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***Kingdom of Florida, Volume I* hardcover compilation announced**

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, March 18, 2021 - Author and creator Taylor Thomas Smythe announced the upcoming release of *Kingdom of Florida, Volume I* — a special, single-volume hardcover collection of the first four books in his middle-grade fantasy series. The collection is available for pre-order now with a release date scheduled for April 13, 2021.

“It was always a dream of mine for these stories to become a hardcover treasury,” said Smythe. “I debated over the timing of this—whether I should wait until the whole series was complete, or whether to split it roughly in half and release the first part sooner. So, I’m thrilled to be offering this beautiful new edition of the first part of the *Kingdom of Florida* story. I hope it allows more readers to fall in love with this enchanting world and its quirky characters—and to catch up before the next book comes out.”

The new hardbound book clocks in at 732 pages and features the full texts of Books 1 - 4 in the *Kingdom of Florida* series—*The Golden Alligator*, *The Lamplight Society*, *The Place Beyond the Sea*, and *The Fountain of Youth*—along with the original black-and-white illustrations by Alice Waller. The colorful dust jacket bears a matte-finish design featuring eye-catching tropical blues and greens.

The release comes after last fall’s debut of *The Curse of Coronado* (Book 5) and ahead of a formal announcement of the upcoming, penultimate sixth novel in the series, which is expected later this year.

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 five *Kingdom of Florida* books are independently published and available via online booksellers and www.kingdomofflorida.com in paperback, hardcover, Kindle ebook, and — for the first two installments — audiobook. *Kingdom of Florida, Volume I* drops April 13 and is available for preorder today.