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Ben Holiday purchases the magical kingdom of Landover for a million dollars only to learn that Iron Mark, lord of the demons, expects him to fight a duel to the death. Escape to worlds full of adventure and magic in the first-ever Terry Brooks short-story collection, featuring both new and fan-favorite stories from all three of his major literary worlds: Shannara, Magic Kingdom, and The Word and the Void. Here are heroes fighting new battles and struggling to conquer the ghosts of the

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past. Here are quests both small and far reaching; heroism both intimate and vast. Here we learn of Garet Jax's childhood, see how Allanon first located Shea Ohmsford, and follow an old wing-rider at the end of his life. Here we see Knights of the Word fighting demons within and without, and witness Ben Holiday and his daughter each trying to overcome the unique challenges that Landover offers. This collection of eleven tales is a must-have addition to the Terry Brooks canon—a delightful way to spend

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time with favorite characters, and a wonderful reminder of what makes a Brooks story such a timeless classic.

With his groundbreaking New York Times bestseller *The Sword of Shannara* and its acclaimed sequels, Terry Brooks brought a new audience to epic fantasy. Now that story of clashing forces of darkness and light, of Shannara's beginnings and the human race's possible end, marches forward into an unforgettable second volume full of mystery, magic, and momentous

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events. Across the ruined landscape that is America—hopelessly poisoned, plague-ridden, burned, and besieged by demon armies bent on exterminating all mortal life—two pilgrims have been summoned to serve the embattled cause of good. Logan Tom has journeyed to desolate Seattle to protect a ragged band of street urchins and the being known as “the gypsy morph,” who is both mortal and magical, and destined to save mankind unless he is destroyed. Likewise, Angel Perez has her own



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quest, one that will take her from the wreckage of Los Angeles to a distant, secret place untouched by the horrors of the nationwide blight—a place where the race of Elves has dwelled since before man existed. But close behind these lone Knights of the Word swarm the ravening forces of the Void. As the menacing thunder of war drums heralds the arrival of the demons and their brutal minions in Seattle, the young survivors who call themselves the Ghosts are forced to brave the

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dangerous world of gangs, mutants, and worse to escape the invasion. And Logan Tom must infiltrate a refugee compound to rescue Hawk, the leader of the street urchins, who has yet to learn the truth about who and what he is. Meanwhile, Angel Perez has joined an equally urgent mission: to find the Ellcrys, a fabled talisman crucial to protecting the Elven realm against an influx of unspeakable evil from the dread dimension known as the Forbidding. But Angel and her Elf allies must beware—for a

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demon spy, with a monstrous creature at its command, walks among them. As the legions of darkness draw the noose tighter, and the time of confrontation draws near, those chosen to defend the soul of the world must draw their battle lines and prepare to fight with, and for, their lives. If they fail, humanity falls.

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Sherrilyn Kenyon's hard-to-find short stories. At their enthusiastic behest, we have delivered this brand-new short story collection that includes stories from long out-of-print works and stories that appeared in several Horror Writers of America short story anthologies. In this collection, Sherrilyn Kenyon takes readers from the Dark-Hunters to witches to demons and everything in-between as she explores the darkest parts of human nature. Dangerous and

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exciting, each story is one thrill ride after the next, proving time and again how Sherrilyn has captivated millions of readers worldwide. Now, readers are invited to go deep into Kenyon's rich and imaginative mind and experience the heart-racing moments that never stop coming! Included short stories: A Day In The Life Hell Hath No Fury I-O-U Karma The Neighbors Toil & Trouble Devil's In The Details The Wishsong of Shannara The Dark Legacy of Shannara

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**After more than three decades of captivating epic fantasy readers, the storytelling magic of "New York Times"-bestselling author Brooks' Shannara saga continues to enthrall. Now the fascinating chronicle of Shannara's prehistory reaches a thrilling new peak in the sequel to "Bearers of the Black Staff."**

