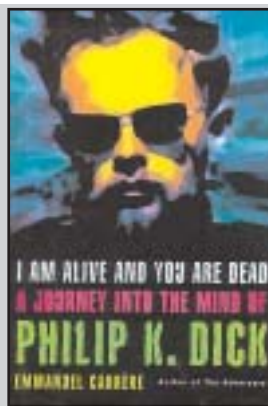




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## I AM ALIVE AND YOU ARE DEAD A JOURNEY INTO THE MIND OF PHILIP K DICK EMMANUEL CARRERE

For his many devoted readers, Philip K Dick, whose work inspired such films as *Blade Runner*, *Total Recall*, *Minority Report* and *Paycheck*, dedicated his life to solving one ultimately unanswerable question - what is real? This biography follows Dick's strange odyssey, from his traumatic beginnings in 1928, when his twin sister died in infancy, to his lonely end in 1982, beset by mystical visions of swirling pink light, three-eyed invaders and messages from the Roman Empire. Drawing on interviews, as well as unpublished sources, the author traces Dick's multiple marriages, paranoid fantasies and vertiginous encounters with the drug culture of sixties California. Hb \$56.00 315pp

## THE ROAD TO THE DARK TOWER: EXPLORING STEPHEN KING'S MAGNUM OPUS

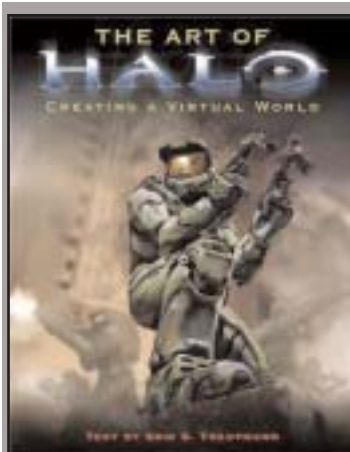
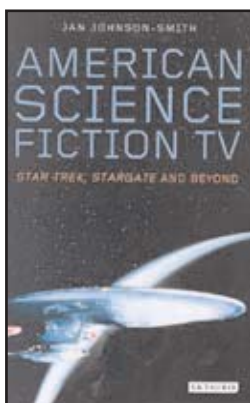
BEV VINCENT WITH STEPHEN KING

In 1970, Stephen King embarked on what would become the crowning achievement of his literary career - the seven-volume *The Dark Tower* series. Written and published over a period of 30 years, it was inspired by Browning's poem *Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came*, as well as Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* and the spaghetti Westerns of Sergio Leone. With the full cooperation of Stephen King himself, this title examines the epic journey of the author to complete a story that threatened to overwhelm him. Includes a book-by-book analysis of each volume in the series - tracing *The Dark Tower's* connections to King's other novels and offering insights from the author about the creative process involved in crafting his lifelong work. Tp \$32.95 350pp



## AMERICAN SCIENCE FICTION TV: STAR TREK, STARGATE & BEYOND JAN JOHNSON-SMITH

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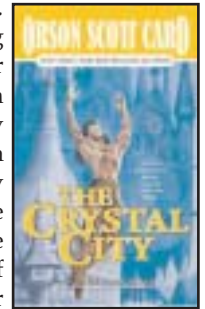
WAR FOR THE OAKS

Guitarist Eddi McCandry has just dumped her boyfriend and their band, when she finds herself running through the Minneapolis night, pursued by a sinister man and a huge, terrifying dog. As she soon discovers, the two creatures are one and the same - a phouka, a faerie being who has chosen Eddi to be the mortal pawn in the age-old war between the Seelie and Unseelie Courts. Pb \$16.95 332pp

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JACQUELINE CAREY

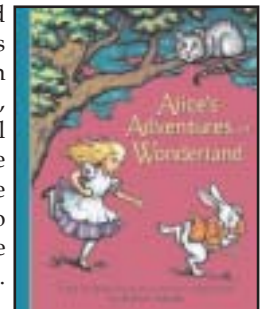
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**NEW**  
**AIRBORN**  
**KENNETH OPPEL**  
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I have been reading quite a bit of young adult fiction lately and I am amazed by the amount of high quality work that is currently available. J K Rowling, Philip Pullman, Christopher Pike, Garth Nix and Philip Reeve are among my favourite authors and now I am going to add

Kenneth Oppel to that list. His latest novel *Airborn* is a great adventure novel, well written and a lot of fun.

Set on what seems to be an alternate Earth, where there are limited options for long distance travel - on the ocean by ship or through the air in hot air balloons and airships -, the book opens with our hero Matt Cruse serving as cabin boy aboard the luxury airship *Aurora*. He is working in the crows nest when he spots a hot air balloon that seems to be in trouble. Through a daring and dangerous rescue the crew save the unconscious pilot but he later dies from pneumonia.

12 months later Matt is still working on the *Aurora* and hoping to be promoted to assistant sailmaker. During a voyage to Sydney, Matt finds himself drawn to one of the passengers, the beautiful and rich Kate de Vries and soon learns that Kate is the grand-daughter of the dead balloon pilot. Kate confides to Matt that she has her grandfather's journal and that he mentions the discovery of a new animal - a large feline with wings that spends its life in the air, never touching land. At first Matt is skeptical but after reading the journal, he starts to believe that Kate's grandfather must have seen something and promises to help her prove that her grandfather was not crazy. Their plans are scuttled soon after when the *Aurora* is attacked by air pirates and the ship goes down, badly damaged.

