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BEYOND THE WARDROBE: THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NARNIA E J KIRK

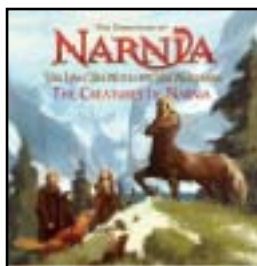
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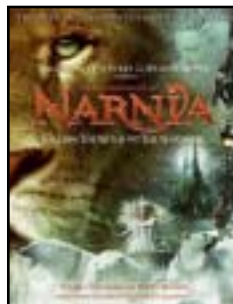
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Dennis Nuel has been exiled from the scientific project he pioneered. Zievatronics has replaced physics as the science most likely to carry humans to other planets. This makes the project a plum for Director Marcel Flaster, an incompetent scientist who lives by politics. The zievatron's most recent discovery - a planet with conditions very similar to Earth - has been named Flasteria, much to Dennis's disgust.

Flaster is forced to ask for Dennis's help when the zievatron gateway to Flasteria stops working. Dennis, returning from a life of loose ends, where his most creative outlet is practical jokes, plunges in with enthusiasm. Not only does he diagnose the zievatron's problem, he makes friends with a creature captured from Flasteria. He is rather pleased to find he will have to go through to make repairs.

With replacement equipment and shoddy camping gear provided by his rival, Bernald Brady, Dennis steps onto Flasteria. He isn't prepared to find the zievatron unit at that end torn up for spare parts. There is an intelligent civilisation here, but the laws of nature seem to have changed. This is upsetting, but at least the planet has its own name and it isn't Flasteria.

Dennis has a single big advantage on Tatir - his inventive imagination. This gives him abilities that make him an important political pawn and a natural partner with his fellow prisoner, Princess Linnora of the L'Toff. The L'Toff are a renegade people known for their strange powers. If Dennis can invent his way out of the many hazards, he will be able to help a people with whom he can finally feel at home.

Dennis is a lively, interesting character from the start. His openness to new ideas, his ability to learn the principles of this new world and to combine them with his Earth experience, makes this story feel like a trip through a series of widening doors. The reader following Dennis's mind at work will make a fascinating progression of discovery.

The fantasy-like setting - a medieval civilisation and magical principles - is semi-cliché, but this is turned on its head when combined with the scientific outlook. The laws of nature on Tatir are as binding as those on Earth, just different. Author David Brin's explanation of how they got that way isn't as appealingly logical as he usually is, but by the time we get to the explanations, Tatir has become so ingrained with us that we want to believe anything that will support its existence.

Not every SF book has to be a deep exploration of the limits of the genre. Sometimes you just like to take it easy and enjoy yourself. This is exactly what this book is and it's a great read, fast and fun at the same time, while still throwing up some interesting concepts. There are all sorts of good ideas and themes here, from ingenuity to war to cultural memes to suspense to action to a bit of romance as well. Even if this isn't the most innovative stuff, it's well written and brisk and... fun. That's all I can say. It's a fun little book that is quite memorable. And you can't go wrong with that. - Adam



NEW TITLE THE MARK OF RAN THE SEA BEGGARS, BOOK ONE

PAUL KEARNEY
PB \$22.95 400PP

The world is dying, seemingly forsaken by its creator. Mankind schemes, plots and wages wars across it, forgetting that another race once dwelled here. To some they were Angels, exiled for a long-forgotten crime; to others they were demons...

So starts the first book in Kearney's new series, a tale woven with an eloquent style that is hard-edged and gritty. Set in a decaying world filled with legends and fragments of a glorious past, Kearney introduces his readers to fantasy on the high seas, as the continent of Umer is a collection of islands, large and small - rather than the forest-filled land masses we are typically presented with, although there are those too - separated by huge tracks of wild oceans and brutal seas.

In the veins of Rol Cortishane runs the blood of this Elder race. Driven from his home, Rol seeks refuge in the ancient citadel of Michal Psellos, where he is trained to be a killer of men, an assassin without pity.

Without a doubt, Kearney is one of the best writers of British fantasy around. His prose is consistently of the highest standard. His use of language is concise, yet vivid - in one paragraph he can paint a picture that would take another author a page to describe. His dialogue intelligently adds to world building, scene setting and distinctive characterisation. In a story set over a period of years, Kearney's character development is dynamic, clear and, most of all, realistic.

His tutor is the beautiful and deadly Rowen - one whom he loves without hope. After years spent mastering the art of murder, he defies Psellos and returns to the high seas.

The plot itself is tight and never stagnates or wastes pages on unnecessary sub-plots; it is completely driven by character action and resulting consequence that meld together in a snowball effect, taking you on a breathless ride that avoids 'traditional' fantasy quests.

