

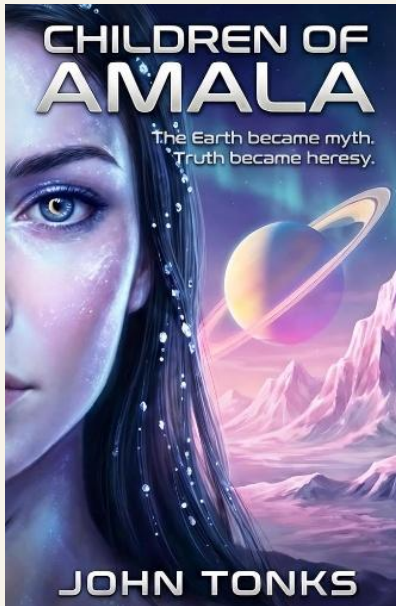


## John Tonks

Originally qualified in Physics, John spent the last twenty-five years lecturing in electronics. While he has published several technical articles, he also has an artistic side and prefers to apply the right-hand side of his brain to creative writing.

A keen astrophotographer, he enjoys the dark skies of Pembrokeshire where he lives with his wife and Montague (yes, he has a cat), their half Persian, half Ragdoll Russian Blue.

Below you will three titles from John and news of what will be appearing on Open Shelf.

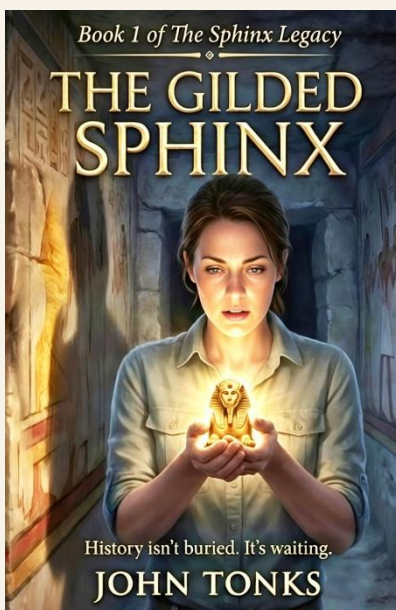


### **Children Of Amala**

For ten thousand years on Titan, the Children of Amala have worshipped a lie. Archaeologist Madelyn Deschanel proves it when she unearths the Elysium - an unimaginable starship that reveals their true origin: a forgotten planet called Earth.

When two long-lost branches of humanity finally meet, will they reforge their species, or will homecoming be mankind's final extinction?

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### **The Gilded Sphinx**

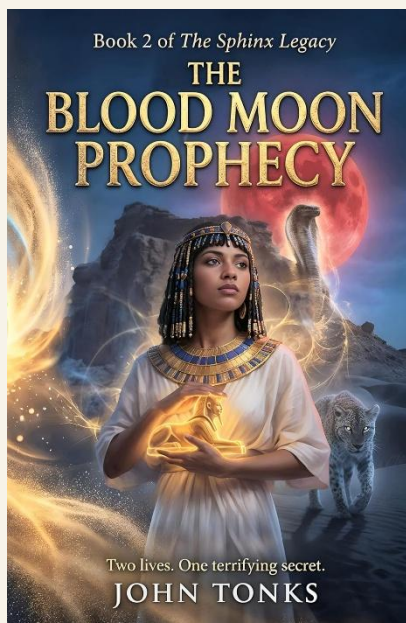
Dr. Joanne Sharman, a brilliant Oxford archaeologist, is on the verge of a career-ending scandal. Her impulsive PhD student, Andrew Miles, has a theory that borders on heresy: that the ancient Egyptians didn't only worship the sun... they captured its light. He believes a sealed chamber holds a three-thousand-year-old photograph, an image of a forgotten royal ritual hidden in plain sight.

But their scientific pursuit takes a supernatural turn when Andrew buys a fifty-cent sphinx amulet. The cheap trinket awakens inexplicable visions in Joanne, flooding her with the memories of a priestess from another time... the very woman in the ancient photograph.

As they follow the clues from both science and magic, they unearth a colossal golden sphinx, the twin to her amulet. They soon discover that history's greatest secret doesn't just want to be found.

It wants to be reborn.

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### **The Blood Moon Prophecy**

Oxford archaeologist Joanne Sharman is losing her grip on reality. Haunted by the vivid memories of Shepen-Wepet, a Nubian princess born under a blood-moon, Joanne is driven by visions of an ancient power that refuses to stay buried. What she once thought was psychological transference is revealed as something far more dangerous when she touches a smuggled, gilded sphinx amulet that pulses with a searing, impossible heat.

Accompanied by her loyal colleague Andrew, Joanne follows the breadcrumbs of her past life to the desert of Sudan. Her goal: the holy mountain of Jebel Barkal, where legend speaks of a massive golden sphinx hidden within the living rock. But this is no mere monument. It is a quantum machine of unimaginable power, a beacon that has begun to resonate across the millennia.

As the fabric of space-time begins to fray and global early-warning systems trigger a countdown to a nuclear apocalypse, Joanne realizes she is the fulcrum of a 3,000-year-old prophecy. A malevolent presence from the end of time is manipulating history, ready to sacrifice the modern world to anchor its own dying reality.

Joanne must confront a final, impossible choice. To save the future, is she willing to let her own history be erased? Available at Amazon [HERE](#) (Paperback) and [HERE](#) (ebook).

If you want to find out more, John's **Author Website** can be found [HERE](#)

We will be adding our own review of *Children Of Amala* soon and then we will be interviewing John.