**In the epic conclusion of the High Druid of Shannara trilogy, a young boy embarks on a perilous mission that could cost him everything, while the tattered remnants of the army confront an invincible death machine, and the**

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**entire world must deal with the coming of a demonic entity.**

**Reprint.**

**Horror stalks the Four Lands. The Ildatch, immemorial book of evil spells, has stirred to eldritch life, sending its foul Mord wraiths to accomplish at last mankind's destruction. Only Jair and Brin can attempt to halt the resulting evil**

**A Quest for the Holy Grail In this novel of legendary Ireland, Andrew Greeley takes you back into a long-ago time of mists and magic, faith and love. Here you will meet Cormac MacDermot, the young king destined to lead Ireland out of paganism to Christianity; his aged father, now on the throne, and the seductive witch-queen who holds the**

country in thrall. Here also is the lovely slave girl Brigid. As light-footed as an Irish pixie, she will help Cormac seek the magic cup that will confirm his right to be High King of Ireland. Over mountain and river they will journey, beset by perils. But when their enemies capture Brigid, and Cormac strives to save her, he will see that the little slave girl is a great deal more than she seems. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Unaware of the danger, two inexperienced Illuminers set out for the village of Carden Vale, at the foot of Duradh Mal, to minister to the people. The warrior Asharre, her face scarred



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**with runes, her heart scarred by loss, is assigned to protect the young clerics. But in Carden Vale they find unspeakable horrors--the first hint of a terrifying ghost story come true. The Sun Knight Kelland has been set free by the woman he loves, the archer Bitharn, but at the cost of undertaking a mission only he can fulfill. Joined by a Thornlord steeped in the magic of pain, they too make their way to Duradh Mal. There lies the truth behind the rumors of the dead come back to life, flesh ripped from bones, and creatures destroying themselves in a violent frenzy. And if Kelland cannot contain the black magic that has been unleashed after six hundred years, an entire world will fall**

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victim to a Mad God's malevolent

plague.

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*A city besieged by a powerful warlock seeks salvation from a fabled warrior in the second of three gripping new stand-alone eBook short stories set in the world of the fantasy-fiction phenomenon that is Shannara—by beloved New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks. His extraordinary—and deadly—skills have earned Garet Jax renown and infamy as the man called the Weapons Master. Rootless, solitary, and endlessly sought after, he roams the Four Lands, loyal to none but himself . . . and whomever can*

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*afford his services as warrior, assassin, and avenger for hire. But Lyriana is unlike any who have come to him before: as beautiful as she is bold, as enigmatic as the distant city she is desperate to save, and possessed of an intangible, irresistible allure that entices even the hardened Garet Jax more than any amount of gold or silver ever could. But the challenge she comes bearing may give even the celebrated Weapons Master pause. The remote city of Tajarin, Lyriana's home, is being laid to waste by an immensely powerful and boundlessly evil warlock of the deadliest order. With the populace enslaved and no champion to stand against the invader, Tajarin will soon be wiped from the map—perhaps only the first city to fall. Whatever hope exists rests in the deft hands, lethal blades, and unerring instincts of Garet Jax. With righteous fury in his blood, and feelings*

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*he has never before known in his heart,  
he will face the most dire of enemies, and  
dare the blackest of fates, for the  
mysterious woman at his side—whose  
deepest secrets have yet to be revealed.*

**PRAISE FOR TERRY BROOKS** “A great  
storyteller, Terry Brooks creates rich epics  
filled with mystery, magic, and  
memorable characters. If you haven’t  
read Terry Brooks, you haven’t read  
fantasy.”—Christopher Paolini, author  
of *Eragon and Brisingr* “Terry’s place is  
at the head of the fantasy  
world.”—Philip Pullman, author of *The  
Golden Compass* **BONUS:** This edition  
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*Bloodfire Quest*.

