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## All things Knowlton Literary Festival

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## Festival Dates: October 15–17, 2026

*“Romantasy”* Author **Heather Fawcett** will be in conversation with Sheila Quinn, at the Brome Lake Community Centre (270 Victoria, Knowlton) in the morning, on Saturday October 17, 2026, to discuss her latest novel *Agnes Aubert’s Mystical Cat Shelter*.



## Heather Fawcett

**Heather Fawcett** is the New York Times, USA Today, and Sunday Times bestselling Canadian author of books for adults, kids, and teens, including her most recent book: *Agnes Aubert’s Mystical Cat Shelter*, *Emily Wilde’s Encyclopaedia of Faeries*, *Even the Darkest Stars*, *Ember and the Ice Dragons*, *The Grace of Wild Things*, and more.

Her books, which somehow all include dragons in one form or another, have been translated into more than twenty languages and nominated for various awards, including the Locus, Mythopoeic, and Silver Birch.

She has a Master’s degree in English Literature and a Bachelor’s in Archaeology. She lives on Vancouver Island. You can follow Heather on Facebook and Instagram or subscribe to her newsletter for updates at: <https://heatherfawcett.com>.

## Romantasy ?!

What is **Romantasy**? It’s a popular literary subgenre blending fantasy world-building (magic, supernatural creatures) with central, high-stakes romance tropes, often aiming for a “happily ever after” or “happy for now” ending. Driven by BookTok, the genre combines romantic plot beats—such as *fated mates* or *enemies-to-lovers*—with engaging, often dark fantasy elements.

## Agnes Aubert’s Mystical Cat Shelter

- From the bestselling author of the *Emily Wilde Series*

Agnes Aubert leads a meticulously organized life—and she likes it that way. As the proudly type-A manager of a much-needed cat rescue charity, she has devoted her life to finding forever homes for lost cats.

But after she is forced to move the cat shelter, Agnes learns that her new landlord is using her charity as a front—for an internationally renowned and thoroughly disreputable magic shop. Owned by the disorganized—not to mention self-absorbed, irritating, but also decidedly handsome—Havelock Renard, magician and failed Dark Lord, the shop draws magical clientele from around the world, partly due to the quality of Havelock’s illicit goods as well as their curiosity about his shadowy past and rumors of his incredible powers. Agnes’s charity offers the perfect cover for illegal magics.

Agnes couldn’t care less about the shop—magical intrigue or not, there are cats to be rescued. But when an enemy from Havelock’s past surfaces, the magic shop—and more importantly, the cat shelter—are suddenly in jeopardy. To save the shelter, will Agnes have to set aside her social conscience and protect the man who once tried to bring about the apocalypse—and is now trying to steal her heart?

Havelock is everything Agnes thinks she doesn’t need in her life: chaos, mischief, and a little too much adventure. But as she gets to know him, she discovers he’s more than the dark magician of legend, and that she may be ready for a little intrigue—and romance—in her life. After all, second chances aren’t just for rescue cats...

