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***The Curse of Coronado* available now on paperback, Kindle ebook**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, October 27, 2020** - *Kingdom of Florida: The Curse of Coronado* is now available for purchase in paperback and Kindle ebook formats. *The Curse of Coronado* is the fifth—and longest—novel in the imaginative, middle-grade Florida-fantasy series from author Taylor Thomas Smythe. The series, which draws inspiration from such classics as *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Harry Potter*, and L. Frank Baum’s *Oz* books, follows the journey of a group of South Florida children as they discover a magical parallel world ruled by an evil prince.

“The first four books happened over the course of one summer in the story world and told a very sequential story arc,” explained Smythe. “The new book picks up a year after *The Fountain of Youth* (the fourth book in the series), so we get to see how things have changed since we last left our heroes. Without spoiling too much, I can say that what starts in the opening pages as a light-hearted birthday celebration quickly goes awry. A mysterious package shows up and propels the children into a new quest.”

Readers can expect a lot of familiar faces—and a couple new ones. “The first several chapters are full of sweet reunions with many of the characters in the Kingdom that we’ve grown to love over the past couple years,” Smythe hinted. “I think readers will be pleased that we get to explore some of the characters who maybe weren’t quite at the center of the story before.”

As with the first four novels, artist Alice Waller returned to illustrate the world of *Kingdom of Florida* for the new novel. Though she moved out of state just before the release of book four, Waller—formerly based in West Palm Beach—had already been in talks with Smythe to bring the images the fifth book to life. “They’re some of her best yet,” Smythe noted.

*Kingdom of Florida: The Curse of Coronado* is now available at [www.kingdomofflorida.com](http://www.kingdomofflorida.com), along with the first four books, in paperback, hardcover, Kindle ebook, and (for the first installment) as a digital audiobook.