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comes the final thrilling novel in a brand-  
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Shannara!* **NEW YORK TIMES  
BESTSELLER** For centuries the Four

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*Lands enjoyed freedom from its demon-haunted past, protected by magic-enhanced borders from the dark dimension known as the Forbidding and the profound evil imprisoned there. But now the unthinkable is happening: The ancient wards securing the barrier between order and mayhem have begun to erode—and generations of bloodthirsty, monstrous creatures, fueled by a rage thousands of years in the making, are poised to spill forth, seeking revenge for what was done to them. Young Elf Arling Elessedil possesses the enchanted means to close the breach and once more seal the denizens of the Forbidding in their prison. But when she falls into the hands of the powerful Federation's diabolical Prime Minister, her efforts may be doomed. Only her determined sister, Aphen, who bears the Elfstones and commands their magic, has any hope of*

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*saving Arling from the hideous fate her captor has in store. Meanwhile, Railing Ohmsford—desperate to save his imprisoned brother—seeks to discover if his famed but ill-fated ancestor Grianne is still alive and willing to help him save the world . . . no matter the odds or the consequences. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Terry Brooks's The High Druid's Blade. Praise for Witch Wraith “Terry Brooks has written a slam-bang conclusion to his The Dark Legacy of Shannara trilogy with the stellar Witch Wraith. . . . He has a keen eye for great world-building as well as unforgettable characters. . . . The Dark Legacy of Shannara trilogy is arguably his best work to date.”—Associated Press “The final chapter in Brooks’s latest trilogy set in his beloved world of Shannara peaks in a bittersweet conclusion that seems to set the stage for*

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*future books. A must for the numerous die-hard Shannara fans.”—Library Journal Praise for Terry Brooks “The Sword of Shannara is an unforgettable and wildly entertaining epic, animated by Terry Brooks’s cosmically generative imagination and storytelling joy.”—Karen Russell, New York Times bestselling author of Swamplandia! “If Tolkien is the grandfather of modern fantasy, Terry Brooks is its favorite uncle.”—Peter V. Brett, New York Times bestselling author of The Desert Spear “I can’t even begin to count how many of Terry Brooks’s books I’ve read (and reread) over the years. From Shannara to Landover, his work was a huge part of my childhood.”—Patrick Rothfuss, New York Times bestselling author of The Name of the Wind “Terry Brooks is a master of the craft and a trailblazer who established fantasy as a viable genre. He*

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*is required reading.”—Brent Weeks, New York Times bestselling author of The Night Angel Trilogy “The Shannara books were among the first to really capture my imagination. My daydreams and therefore my stories will always owe a debt to Terry Brooks.”—Brandon Mull, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Beyonders and Fablehaven series*

*BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks's The Measure of the Magic. Terry Brooks won instant acclaim with his phenomenal New York Times bestseller The Sword of Shannara. Its sequels earned Brooks legendary status. Then his darkly enthralling The Word and the Void trilogy revealed new depths and vistas to his mastery of epic fantasy. Armageddon's Children and The Elves of Cintra took Brooks's remarkable mythos to a breathtaking new level by delving deep into the history of Shannara. And*



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*now, The Gypsy Morph rounds out—with an adventure of unforgettably imaginative scope—the first phase of a new chapter in this classic series. Eighty years into the future, the United States is a no-man’s-land: its landscape blighted by chemical warfare, pollution, and plague; its government collapsed; its citizens adrift, desperate, fighting to stay alive. In fortified compounds, survivors hold the line against wandering predators, rogue militias, and hideous mutations spawned from the toxic environment, while against them all stands an enemy neither mortal nor merciful: demons and their minions bent on slaughtering and subjugating the last of humankind. But from around the country, allies of good unite to challenge the rampaging evil. Logan Tom, wielding the magic staff of a Knight of the Word, has a promise to keep—protecting the world’s only hope of salvation—and a*

