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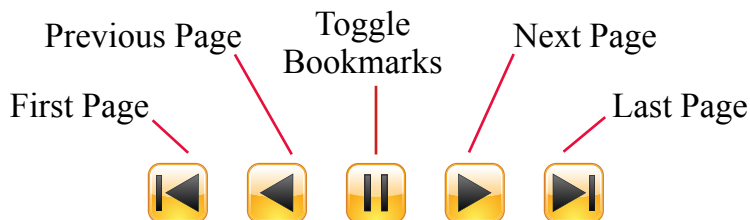


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### **5** WHERE THE RIVER SPRINGS FROM THE MOUNTAINS

*Nadya King*

Even though I no longer live there, I still feel called by the River and the Mountain. Every time I return, the ravens welcome me home, sweeping above me as I walk down the road toward those amazing, wonderful springs.

### **8** ANCIENT MOTHERS OF LOCH LOMOND *Jude Lally*

When I was a child, my dad would take us rambling around the hills where we lived up above Loch Lomond. Among the stones at the top of Carman Hill, I would sit, scrunching up my eyes: in my imagination all the cars disappeared and with a final blink, the streets and houses were rendered invisible as well.

### **13** HOME IS WHERE THE GODDESS IS *Terra West*

Our home is magical, although I didn't realize it right away. A hundred years old, perched high on a hill beside a venerable oak, she is a quirky old structure, with wooden floors that creak, skin-prickling secret closets, and a bathroom light that must be turned on from the hallway.

### **15** FAIRYLAND IN A FACTORY TOWN *A. Jean Linder*

The landscape is the vessel through which She reveals Herself. Through the land — through my sacred spaces in woods of Aunt's home and the small, but lovingly-preserved Pittsburgh parks — I connect, and feel, and love Her.

### **18** A NIGHT ON THE TOR *Klara Adalena*

A mysterious light from within set the Tor aglow. The moon had set, and while clouds covered the western sky, the Pleiades shone softly over the sacred mound. I pulled the purple hood of my cloak back, took my priestess staff, and hand-in-hand Marjon and I stood on the ancient pilgrimage path, facing towards the summit. I said to Marjon: “I feel it is time.”



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### 22 A DESERT EPIPHANY *D. Noel Knowler*

Choosing my steps carefully, I follow the narrow, winding path across the mesa. The trail is strewn with dull pock-marked rocks the color of a waning sunset. Around me the low sagebrush bushes smudge the early morning air with their sacred perfume.

### 26 MESTRA: RECOVERING THE SACRED GROVE IN ORANGE COUNTY *Kaeti Gugui*

Growing up in Orange County, California, my deepest feeling was an intense desire to escape. But life has a twisting way of bringing you back to yourself, and twice such turns of fate brought me back home.

### 29 EARTH ANGEL *Shekhina Margareta von Recklinghausen*

Even from this distance, I can see the white veins of crystal that run through the cliff where the Deivic spirit I have come to visit lives. My whole body feels the heightened energy as I walk towards the cliff.

### 30 MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE *Lisa Wersal*

The message moved me deeply: I felt as if it had been sent from Yemanja, Goddess of the Ocean Herself. I have since spoken to various groups about my experience, sharing the message as well as the bottle itself.

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