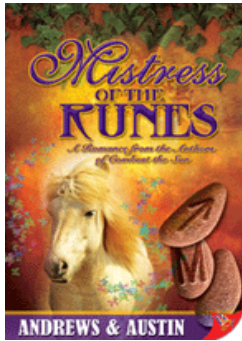


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Andrews and Austin balance humor and sexual tension throughout this book as their protagonists, Brice Chandler and Liz Chase spar and work together. Brice is a powerful, corporate executive for whom going to work is tantamount to going to battle. The corporate wars in which she fights could be cut from the business page of the *L. A. Times*. As Brice fights these wars, she is haunted by Peggy Lee's song, "Is This All There Is?"

Liz Chase is a TV anchor of the morning news. Liz and Brice meet at a fund-raiser, and each is instantly attracted to the other. Liz is doing a story on Icelandic horses, a topic new to Brice. As they investigate the subject, each woman is taken by these spirited, almost human creatures. For Brice, the horses also bring on past life dreams, and present-day visions.

Andrews and Austin keep up the sexual tension between Liz and Brice while telling the story of these two dynamic, witty women. Their verbal sparring is reminiscent of *The Avengers* in its wit and double entendre. The other characters in the book, including the two Icelandic horses, add to the mystery as the haunting love story unfolds.

Andrews & Austin, partners in life as well as writing, live on a horse ranch in the Central Plains. They previously wrote for the entertainment industry in Los Angeles. They are involved in several large business ventures as well as their ranch and their passion, writing lesbian fiction. *Mistress of the Runes* is their third book published by Bold Strokes Books.

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