The airship lands on an uncharted island for repairs and Matt realises that it is the same island mentioned in the journal. Kate drags Matt around the island looking for proof of the skycats but while they are successful they also make a terrible discovery - the island is used as a base for the air pirates. Now faced with pirates intent on killing him, a bossy rich girl in a temper and an angry captain, Matt must find the strength and courage to save the passengers and crew, the *Aurora* herself and keep his promise to Kate.

I was absolutely captivated by this book. Oppel tells this story so well, keeping the action flowing and the pace fast and you are swept along with it. The character of Matt is developed over the course of the novel and Oppel handles Matt's growth from naïve boy to a more responsible and worldly young man, deftly and realistically. So to with Kate, who, while not completely stuck up and unbearable, begins the story full of arrogance and demands and her change in attitude throughout is visible and understandable. Oppel hides nothing from the reader and does not soften any blow. Some nasty things happen to some of the characters (the pirates are not very nice) and Oppel openly shows the consequences of thoughtless actions.

I think the release of this book is very well timed. It has quite a pulp fiction feel to it and it made me think of the upcoming movie *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* and it was also a little *Indiana Jones*. If you like a good adventure story, well written and with a good plot, pick this book up. Don't worry that it is aimed at the young adult market, this novel can be enjoyed by us adults too. - *Sian*

**CLASSIC**  
**TO RIDE**  
**HELL'S CHASM**

**JANNY WURTS**  
**Pb \$19.95 692pp**

A stand-alone novel - written by Wurts while taking a break from the mammoth *Wars of Light and Shadow* series - this rollercoaster of intrigue and mystery is not a book you could call a 'light read'. Set over the period of one week, so much happens in this novel that you question just how much you can fit into one day!

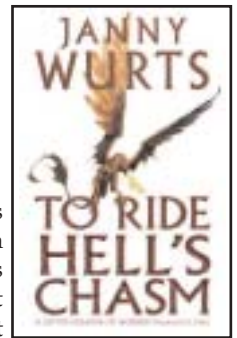
The Kingdom of Sessalie is a land-locked mountain Kingdom that longs for an outlet to the sea. To this end, its King and Chancellor have arranged a marriage for Princess Anja with the High Prince of Devall, which will give Sessalie access to Devall's seaport, as well as offer a Royal Alliance between the realms. As Devall's High Prince arrives for his upcoming nuptials, the city opens its arms in welcome and wild celebration. But when Princess Anja suddenly disappears before her betrothal banquet, King Isendon assigns the task of recovering his missing daughter to two men - and for them to determine if she has been kidnapped or has simply run off.

The warriors charged with recovering the kingdom's beloved daughter are Taskin, Commander of the Royal Guard, and Mykkael, Captain of the Garrison. As the Crown's right-hand man, Taskin's competence and lifelong record of service to the Kingdom has earned him the respect and support of the court. Mykkael, though, is a stranger. He is unproven and new to the post of Captain and to the Kingdom itself; though he is a veteran soldier with a legendary reputation in the field of combat, his foreign breeding is held in suspicion by court society.

As the princess's trail vanishes outside the citadel's gates, anxiety and tension escalate. Wurts' masterful use of language, rhythm and pace grabs hold of the reader and doesn't let go! Mykkael's investigations lead him to a radical explanation for the mystery, but he finds himself under suspicion from the court factions. It remains to be seen whether Commander Taskin's famous fair-mindedness will be enough to unravel the truth behind the garrison captain's dramatic theory (that the resourceful, high-spirited princess was not taken by force, but rather fled the palace to escape a demonic evil?)

Wurts' writing is always multi-layered. On the surface, you have the intriguing mystery and the engaging adventure, as well as vivid descriptions and superb characterisation that create a real world and believable characters. Every character you encounter has their own insight and vision. Limited or experienced, their passionate views and choices are woven seamlessly into the tale, with high-stakes action and more than survival set on the outcome. Below the surface of this high fantasy adventure, there is the opportunity for the reader to explore - in as little or as much depth as they wish - larger questions that are as pertinent to our own society today as they are in this 'medieval' fantasy setting: Where does the right and true course of the warrior lie, when the man bearing both sword and responsible knowledge must tread a collision course between the ethics of human justice and law, when not all things are as they appear and the disappearance of a young princess catapults a small kingdom into a crisis beyond precedent?

This book is a fantastic read. Each time I re-read it, I pick up more. It is also the perfect place for anyone new to Wurts' writing to jump on board. Enjoy the ride! - *Mark*



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JAMES LOVEGROVE

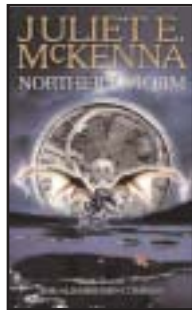
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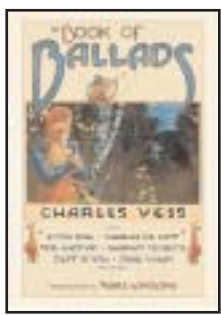
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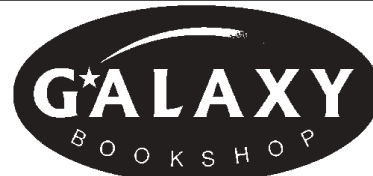
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