

# Reading Guide

## BLOODY BLACK

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**Tropes:** Female rage, found family, SA survivors, Enemies to Lovers

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“I'll hunt them down. Every man who helped, and every man who knew. Anyone who failed me, who didn't warn me. I'm going to rip out their hearts, the way they did mine.”

### CHARACTERS

**Princess Anne (Blackbeard)** Crowned princess of Celestia. Defeated 100 men. Swiped right and immediately regretted it.

**Genevieve** Anne's half-sister, the king's bastard daughter.

**King Francis** Their father, ruler of Celestia. Not exactly Dad of the Year.

**William** Anne's final opponent → betrothed → usurper. From Rivelle, a rival kingdom Francis invaded. We don't like him.

### ANNE'S GUARD

**Ben** Lifelong trainer. Protective. Definitely grey-haired from keeping her alive this long.

**Soren** Captain of the guard, trained Anne alongside Ben.

**Roger, Venka, Baldric** Personal guard

### THE CONCORDE CREW

**Lt. Robb Maynard** Captain of the Concorde. Also 🔥

**Tremaine** Doctor + first mate. We like him, he can stay.

### BLACKBEARD'S CREW

**Rokhur** Immortal demon. Makes a deal with Anne. Sus and scary in equal measure.

**Holly** The “mom” of the group.

**Prudence & Mercy** Witchy twins. *Prudence*: Hardened, sharp, Anne's bestie. *Mercy*: Quiet, trauma affects her magic.

**Edward Teach** The public “face” of Blackbeard. Sweet cinnamon roll.

**Domino** Murdery Fae (has her reasons). Married men, beware 💣.

**Samson** Gentle giant, rhyme-obsessed fighter.

**Xandretta** Djinn with one wish left. Also kind of scary 😅



## WORLDBUILDING

### Celestia

Winter kingdom; Anne's home.

### Rivelle

Southern kingdom, locked in bloody war with Celestia for Anne's entire life. The fighting was so vicious, legend says the rivers rerouted to avoid the cursed fields.

### The Flying Rose

Originally a poacher vessel. Rokuhr unalive its poacher crew (no great loss there), Anne claimed the wreck, and rescued the misfits who'd become Blackbeard's crew.

### The Concorde ➔ Queen Anne's Revenge

One of William's prized ships, stolen in a blaze of glory and reborn under Anne's command. Definite upgrade.

## MAGIC AND LORE

### The Hundred Duels ✕

By tradition, the king chooses the princess's husband—but if she defeats 100 men in duels, she earns the right to choose for herself. Anne dueled daily for thirteen years and won the right to choose her betrothed.



*"To the victors go the spoils!"*

*"To the losers go the scars!"*

*"No quarter! No mercy!"*