



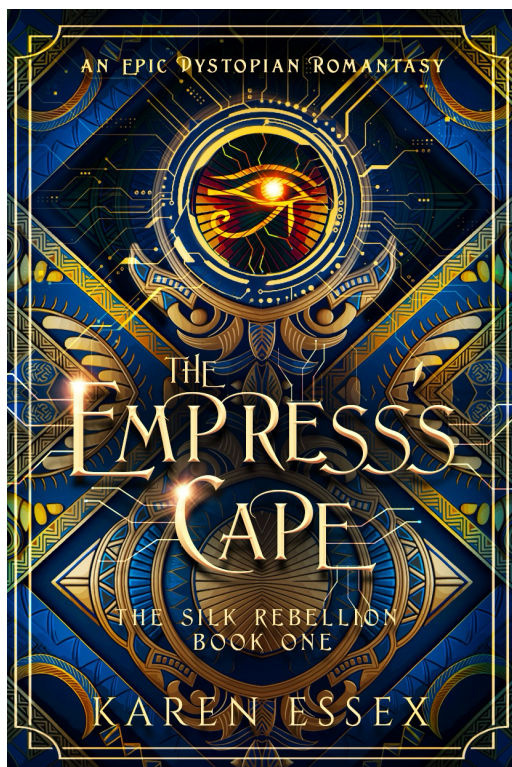
THE SILK REBELLION

By Karen Essex

Epic Dystopian Romantasy / Alternate History / Political Intrigue

Series Hook: *What if Kleopatra had defeated Rome?*

In the empire that rose from Kleopatra and Mark Antony's victory, beauty became law, fashion became power, and a vast digital Loom learned to govern desire itself. The Silk Rebellion follows celebrated designer Elissa Valeria as she discovers that the glamorous system she serves is also a machinery of surveillance and control, forcing her to choose between the world she helped create, the family she must protect, and a rebellion that could unravel an empire.



BOOK ONE
THE EMPRESS'S CAPE



BOOK TWO
THE NEEDLE'S EYE

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Book One of The Silk Rebellion • Coming January 10, 2027

A story of forbidden love, gilded loyalty, and the first threads of rebellion.

Elissa Valeria is the Empress's celebrated designer in a civilization where clothing can create desire, signal status, and quietly enforce obedience. When forbidden words, old secrets, and the return of a man she once loved begin to fracture her faith in the Harmonia, Elissa discovers that the most dangerous weapon in the empire may be the one she creates. The Empress's Cape launches a six-book saga of glamour, surveillance, forbidden love, family loyalty, and rebellion.

THE NEEDLE'S EYE

Book Two of The Silk Rebellion

A story of surveillance, seduction, and the price of awakening.

The empire has survived its latest spectacle, but Elissa has not emerged unchanged. Shocking truths about her family and past draw her deeper into the empire's hidden machinery, while her daughter is pulled closer to Empress Sabina's world. As Elissa searches for answers in forbidden places, a man she once loved returns under a new identity, forcing her to confront desire, loyalty, and the possibility that memory itself may belong to the state.

ABOUT KAREN ESSEX

KAREN ESSEX is a national and international bestselling author, speaker, screenwriter, and cultural commentator whose work explores women, power, history, glamour, ambition, and reinvention. Her novels, including Leonardo's Swans, Stealing Athena, Dracula in Love, and the two-volume epic Kleopatra and Pharaoh, have been published in 29 languages. She is also the author of Run, Darling and Renaissance Rivals. In January 2027, Essex launches The Silk Rebellion, an epic dystopian romantasy series set in a future empire descended from Kleopatra and Mark Antony, where fashion, surveillance, desire, and rebellion become instruments of power.

Essex's screenwriting credits include projects for Netflix, James Cameron, Warner Bros., Sony, Paramount, and Fox. A New Orleans native and Tulane alumna, Karen has recently returned home, where Tulane University is creating a Karen Essex archive of her professional and personal papers.

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