

DRAGONS AND WIZARDS AND KNIGHTS



EPIC FANTASY SERIES

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Avalon series – Marion Zimmer Bradley

Retells the legend of King Arthur from the female characters' points of view. Series co-authored and continued by Diana L. Paxson

1. The Mists of Avalon 6 books/ continuing

The Belgariad & The Mallorean– David Eddings

Prophecy, sorcerers and sorceresses, knights, quests, and destiny.

1. Pawn of Prophecy

5 books per series/ complete; 3 prequels

The Black Company – Glen Cook

Mercenaries embark on a quest to protect a mystical figure in a battle of good and evil.

1. The Black Company 9 books/ complete

Black Jewels trilogy – Anne Bishop

Three sworn enemies seek sole control over a witch destined to rule the kingdom.

1. Daughter of the Blood 3 books/ complete

Bridge of D'Arnath – Carol Berg

In a world where sorcery is punished, a hidden sorceress shelters an amnesiac warrior who may also be a sorcerer.

1. Son of Avonar 4 books/ complete

Chalion series – Lois McMasters Bujold

A crippled soldier becomes embroiled in court intrigue and dark magic when a curse threatens the royal family he now serves.

1. The Curse of Chalion 3 books/ assumed complete

Chronicles of Amber – Roger Zelazny

An amnesiac discovers he is really a member of god-like royalty on a parallel world, and becomes embroiled in a family feud.

1. Nine Princes in Amber 10 books/ complete

Codex Alera – Jim Butcher

A magical country where people bond with elemental spirits is threatened by malevolent forces within and without. Their only hope may be young man unable to bond with one of the magical elementals.

1. Furies of Calderon 3 books/ continuing

The Coldfire Trilogy – C. S. Friedman

Four disparate individuals unwilling unite to battle demonic forces in a world where magic is newly revived.

1. Black Sun Rising 3 books/ complete

The Crown of the Stars – Kate Elliott

As civil war and invaders threaten, two orphans with magical powers unite and find the fate of the world in their hands.

1. King's Dragon 7 books/ complete

The Deed of Paksenarrion – Elizabeth Moon

A young woman seizes her destiny by joining the army and restoring a lost ruler to the throne.

1. The Sheepfarmer's Daughter 3 books/ complete

Drenai Saga – David Gemmell

Warriors and swordsman defend against invaders.

1. Legend 11 books/ complete

The Dresden Files – Jim Butcher

A modern day mage acts as police consultant and defends Chicago against vampires, evil sorcerers, warlike fairies, and other menacing figures of the occult.

1. Storm Front 9 books/ continuing

Dune – Frank Herbert

A young prince becomes a messiah figure for residents of a primitive desert planet as universal forces conspire against his family.

1. Dune 6 books by Frank Herbert

Series continued with 2 prequel trilogies (Prelude to Dune & Legends of Dune), 1 short story collection, and 2 books completing the original series written by Brian Herbert and Kevin Anderson

The Elenium & The Tamuli – David Eddings

Knights and queens, and gods with hidden agendas.

1. The Diamond Throne 3 books per series/ complete

The Farseer Trilogy – Robin Hobb

An outcast with magical abilities finds the fate of the kingdom in his hands.

1. Assassin's Apprentice 3 books/ complete

Fionavar Tapestry – Guy Gavriel Kay

Five modern university students are transported to a magical world of wizards, warriors, spirits, and heroes.

1. The Summer Tree 3 books/ complete

The Fortress series – C. J. Cherryh

An ambitious wizard creates a golem warrior to stir up war. But the warrior has a mind of his own.

1. Fortress in the Eye of Time 5 books/ as of 2006

Heralds of Valdemar – Mercedes Lackey

Young aspiring heralds master their magical and physical powers to become a royal protectors.

1. Exile's Honor 6 books/ complete

Khaavren series – Steven Brust

Adventure-seeking swordsmen become royal guards and find themselves embroiled in imperial politics and plots.

1. The Phoenix Guards 5 books/ assumed complete

King's Blades – Dave Duncan

After becoming expert swordsmen, knights are bonded to their charges, magically sworn to protect them until death.

1. The Gilded Chain 6 books/ complete

Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone – J. Gregory Keyes

When portends signal the end of the world, an untried trio may be the key to salvation.

1. The Briar King 2 books/ complete

Kushiel's Legacy – Jacqueline Carey

A courtesan marked by special powers becomes a powerful spy.

1. Kushiel's Dart 5 books/ will complete in 6

Memory, Sorrow, and Thorns – Tad Williams

An apprentice magician who dreams of heroic times finds himself thrust into peril when civil war threatens his homeland.

1. The Dragonbone Chair 3 books/ complete

Rai-kirah – Carol Berg

A rising magician claims his destiny, freeing human souls possessed by demons.

1. Transformation 3 books/ complete

Midkemia and Kelewan– Raymond E. Feist

A large interconnected set of series taking place in two connected magical worlds filled with magicians, medieval court intrigue, and an alien army.

1. Magician 1st series: The Riftwar Saga (3)

Can be read in order of publication or by inner chronology: The Empire Trilogy (3), Legends of the Riftwar (3), Riftwar Legacy (3/ 5 planned), Krondor's Sons (2), The Serpentwar Saga (4), Conclave of Shadows (3), and Darkwar Saga (2/ 3 planned), more series planned.

The Secret Texts – Holly Lisle

When a young noblewoman discovers a sinister plot, the only way she can save her family is to use her secret powers of skinshifting, which will make them revile her.

1. Diplomacy of Wolves 3 books/ complete

Shannara - Terry Brooks

A small band embarks on a quest to make the world safe again for the druids, gnomes, trolls, dwarfs, and elves who inhabit it.

1. The Sword of Shannara

1st series: 3 books/ complete

Followed by Heritage of Shannara (4), prequel First King of Shannara, Word/Void (3), Voyage of the Jerle Shannara (3), High Druid of Shannara (3), The Genesis of Shannara (3/ 2nd of which releases in Sept 2007).

Song of Ice and Fire – George R. R. Martin

As kings, queens, knights, and renegades struggle for control of a throne, magic seeps back into the world and unearthly evil gathers force.

1. A Game of Thrones 4 books/ continuing

Sword of Truth – Terry Goodkind

When the magical boundaries between lands crumble, strange beasts, magical forces, and an evil wizard are loosed. A reluctant hero and his companions quest for the means to stop the chaos.

1. Wizard's First Rule 9 books/ continuing; 1 prequel

The Tir Alainn trilogy – Anne Bishop

A persecuted human witch may hold the key to saving the world of fairy as that magical world begins crumbling.

1. The Pillars of the World 3 books/ complete

Wayfarer Redemption – Sara Douglass

A prophecy of impending doom sets the stage for epic battles, star-crossed lovers, familial betrayal, and a magical race of winged warriors.

1. The Wayfarer Redemption 6 books/ complete

Wheel of Time – Robert Jordan

A richly detailed world thick with wielders of magic, knights and monsters, quests, reincarnation, and simple country folk whose destinies are larger than they know.

1. The Eye of the World

11 books/ continuing; 1 prequel

