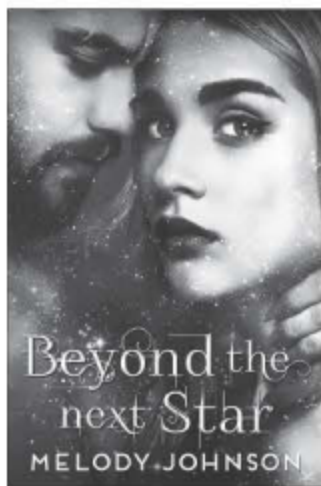


Author publishes book

Camden resident and author Melody Johnson has released "Beyond the Next Star," her fifth book and the first in a new sci-fi romance series. She also written the Night Blood paranormal romance series

"It's rare for a book to make me laugh out loud and rarer still for me to read it and wish I'd come up with that idea. This book did both," New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Lynsay Sands said about Johnson's new book.

Johnson tells the story from the perspectives of Delaney McCormick — who believes she's an ani-



mal because of a childhood trauma — and her alien owner Torek Renaar, who thought he bought an animal companion for his PTSD.

"This book allowed me to explore the unconventional parameters that constitute home and family, something my heroine was denied in childhood and torn from in adulthood," Johnson said. "But as she discovers through her adventure on Lorien, a home isn't built with a foundation of concrete but of love."

Johnson works as a digital media coordinator for Southeast Georgia Health System.

For more information or to order a book, visit www.authormelodyjohnson.com.