



Discoucia: A Victorianish Fairytale

By Nicholas Lovelock

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Revolution, romance and technological wonders are all in a day's work for the decorated hero of Avalonia, Sir Arthur Pagoon.

An acclaimed explorer and inventor, Sir Arthur Pagoon takes his unofficial role as defender of the realm of Avalonia very seriously. A fantastical world, Avalonia is home to the Discoucian Monarchy, as well as monstrous creatures and secretive academies for the highly gifted.

Upon returning from his most recent exploits aboard on his personal flying galleon, The Nostradamus, Pagoon is treated to a hero's welcome and celebratory procession through the streets of Avalonia's capital, Evermore. Little does Pagoon know he's being followed by a mysterious group known as the Purple Guard, whose devious leader is his estranged sister, Queen Lily Pagoon of Harrha Island. Fiercely intelligent, Lily specialises in dastardly technological inventions with the aim

of bringing down the Discoucian Monarchy so that she may reign as its dictator. However, the heir to the throne is one Princess Josephine Oladine, whose youth and royal position masks her role in the Discoucian Secret Service.

Joining forces, Princess Josephine and Sir Arthur's adventures will take them across the whole of Avalonia — from the fog-bound shores of Karga, to the secret underground shanty town beneath the frozen prison of Ichester, south to the verdant city of Proceur and from there to the affluent Starfall Academy — in their quest to foil Lily's revolutionary plans.

Inspired by writers such as Jules Verne and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, **Discoucia: A Victorianish Fairytale** is the first in Nicholas Lovelock's *Avalonia* series. A beguiling blend of adventure, romance and fantasy Lovelock's debut novel is an exciting addition to the steam punk genre and the perfect next read for those looking for something a little different this summer.

About the author: Based in a small village in Oxfordshire Nicholas Lovelock is the author of the *Alavonia* series. As well as a passion for history, Nick holds a keen interest in Numismatics —the study and collection of coins, banknotes and medals— counting a 200 year-old 1826 half-crown and coinage of monarchs like Queen Anne, Elizabeth the First and Henry the Eighth as part of his collection. The first book in his *Alavonia* series, **Discoucia: A Victorianish Fairytale** (published by Clink Street Publishing 29th June 2017 RRP £9.99 paperback and RRP £3.99 ebook) is available to purchase from online retailers including amazon.co.uk and to order from all good bookstores.

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