



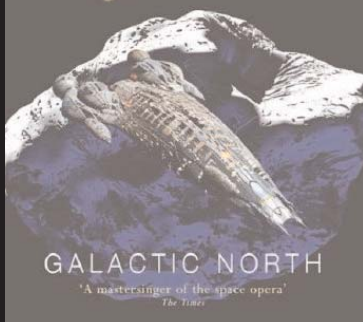
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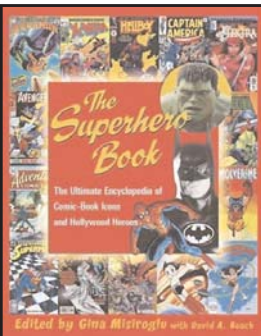
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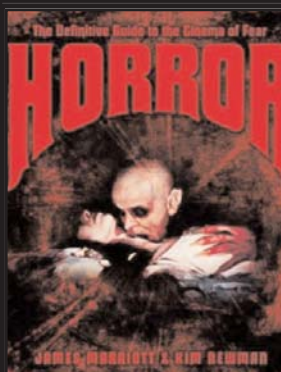
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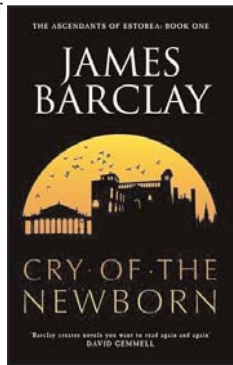
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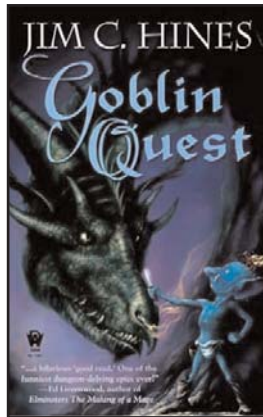
NEW TITLE

GOBLIN QUEST

JIM C HINES

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Jig is a goblin. Even by goblin standards, he's a runt. He's picked on by all and sundry and stuck in a crappy job that he really should have moved on from ages ago. He has one friend, a fire spider Smudge, who is as likely to burn him, or set his hair on fire as anything else. One day, he is forced by Porak, his arch nemesis, to patrol the tunnels, while Porak and his co-fiends get drunk. The tunnels that the goblins live in are a favourite haunt of adventurers, so the life of a goblin on patrol can be a risky one. If you haven't guessed already, luck isn't on



Jig's side. He encounters a party made up of two brothers, princes with no hope of ever succeeding to the throne (even if their stupid elder brothers do keep getting themselves killed), Barius, who is trying to prove himself to their father and Ryslind, a mad wizard, a dwarf, Darnak, who is their mentor and responsible for keeping them alive – no easy task when they're hell bent on killing each other - and (their captive) elven thief, Riana. They're on a quest for the Rod of Creation, supposedly buried in the tunnels somewhere and guarded by a dragon. They believe he knows what he's doing (insert chuckle) and take him prisoner as their guide. From here on in, Jig's life is on the line, not only from the Princes, but from the situations they put them all in, due to their stupidity and sibling rivalry.

It's not quite a parody, but it sure is tongue in cheek and has a bit of fun, with a lot of the elements that are typical of a quest fantasy novel. Jig isn't your average hero by any measure and I'm not even sure he's a hero most of the time - he has to battle the fear of running away a lot and contemplates stabbing people in the back. The adventurers (made up of the usual mix of races required for that sort of mission) are disorganised, almost all self-serving, narrow-minded and hell-bent on their mission – things that adventurers in a million quest novels are, but here, they're all so transparent. Jig is the only one to question the fact that what they are actually attempting to do is steal something that was hidden for a reason, even if they call it a 'quest'. Jig is the underdog (a position I always have a soft spot for) and he keeps getting the pooppy end of the stick. He has self-image problems. A classic example of this is that he chooses a god to worship who is all but forgotten, because he thinks that he has a better chance of being heard that way, since the god will have no one else to listen to. When the god talks back, (not only giving Jig a bit of lip, but then wings whatever situation they're in, as he keeps expecting Jig to get killed), Jig is amazed. Jig isn't stupid though and he slowly learns how to stick up for himself. A week of being prisoner with this motley crew and having his life constantly threatened gets him thinking outside the box and he starts coming up with ways to help the Goblin race - if they'll listen. I loved it. There weren't a lot of surprises, but it was a fun read, with great characters (even the pratty Princes) and had a nice ending. - Steph

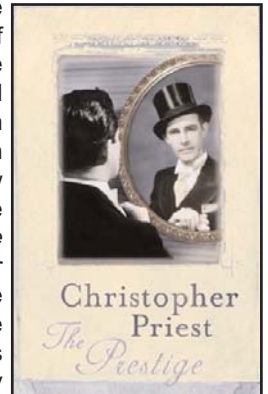
CLASSIC TITLE

THE PRESTIGE

CHRISTOPHER PRIEST

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This enjoyable novel charts the extraordinary rise and fall of two of London's finest gentlemen stage magicians of the 19th century, Alfred Borden and Rupert Angier. The film version of this story, starring Hugh Jackman as Ruper Angier, is now screening. Known by their respective stage names of 'Le Professeur de Magie' & 'The Great Danton', their shared passion for thrilling an audience with feats of illusion is soured by the terrible feud that made them enemies and ruined each of their lives. The story is introduced in the late 20th century, as a descendant of each magician meets and attempt to piece together the mysteries behind these illusory personas and the real reasons for the feud, the repercussions of which are still felt a hundred years later. Largely written in the form of each man's journals, one following the other, this tricky book presents the reader with two points of view on the same events. However, both magicians possess secrets that they would prefer not to reveal, even in a private journal, so this format has the effect of giving the book not one, but two, unreliable narrators.




