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novel series**



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Hollywood production

Kami Garcia – author of Beautiful Creatures, which was released as a Hollywood production last year, starring Emma Thompson and Jeremy Irons- is working on a new series, the Legion Series. The author is a fan of Dutch artist Chris Berens and in Book I of the Legion Series, Unbreakable, released September 2013, she incorporated an existing Chris Berens painting called Lady Day. The painting serves as the protagonist’s favorite painting. She has it hanging on her bedroom wall and identifies herself with the girl in the painting. The title of the novel refers to the unbreakable dome the girl in the painting is under. As a result of Kami using one of Berens’ works in her own, the two became close friends in real life.

Says Chris Berens: “”I was incredibly honored when one of my paintings appeared in a bestselling novel as the protagonist’s favorite painting. Extraordinary how something out of my made up, dreamt world on canvas gets sucked into another fictional world. And the fact that Kami gave me a role in her novel is sheer magic.”

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Illuminati

The second book from the Legion Series, *Unmarked*, will be launched this October 2nd in NYC. This time Kame Garcia gave Chris Berens a much bigger part in the book. She describes a long lost Chris Berens painting, playing an important role in the story. Not only did Chris make this painting especially for this occasion, the author fascinatingly gave Berens a part in the story. He appears as the head of the Illuminati's 'Order of the White Bear' in Amsterdam.

Berens: "The polar bear is a returning character in my work, it is my totem animal accompanying me on my path ever since my childhood. The fact that I am described as the head of the Order of the White Bear in a wonderful fantasyworld is as sensational as it is moving. The circle is complete."