

Praise for *Alara's Call*

"Breathe deep. Relax. Sink into a world similar yet strikingly different than our own. A lavish world where mantle clocks, crinolines and epaulettes coexist with sword fighting and martial arts, visions and supernatural gifts. Follow the journey of a young woman called to serve her God yet struggling with the scope of that service. Gaze at this new world with soft eyes. It will surprise you. It surprised me. It touched my mind and heart. It was my first taste as an adult of the potential of speculative fiction. I am forever grateful for that."

—Robynn Tolbert, Author of *Daughter of Anasca*

"*Alara's Call* weaves a layered adventure in an intricate setting, full of rich detail and complex characters who battle immense odds. Readers seeking a story with depth and heart won't be disappointed by this inaugural work by Kristen Stieffel."

—Rebecca P. Minor, Author, Artist, and Founder of the Faith and Fantasy Alliance

"Kristen is a talented, thoughtful writer with fantastic storytelling instincts. *Alara's Call* is sure to please lovers of great fantasy stories."

—Ben Wolf, Award-Winning Author of *Blood for Blood*

"*Alara's Call* was beautifully drawn in every aspect, from the worldbuilding down to the characters and their motivations. I became so attached to Alara and Dorrel that I couldn't put the book down—I absolutely adored their relationship and how they fought for each other!"

—H.A. Titus, Author of *Forged Steel*

"Alara's conflict in this story is very real world and compelling in spite of the fantasy backdrop. The novel is well written with a combination of lovely, flowing prose and interesting personal conflict. It is a wonderful mix of women's fiction and fantasy that would serve as an excellent introduction to the first-time seeker, while holding the attention of the seasoned reader."

—T. J. Akers, Author of *The Final Paladin*

"Stieffel's exquisite writing style and detailed setting drew me into her fantasy world from the very first page. In Alara, she has created a heroine unlike any I've ever read—a rare balance of faith and audacity, humility and fierce combat skills. *Alara's Call* will make you laugh, cry, smile, and ponder some of life's deepest questions."

—Laurie Lucking, Author of *Common*

“*Alara’s Call* is a fantastic beginning to The Prophets Chronicle series! Creative and exciting, it’s full of action, political intrigue, and a beautiful romance. These characters will capture your heart!”

—J. M. Hackman, Author of *Spark*

“An intriguing story with a clever heroine that is not to be missed. *Alara’s Call* is a fresh tale, breathing new life into the genre, while still giving us the familiar struggles and triumphs we crave.”

—Amy Brock McNew, Award-Winning Author of *Rebirth*

“As a prophet myself, I’ve always loved fantasy because it’s the lone genre where prophetic words are still honored, or even treated as ‘normal.’ Yet in most such stories, these words are long-past delivered, only left to be fulfilled. *Alara’s Call* is a refreshing and compelling addition to the genre precisely because in this story, the prophecies happen in real time. And the prophet herself is wrestling with a call very few of her countrymen share. Kristen has written a concise, compelling adventure that absolutely will keep all readers riveted. But for those of us who intimately resonate with Alara’s gift—and the daily challenges it brings with it—the story hits home on a much deeper level. This is a very special book with a destiny of its own. Prepare yourself to be moved.”

—Lisa England, Writer, Maker, & Coach, www.thatfierydance.com