Alfred Borden, son of a wheelwright and carpenter, learns cabinetry and card tricks from an early age and, as a young man, leaves his family and life in Hastings to travel to London and start a career on the stage. For his part, Rupert Angier is born the second son of a wealthy, aristocratic family. Enamoured with illusions and sleight of hand during his boarding school years, he also decides to earn a living as magician in London, especially after he realises that upon his father's death he will inherit nothing. Early in their respective careers, the two young prestigitators cross paths and, due to a disagreement on how stage magic should be presented, a vicious feud erupts that stains the rest of their lives. At first, this takes the form of each of the two rivals revealing the other's stage secrets, but quickly becomes much more dangerous. Both men fail to grasp the extent of the damage that they have caused each other and each seeks to make amends, but too much harm has already been done and these attempts fail. Despite this bitter hatred, each performer holds a grudging admiration for the other's stagecraft. Borden presents a trick that is the talk of London and Angier is unable to fathom or replicate it. In response, and with the assistance of the inventor Nicholas Tesler, Angier develops a different and altogether more amazing illusion and it is Borden's insatiable desire to understand the workings of this trick that sows the seeds for the downfall of them both. Awesome. - Raph




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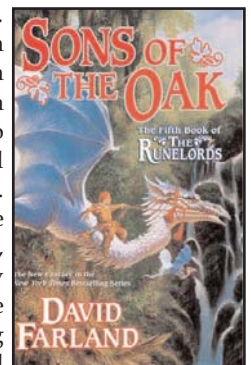
CROWN OF STARS

 *Crown of Stars #7.* King Henry's kingdom has been ravaged by internecine warfare, in a conflict that has been both long and bloody. Furthermore, the spell holding the exiled Ashioi from the world has failed and the land, ravaged by the fury of their return, is only now showing signs of recovery. Sanglant is struggling to legitimise his leadership, as the returned Ashioi are planning war and Stronghand has begun a march of conquest into the heart of Sanglant's realm. Adelheid and Antonia have made an unholy alliance and Sabella and Duke Conrad are moving to seize Sanglant's crown. Cultures, religions, and races are clashing in what will be the ultimate struggle for control of this strange new world. Pb \$22.95 647pp

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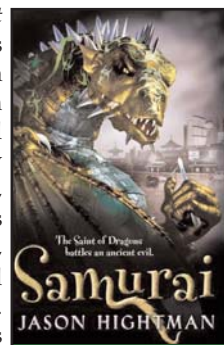
THE TRAITOR'S SWORD

 *Sangreal* #2. Whilst Nathan grows, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone, set with jewels. When it was sold to a Jewish collector in Austria by the black sheep of the family, their fortune soon disappeared in turn. It has now turned up at Sotheby's and Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, the last of the Thorns, who is determined to get it back. But the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby and experiences disturbing visions. Pb \$21.00 311pp

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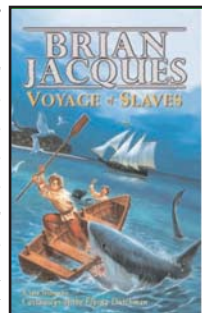
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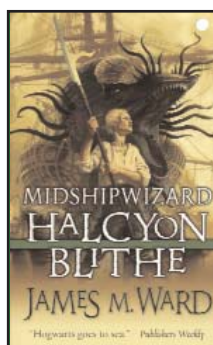
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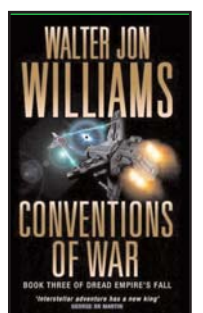
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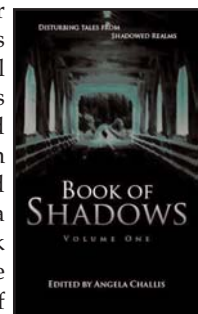
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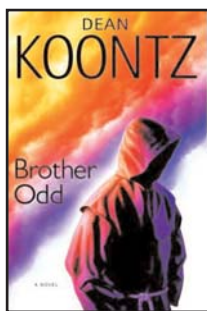
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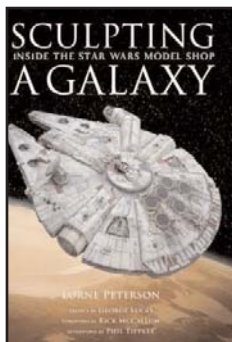
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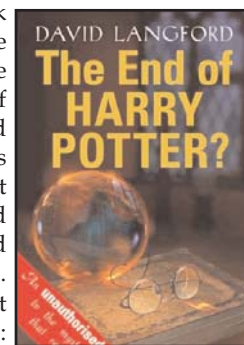
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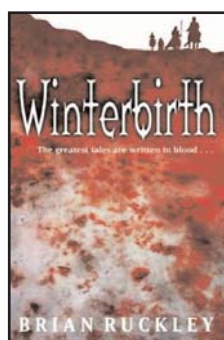
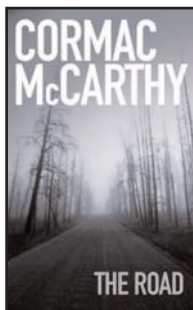
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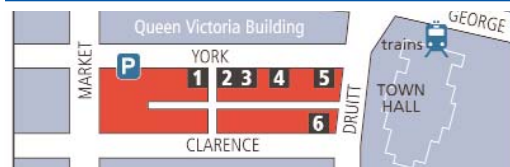
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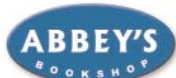
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