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He had inhabited a world destroyed 10,000 years ago - Atlantis, a place now lost to him forever. Kept alive in a state of suspended animation, Kynan awoke to find a more primitive Earth and only one woman to help him fight those who would destroy him. Archaeologist Jenna Farron had uncovered a man like no other, a man who sent her senses soaring and left her breathless with passion and despair. Though she longed to surrender herself to Kynan's powerful embrace, she feared he would be forever torn from her once he found others like himself. Pb $12.95 248pp

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Saga of the Light Isles #2. At his coming of age, Thorvald learns a devastating secret, and steals away on a perilous voyage in search of the father he has never known. His loyal shadow, Creidhe, daughter of a Wolfskin warrior and a wise woman, follows him. The Long Knife people of the Lost Isles are not what the weary travellers were expecting. Ruled by a cruel tyrant, they will not explain why Creidhe must hide her golden hair from sight, or why there are so few children amongst them... Tp $30.00 558pp

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Chronicles of Blood and Stone #1. 300 years ago, a war all but destroyed the kingdom of Eutracia. Since then Eutracia has flourished under the protection and guidance of its council of wizards. Though born with the endowed blood that will bestow upon him the power to master magic and succeed his father as ruler of Eutracia, Prince Tristan is a rebel soul, but more than tradition compels Tristan to ascend the throne. The very survival of Eutracia depends upon it. Tristan's fate is to fulfil a role chosen for him by an ages-old prophecy - to face an adversary whose hatred knows no bounds. Pb $21.95 896pp

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**QUICKSILVER RISING**

Reeth Calderson is among the last of his kind. Reeth is cursed with immortality, forced to wander the world, seeking revenge for his tribe and a cure for his magical affliction. Under the floating Palace of the mad Prince of Bhealfa he is drawn into the Resistance movement, assisting those who have suffered under the dictatorships of the two massive empires. Reeth is promised that in return for his help, they will help him find a cure for his affliction. But the political situation and the magic nature of the world are inextricably connected. Bring one down and the other will be destroyed - the world will change forever and Reeth's curse will never be lifted. Tp $29.95 410pp

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At Blind Lake, a large federal research installation, scientists are using a technology they barely understand to watch everyday life in a city of lobster-like aliens upon a distant planet. They can’t contact the aliens in any way or understand their language. All they can do is watch. Then, without warning, a military cordon is imposed on the Blind Lake site. All communication with the outside world is cut off. No-one knows why, The scientists, nevertheless, go on with their research. Among them is Nerissa Iverson, who believes there is a commonality of sentient thought. The behaviour of the alien she has been tracking seems to be developing an elusive narrative logic - and she comes to feel that the alien is somehow, impossibly, aware of the project’s observers. But her time is running out. The military cordon is tightening. Understanding had better come soon... Hb $59.95 399pp

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RECOMMENDED READING

CHRIS WOODING

THE WEAVERS OF SARAMYR

I recently finished this and was completely swept away by this amazing story. It is set in a world that is based on Japanese culture. Every powerful family in Saramyr has a Weaver, men who use the power of hideous masks to manipulate the Weaver. Through their magic these men have become indispensable to their masters and use their influence to destroy every Aberrant that is born within the Empire. Aberrants are evil, twisted beings with terrible powers, or so the Weavers claim. This is until it is discovered that the Empress’ only child is Aberrant. Despite the threat of a revolt, the Empress insists that her daughter will inherit the throne on her death and must defend her daughter from the machinations of the Weavers and assassination attempts.

Far away in the country, Kaiku is the only member of her family to escape an attack by strange demons, rescued by her strange handmaiden Asara. Her only clue, a Weaver’s mask, leads her to the conclusion that her father had discovered something that the Weavers did not want revealed. Kaiku vows revenge and, accompanied by Asara and a young acolyte named Tane, she sets off to punish the people who killed her family. Along the way Kaiku discovers that she is an Aberrant, with a power so deadly she is a threat to herself and everyone around her. She also learns that many Aberants have escaped the notice of the Weavers and they want her to help them in their latest plan to stop the Weavers - rescue the Abarrent princess and ensure she lives to take the throne.

Wonderfully written, with great characters and plenty of plot twists, this is a series with a difference that no fantasy fan should miss. 9/10 - Sian
Chris Wooding  
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Jane Yolen and Vladimir Vagin  
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Flying on her mortar and pestle, the witch with the long iron nose scours the countryside for plump young children to eat. But will she be a match for the feisty little girl she hopes to throw into her soup? Hb $38.00

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The original publication of this collection almost created the sub-genre of erotic horror. Never had sex and death been so mesmerisingly entwined. Clive Barker, in his introduction, says, “One of the delightfully unsettling things about these tales is the way Ramsey's brooding, utterly unique vision renders an act so familiar to us all so fretful, so strange, so chilling. Sex... is the perfect stuff for the horror writer, and there can be few artists more familiar to us all so fretful, so strange, so chilling.” Tp $36.00 239pp