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*score to settle with the demon that massacred his family. Angel Perez, Logan's fellow Knight, has risked her life to aid the elvish race, whose peaceful, hidden realm is marked for extermination by the forces of the Void. Kirisin Belloruus, a young elf entrusted with an ancient magic, must deliver his entire civilization from a monstrous army. And Hawk, the rootless boy who is nothing less than destiny's instrument, must lead the last of humanity to a latter-day promised land before the final darkness falls. The Gypsy Morph is an epic saga of a world in flux as the mortal realm yields to a magical one; as the champions of the Word and the Void clash for the last time to decide what will be and what must cease; and as, from the remnants of a doomed age, something altogether extraordinary rises.*

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*York Times* bestselling author Terry Brooks is universally acclaimed as a towering achievement, an unquestioned masterpiece in fantasy literature. Now, for the first time, all the wonders of Shannara have been gathered into one single, indispensable volume in which Terry Brooks shares candid views on his creation. Lavishly illustrated with full-color paintings and black-and-white drawings, this comprehensive guide ventures behind the scenes to explore the history, the people, the places, the major events, and of course the magic, of one of the world's greatest fantasy epics. What sets Terry Brooks apart? Is it a knack for creating complex, unforgettable characters like Allanon the Druid, Shea Ohmsford, and Amberle the elven-maid—men and women, gnomes and wizards, who come alive on the page and in our hearts? Is it the haunting and

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*utterly believable evil of his darker creations: the foul Dagda Mor, the insanely murderous Jachyra, the enigmatic Ilse Witch? Or is it the way his adventures effortlessly partake of the timeless quality of myth? Whatever the secret of Brooks's storytelling magic, generations of readers have fallen under its spell, returning again and again to the pages of beloved classics like The Elfstones of Shannara and The Druid of Shannara, and relishing his newest novels in the Voyage of the Jerle Shannara saga. Sure to tantalize and delight old fans and newcomers alike, The World of Shannara is the ultimate gateway into the fantasy realms of Terry Brooks—and the perfect companion to take along on the journey of a lifetime.*

*An epilogue to The Wishsong of Shannara The time of the Shannara follows in the wake of an apocalypse that*

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*has destroyed the old world and very nearly annihilated its people as well. A thousand years of savagery and barbarism have concluded at the start the series with the emergence of a new civilization in which magic has replaced science as the dominant source of power. A Druid Council comprised of the most talented of the new races—Men, Dwarves, Trolls, Gnomes, and Elves, names taken from the old legends—has begun the arduous task of rebuilding the world and putting an end to the racial warfare that has consumed the survivors of the so-called Great Wars since their conclusion. But the wars continue, albeit in a different form. Magic, like science, is often mercurial, can be used for good or evil, and can have a positive or negative effect on those who come in contact with it. In The Sword of Shannara, a Druid subverted by his craving for magic's*

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*power manipulated Trolls and Gnomes in his effort to gain mastery over the other races. He failed because of Shea Ohmsford, the last of an Elven family with the Shannara surname. Shea, with the help of his brother and a small band of companions, was able to wield the fabled Sword of Shannara to destroy the Dark Lord. Subsequently, in The Elfstones of the Shannara, his grandson Wil was faced with another sort of challenge, one that required the use of a magic contained in a set of Elfstones. But use of the Stones altered Wil's genetic makeup, so that his own children were born with magic in their blood. As a result, in the third book of the series, the Wishsong of Shannara, Brin and her brother Jair were recruited by the Druid Allanon to seek out and destroy the Ildatch, the book of dark magic that had subverted the Warlock Lord, and was now*

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*doing the same with the Mord wraiths.  
The story that follows takes place several  
years after the conclusion of The  
Wishsong and again features Jair  
Ohmsford, who must come to terms with  
his obsession with the past and his use of  
his magic that his sister has warned him  
not to trust* **BONUS: This edition contains  
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*Larry Niven created his popular  
"Magic Goes Away" universe in  
1967, and it has been a source of  
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of Niven and Jerry Pournelle's "The  
Burning City" and "Burning Tower"  
and stands on its own as a landmark  
in fantasy fiction

