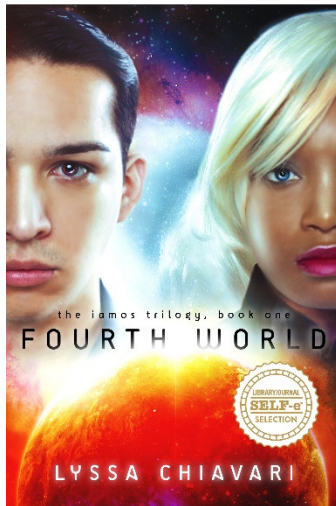


THE IAMOS TRILOGY

A time-bending sci-fi adventure from YA author Lyssa Chiavari, *The Iamos Trilogy* follows a teenage boy named Isaak who lives on Mars in 2073, and a girl named Nadin from a dying world called Iamos. When impossible circumstances bring them together, they find that they each need each other to save both their worlds and stop a conspiracy that crosses time and space.

CORE THEMES: Interplanetary colonization; time travel; technology and technocracy; governmental overreach; climate change; asexuality; LGBTQIA+ identity; self-discovery



FOURTH WORLD: When 17-year-old Isaak finds an ancient coin among his missing father's possessions, it draws him into a conspiracy involving the Martian colonial government, a deranged scientist—and the Red Planet's distant past.

★ A *Library Journal* SELF-e Selection

★ A *Queer Books for Teens* Recommended Book

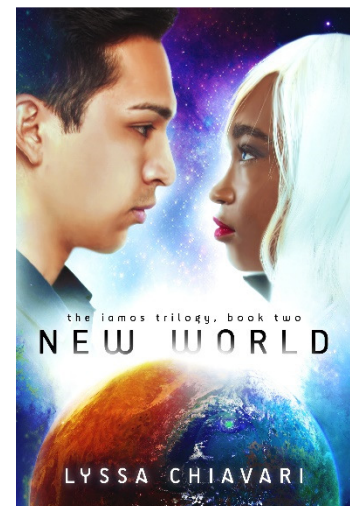
"This book fires perfectly on all cylinders."

– Jaylee James, editor of *VITALITY* magazine

NEW WORLD: Isaak returns from the ancient world of Iamos to find that nothing is as he's left it—because time has left him behind. But is there still time for Nadin to find a way to save her people? Or will the forces that pursued Isaak through the tesseract conspire to keep her in the future permanently?

"The world-building in this series is truly phenomenal."

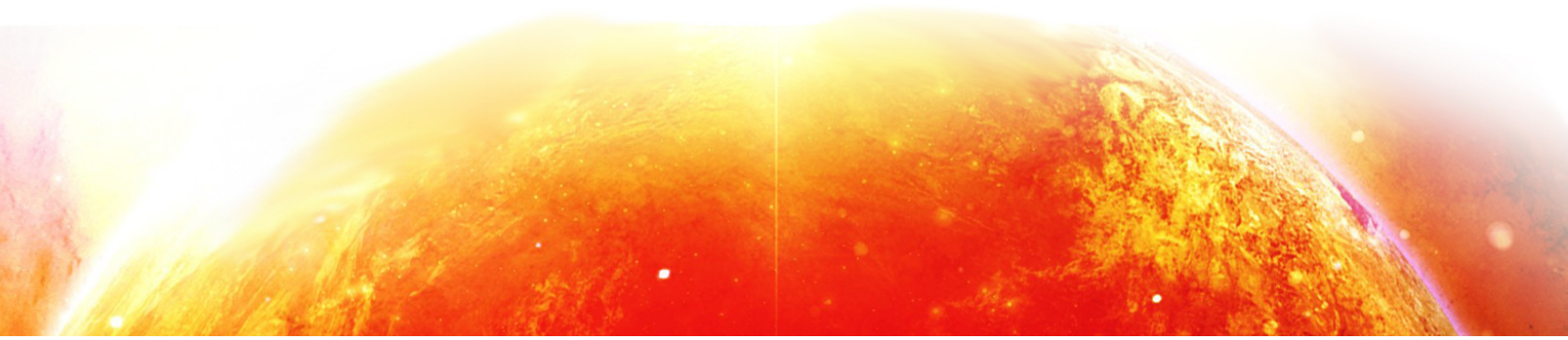
– Mary Fan, author of *STARSWEPT*



**ONE WORLD, THE EXCITING CONCLUSION TO THE IAMOS TRILOGY,
IS COMING IN 2023 FROM SNOWY WINGS PUBLISHING!**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FOURTH WORLD

