Danish Author Sigrid Brockenhuus Announces Book II, "When Time Failed Her," Reimagining the Fall of Hennebont

When a violent fracture in time erases eight-year-old Constance and shatters the 1342 Siege of Hennebont, Joanna of Flanders must survive a decade of English captivity to fight her way back to the ruins.



Brehan, Brittany Nov 1, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Danish author Sigrid Brockenhuus proudly announce the release of *When Time Failed Her*, the second installment in her dark, atmospheric historical time-slip trilogy. Picking up the threads of her 324-page debut, *When Time Found Her*, Book II shifts the perspective to Constance's mother—the fierce Duchess of Brittany, Joanna of Flanders—and reveals how a catastrophic fracture in time turns the legendary 1342 defense of Hennebont Keep into a devastating defeat.

In recorded 14th-century history, Joanna of Flanders successfully held the walled fortress of Hennebont against the siege engines of Charles of Blois. In *When Time Failed Her*, history breaks. Amidst the brutal escalade of May 1342, as boiling river sand, quicklime, and iron collide on the ramparts, an unnatural violet light and the bone-rattling toll of an underwater bell rip through the bedrock of the keep. As the Great Hall collapses, eight-year-old Constance is violently erased from the 14th century right before her mother's eyes, shattering the defenders' reality and allowing French forces to overrun the castle.

What follows is a relentless tale of maternal fury and medieval survival. Branded a madwoman by King Edward III's clerics for speaking of the violet tear that swallowed her child, Joanna is buried alive in the freezing oubliettes of Yorkshire's Tickhill Castle. When the Black Death wipes out the English garrison ten years later, a fifty-seven-year-old Joanna breaks her iron chains, reclaims English steel, and reunites with orphaned veterans of Hennebont—fighting a bloody winter war across the English wilderness against the King's border hounds to reach the sea and reclaim the broken timeline.

"From the granite and the gale I was shaped; let my name stand as the tide's last defiance," writes Brockenhuus in the novel's epigraphs. "With Book II, I wanted to show the unyielding iron of a mother who refuses to let history, kings, or time itself erase her daughter. Even when the walls of Hennebont fall and the world fractures, the Lioness of Brittany does not break."

Complete with an original historical map of Hennebont Keep in 1342, dramatic chapter illustrations, and a glossary of medieval terms, *When Time Failed Her* is issued exclusively in physical print formats, honouring Brockenhuus's strict commitment to tangible, print-only books.

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