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Lazarus Deep is a lake that sits like a blot of darkness in the valley. 18-year-old Dylan Adams is on the verge of leaving his hometown for a life in the city, but his plans are dramatically changed when his old school friend Luke Spencer goes missing. A search finds nothing. All anyone knows is that he was last seen at Lazarus Deep. Then, in the dead of night, Dylan's old friend comes calling. But he's not the same boy that everyone once knew. The desolate North Yorkshire Moors have held their secret for more than a thousand years. Now it is the turn of Lazarus Deep. Hb $59.95 504pp

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**From a Buick 8**

For 20 years the officers in Pennsylvania State Police Barracks have kept a secret in Shed B. A vintage Buick which lures the troopers to come and take a look. Now young Ned Wilcox, son of the recently deceased officer Curt, has started hanging around the Barracks. One day, he can’t resist peeking through the windows. And it’s time to share the secret. So the veteran troopers sit Ned down on the smoking bench and tell him every skin-curdling detail - from the Buick’s arrival to the terrifying lightshows, and what it sucks in and breathes out... for the Buick is a conduit to another world. Pb $19.95 467pp

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When Thomas’ best friend, Drabs tries to pass on a warning of impending danger to Thomas, all Thomas learns is “The carnival is coming.” With the help of Maggie, The Granny Witches, and pieces of his past that he thought lost, Thomas must face the strange forces that are swirling towards the people and town that he loves. Hb $59.95 238pp

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REYNOLD HUMPHRIES
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JIM SMITH
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WHAT WE’VE BEEN READING...

The Truth by Terry Pratchett (Pb $19.95 444pp). The 25th Discworld novel takes place in Ankh-Morpork and concerns the introduction of printing presses with moveable-type, a dauntlyard plot to usurp the Patrician and amusing, anatomically suggestive root vegetables. One of the strengths of the Discworld series has been the author’s ability to twist the genre of humorous fantasy in order to address contemporary issues. This instalment is no different, offering a light-hearted and insightful examination of tabloid journalism and investigative reporting. Throughout the course of the series, Pratchett has fleshed out dozens of hilarious citizens for the Disc’s largest metropolis and this has produced a vibrant, well-populated stable of re-worked stereotypes to interact with the protagonists of his urban adventures. The notable new additions to the Discworld’s ever-increasing dramatis personae include William de Worde, the Disc’s first journalist and Mr Pin and Mr Tulip - Pratchett’s Discworld re-interpretation of Quentin Tarrantino’s gangsters from Pulp Fiction. - Raph

Death Masks (Harry Dresden #5) by Jim Butcher (Pb $17.95). Set at least a year after Summer Knight (Pb $19.95), this has the usual mystery, mayhem and sassy dialogue of the previous books. There are some cool (in the creepy, ugly sense) demons, a character death and the return of Susan, Harry’s semi-vampire ex-girlfriend. I absolutely loved this. - Steph

Break of Dark by Robert Westall (Pb $15.95). This is a collection of some of the author’s best short stories and includes two in particular that are personal favourites. They are Hitch-Hiker and Blackham’s Wimpey. I still remember reading Hitch Hiker as a teenager and having chills going up and down my spine. Blackham’s Wimpey is a story that is a bit more personal for the author as he flew in the RAF on bombers and based it on the old “legend” of the haunted Lancaster bomber story of that time, a wimpey being a vintage twin-engined bomber. All-in-all a great read that will appeal to lovers of macabre tales that have a sting in the tail. Great for any age from children to adult. - Stephen

The Relic (Pb $19.95) and its sequel Reliquary (Pb $21.95) by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child are guaranteed to give you sleepless nights! Everyone no doubt is familiar with the movie of The Relic, but do yourself a favour and do not judge these books by the film script. They are infinitely better, more detailed and far more shocking and riveting. In a nutshell, The Relic involves an ancient artefact, with a deadly secret, that has been brought to a New York Museum, and the deaths that follow. In the sequel, the original characters of the first book all return and there is more action below New York’s city streets and in the sewers where the relic’s guardians are once more stirring… - Stephen

The next instalment in the well written Terminator series, T2 Rising Storm by S M Stirling (Pb $17.95) is also now in paperback and it’s a ripper of a read. If you enjoyed either the films or reading Stirling’s work, I cannot recommend this highly enough. It starts where the first one (T2 Infiltrator) ended, with Sarah now a prisoner of the people who are about to help create Skynet, while Skynet is beginning to take its first steps towards its eventual destiny… Again above average writing, strong characters and a great story-line that leaves you dying for the finale, which is due in hardback before the year is out. - Stephen

COMPETITION

To win one of two Jasper Fforde t-shirts (One says ‘Why Not Visit Swindon’, the other says ‘Toast’), name the heroine of the series. Send in your entry along with your name and address by 25 September 2003. Entry open to Galaxy Cardholders only.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Sharon Faichney has won the Daredevil Banner. Congratulations!