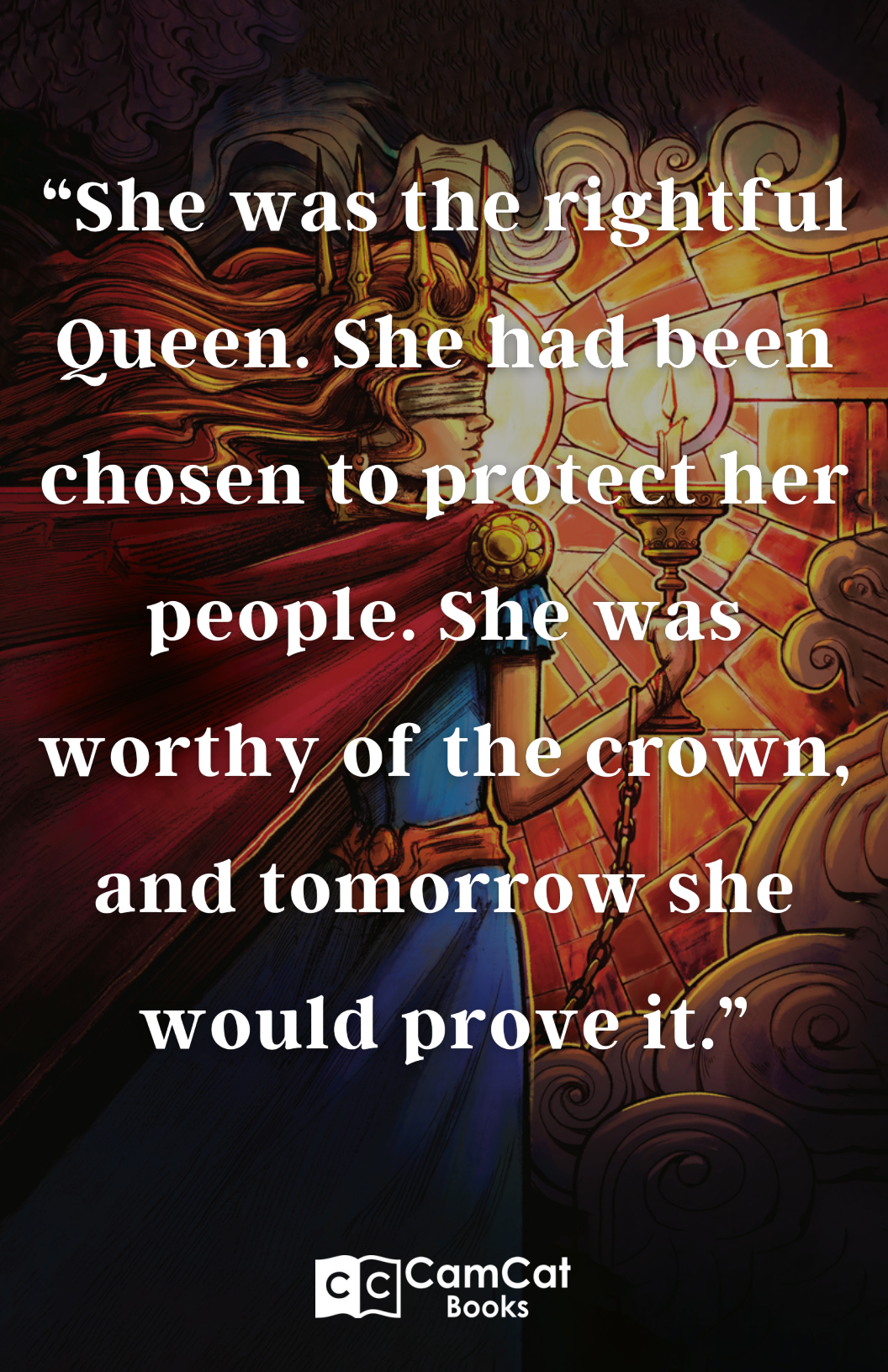
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