1. Isaak, Henry, and Tamara live on a colonized Mars in the near future. In their world, technology (such as space mirrors to melt the ice caps and carbon-emitting factories to produce greenhouse gases) has helped artificially create an atmosphere to make the planet livable. Do you believe that colonizing Mars in this way would be possible? How would you do it? Would you want to live on Mars in the future, or would you prefer to stay on Earth?
2. Isaak was chosen by the Academy for his proficiency with languages, speaking eight living and dead languages, some of which were taught to him by his archaeologist grandfather. Do you speak any languages other than English? Does your family speak a language other than English in your home? What advantages do you think there might be to learning more than one language? How did knowing multiple languages help Isaak on his journey?
3. In *Fourth World*, Isaak learns that Mars had previously been settled by humans thousands of years ago. Recent scientific discoveries by NASA's *Curiosity* and *Perseverance* rovers have revealed that long ago, Mars held key components for life, such as water. Do you believe that there was ever life on Mars? What do you think Mars might have looked like in ancient times?
4. During his experiences working at Erick's dig site, Isaak learns the truth about the abuses of power his government commits. When he travels back to Iamos, he learns about the society the Iamoi formed when their civilization was driven to the brink of destruction by climate change, and finds similar abuses of power. Do you think either the world of GSAF or the world of the *geroi* would be possible in our reality? Do you think one is worse than the other, or are they two sides of the same coin? What could cause societies to become the way Isaak's and Nadin's are?
5. Have you ever heard the terms *asexuality* or *demisexuality* before? What do they mean for you? If you identify as asexual or demisexual, have your experiences been similar to Nadin's or to Isaak's, or has your experience been different? *Please only share what you feel comfortable with!*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR NEW WORLD

1. Isaak returns from Iamos to find that while he was only gone for a few weeks in his timeline, the world he left behind has advanced by two Earth years (annums). What would you do if you lost two years with your friends and loved ones? How do you think the world might change in two years' time? How would you react if you were in Isaak's shoes?

2. In *New World*, Isaak learns about a new technology that was released to the public while he was on Iamos: nanobots. These are tiny robots that can be inserted into a human's bloodstream to influence the body. While currently still only in development, it is likely they will be available in the future. Nanobots have the potential to help doctors heal injuries or cure illnesses that would otherwise be difficult to treat. They also have the potential to be used for entertainment purposes like what Isaak saw in the arcade aboard the *Athena*. Can you think of other uses for nanobots? Do you think they are an invention that will be helpful for humanity, or harmful?

3. When Isaak and his friends travel to Earth, we see that the world looks different in his time than it does now. In Isaak's time, climate change has led to most of the polar ice melting, causing coastlines to erode and land to disappear beneath the sea. In the second half of the book, we find that Florida has adapted to its reshaped coastline through the construction of artificial islands called Seasteads. There is even a newfound nation in the Caribbean Sea made up entirely of Seasteads. Right now, artificial islands like these are being built in countries like Dubai and Kuwait, and there is an organization called the Seasteading Institute dedicated to researching this technology and building sustainable communities on these artificial islands. Do you think Seasteads are a viable option for helping communities impacted by climate change, such as the Pacific atolls, or do you think this is impractical? Would you like to live on a Seastead, or would you prefer to stay on natural land?

4. In Isaak's time, LGBTQIA+ identities are embraced and respected by most people, and we encounter many queer characters—from ace spectrum characters like Isaak, Nadin, and Scylla, to gay and lesbian characters like Tamara's moms, to trans and non-binary characters like Zero—who are accepted without hesitation by most of the people around them. Do you think we are moving toward that type of future? If you identify as queer, do you feel like the world is becoming a better or worse place for people like you? *Please only share what you feel comfortable with!*

