

# Cold Sanctuary

By Andrew Beardmore

Book two of the gripping new historical fantasy series, *The Nessemiah*.

Is anywhere on Thera safe from Nessemi? Or the hell that lies beyond?

*"I'm afraid there are good and bad everywhere, Emily. It's a fact of life that wherever you look, there are strains of malice."*

Emily and Jake have separated to increase their chances of avoiding capture and execution for a crime they have not committed. While Jake and infamous highwayman, Harry Black, lead Prince Magnus a merry dance across Glennad, Emily has landed in even greater peril at Kifsel Place Monastery, where amongst the peace-loving monks, there are others with sinister motives.

Meanwhile, unaware that their governments are preparing for deadly Nessemi, matters deteriorate for our other northern islanders at the hands of murderous smugglers, scorned exes, and ruthless Abolitionists. Four hundred leagues south, the Thera Empire is also preparing for Nessemi – by rolling out diversions on a massive and brutal scale. As well as the demographic cleansing that is *Expurgatio*, Emperor Calidius is also driving the deaths of thousands in Liatia's fighting pits – where former Demonacian general, Draxaelen, battles to stay alive. But little does Drax know that time is running out for his revenge; in fact, time is running out for everyone.

*'These books continue to remind me of A Song of Ice and Fire, with a deadly looming threat overshadowing peril and conflict in the lives of our characters. Beardmore knows when to finish a book leaving you asking questions and keen to discover more.'* **LoveReading**

*'Beardmore is a fantastic storyteller with a penchant for meticulous details. He crafts a world so humanistically flawed and tremendously intriguing.'* **onlinebookclub.org**

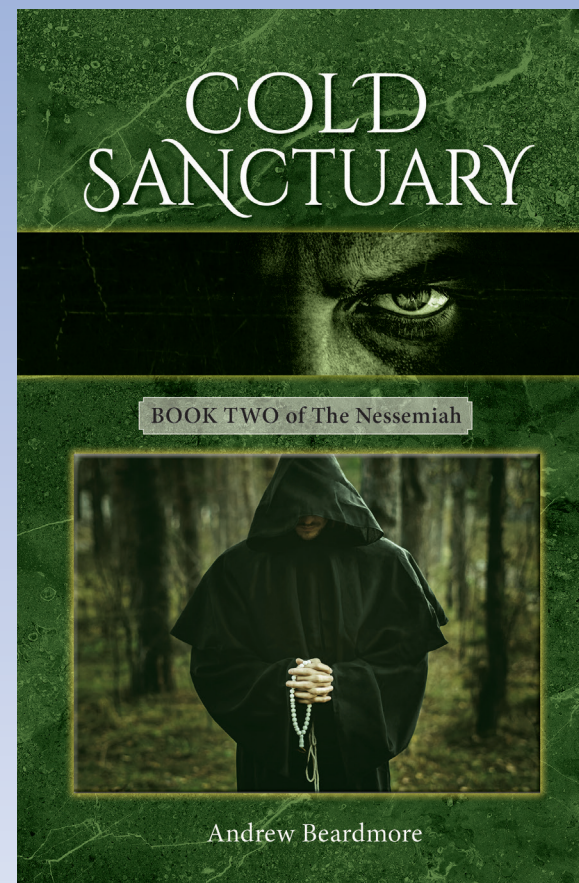
## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

*Cold Sanctuary is a major departure for Andrew Beardmore. A professional copywriter in the IT industry, Andrew is also the author of many non-fiction books, including the nationally popular "Unusual and Quirky" series of county history books, also published by Halsgrove Publishing. However, another of Andrew's literary loves is epic fantasy and he has finally joined the fray with a four-book historical fantasy series, known as The Nessemiah, of which this is Book 2. It was David Eddings who first captured his fantasy heart in the early 1980s – the same time that a seventeen-year-old Andrew was playing guitar in his father's dance band, supporting bandleader giants like Victor Silvester and Joe Loss.*

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