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September is back home and it is still the night of her birthday, despite having spent over three months in *Gwlad* battling the Malevolence at the seventh conjunction of the planets. She no longer has the *Maengolauseren* nor the powers it gave her. It is back to facing the bullies at school and her struggles with her weight and studies, but she worries about how well the people of *Gwlad* have recovered from the terror of the Malevolence. She is also unsure what happened to Malice/Mairwen as the *Cemegwr* said that *Toddfa penbaladr*, the universal solvent, would join the twins together. Is Malice inside her? Could she turn to evil?

She must discover a way to return to the universe of *Gwlad* and the answer seems to lie in her family history. The five *Cludydds* before September and her mother were their ancestors. The clues take her on a journey in time and space which reveals that while in great danger she is also the key to the survival of all the universes. September must overcome her own fears, accept an extraordinary future and, once again, face the evil above the stars.

Unity of Seven is the third and final volume of *Evil Above the Stars*, the epic Celtic fantasy series by Peter R. Ellis that has been thrilling readers of all ages. Appealing right across the speculative fiction genre, it is especially popular with fans of JRR Tolkien and Stephen Donaldson. It poses intriguing possibilities: If old theories are correct until a new idea comes along, could it be that the universe actually changes with our perception of it? Were the ideas embodied in alchemy ever right? What realities were the basis of Celtic mythology?

Peter would like to say he's been a writer all his life but it is only since retiring as a teacher in 2010 that he has been able to devote enough time to writing to call it a career. Brought up in Cardiff, he studied Chemical Physics at the University of Kent at Canterbury, then taught chemistry (and a bit of physics) in Norwich, the Isle of Wight and Thames Valley. His first experience of publishing was in writing educational materials which he has continued to do since retiring. Seventh Child was his first published speculative fiction novel and Unity of Seven is the third in the series.

Peter has been a fan of science fiction and fantasy since he was young, has an (almost) complete collection of classic SF by Asimov, Ballard, Clarke, Heinlein and Niven, among others, while also enjoying fantasy by Tolkien, Donaldson and Ursula Le Guin. Of more recent authors Iain M Banks, Alastair Reynolds and China Mieville have his greatest respect. His Welsh upbringing also engendered a love of the language (even though he can't speak it) and of Welsh mythology like the *Mabinogion*. All these strands come together in the *Evil Above the Stars* series. He lives in Herefordshire with his wife, Alison, who is a great supporter.

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