This is the beginning of Cortishane's story. A tale in which he journeys across the breadth of this teeming, wicked world and finds a legendary Hidden City where the desperate and the dispossessed fight for survival. This is the first of the chronicles of Rol's great voyages, and those of his compatriots; a band of outcasts who took to the wide oceans of the world when every nation of the earth set its face against them. Ussa's Orphans they were called, the Beggars of the Sea...

Though it is a comparatively short novel for the epic fantasy market, so much happens you could swear you'd read a book twice its size. It's fun, original and enthralling, and sure to appeal to fans of Steven Erikson, R Scott Bakker, Glen Cook and even George R R Martin. This book is a must for serious readers of fantasy fiction. - Mark



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Deep in the bowels of Junk Moon, the finest scientists of Planet Immortal are nearing completion of a project that will unlock the secret of immortality. Project Amphora is run by the Consortium, 12 of the planet's most influential movers and shakers. They aren't the only ones after immortality - Commander Jockey Oldcastle, a wise-cracking space pirate, has heard about the Amphora Project from a banished scientist who is convinced it will lead to the end of the world. Oldcastle sets off to find the project with Adrian Link, a timid botanist who wants only to tend to his plants on the Agricultural Plain, yet Oldcastle finds himself trying to unravel a strange mystery - it seems the Amphora Project is turning the citizens of Planet Immortal into crystal. As time runs out, it is up to Oldcastle and Link - and Link's exotic, unlikely love interest - to stop their mysterious extra-dimensional enemy before their world is lost forever. Hb \$49.95 335pp

KATHERINE KURTZ

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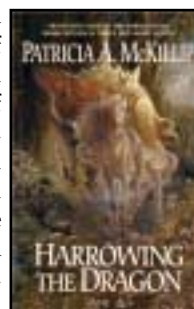
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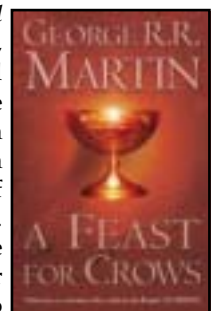
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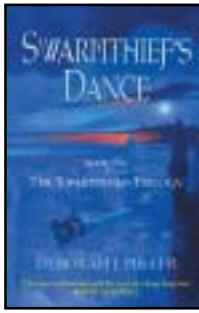
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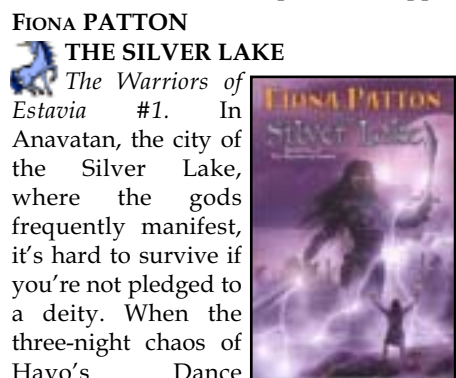
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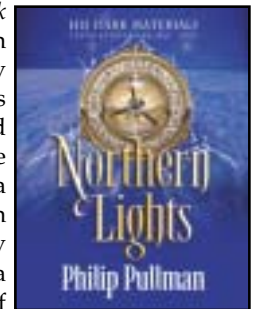
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
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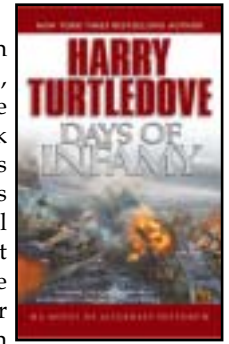
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I, Coriander by Sally Gardner (Hb \$24.95). I was enchanted with this from the beginning, but about half-way through it lost some of its gloss. I still finished (and enjoyed it), but it lost a little of its magic... - *Steph*

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer (Hb \$39.95). I have read *two* perfect books in one year! This was so good, I finished it and went straight back to page one and re-read it. This will be featured as *Fave New* soon. - *Steph*

What Rough Beast by H R Knight (Pb \$16.95). I enjoyed the Houdini/Sir Arthur Conan Doyle mix of **Arcanum** so much that I decided to dabble in the two again. This isn't as dark, or as steeped in the occult, but I am thoroughly enjoying this. While they're completely different books, it's done well to keep me happy after reading *Twilight*... - *Steph*

Valiant (A Modern Tale of Faerie #2) by Holly Black (Hb \$ 24.95). I really enjoyed this, but it is so much more adult that the first instalment. This has quite a bit of intravenous drug use and I might be a bit of a fuddy-duddy, but I think this is at the older end of the 'young adult' market. - *Steph*

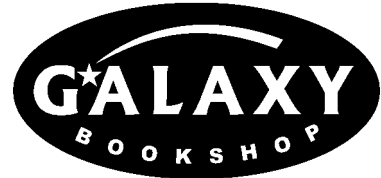
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