A city besieged by a powerful  
warlock seeks salvation from a  
fabled warrior in the second of three  
gripping new stand-alone eBook  
short stories set in the world of the  
fantasy-fiction phenomenon that is  
Shannara - by beloved New York  
Times bestselling author Terry  
Brooks. His extraordinary - and  
deadly - skills have earned Garet  
Jax renown and infamy as the man  
called the Weapons Master.  
Rootless, solitary, and endlessly  
sought after, he roams the Four  
Lands, loyal to none but himself . . .

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*Christopher Paolini, bestselling  
author of ERAGON and BRISINGR*

*'Terry Brooks is a master of the  
craft and a trailblazer . . . Required  
reading' - Brent Weeks, bestselling*

*author of the Night Angel trilogy 'I  
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*Patrick Rothfuss, bestselling author  
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*'Terry's place is at the head of the  
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*author of NORTHERN LIGHTS  
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*Legend has it that Paxon Leah is  
descended from the royals and  
warriors who once ruled the*

*Highlands and waged war with*

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*magical weapons. But those kings, queens, and heroes are long gone, and there is nothing enchanted about the antique sword that hangs above Paxon's fireplace. Running his family's modest shipping business, Paxon leads a quiet life—until extraordinary circumstances overturn his simple world . . . and rewrite his destiny. When his brash young sister is abducted by a menacing stranger, Paxon races to her rescue with the only weapon he can find. And in a harrowing duel, he is stunned to discover powerful magic unleashed within him—and within his ancestors' ancient blade. But his formidable new ability is dangerous*

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in untrained hands, and Paxon must  
master it quickly because his nearly  
fatal clash with the dark sorcerer  
Arcannen won't be his last. Leaving  
behind home and hearth, he  
journeys to the keep of the fabled  
Druid order to learn the secrets of  
magic and earn the right to become  
their sworn protector. But treachery  
is afoot deep in the Druids' ranks.  
And the blackest of sorcery is  
twisting a helpless innocent into a  
murderous agent of evil. To halt an  
insidious plot that threatens not only  
the Druid order but all the Four  
Lands, Paxon Leah must summon  
the profound magic in his blood and  
the legendary mettle of his elders in  
the battle fate has chosen him to*

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*fight. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Terry Brooks's The Darkling Child. Praise for The High Druid's Blade "High adventure, lots of action, and appealing [characters] . . . a good place for new readers to jump into the author's world."—Library Journal "Terry Brooks is a grandmaster of the fantasy genre, and his latest will both captivate and surprise readers. . . . It's truly magical."—Associated Press "Brooks once again gifts readers with a breathless adventure in this new Shannara trilogy, the Defenders of Shannara. The action begins in the first chapter and doesn't end until the last page."—RT Book Reviews "A great place to*

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*introduce yourself to all of Brooks's novels . . . [The High Druid's Blade] is a great stand-alone book and will definitely throw you headfirst into the world of Shannara.*”—Whedonopolis “*The High Druid's Blade is an intriguing, action-filled novel that you are sure to love.*”—Faire's Fair Book Reviews “*Readers both new [and old] will enjoy reading The High Druid's Blade.*”—The Arched Doorway “*An enjoyable read . . . I will definitely be picking up the next book when it comes out.*”—Jessie Reads Everything Praise for Terry Brooks “*The Sword of Shannara is an unforgettable and wildly entertaining epic, animated by Terry*



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*Shannara series, from one of the all-time masters of fantasy. Across the Four Lands, peace has reigned for generations. But now, in the far north, an unknown enemy is massing. More troubling than the carnage is the strange and wondrous power wielded by the attackers—a breed of magic unfamiliar even to the Druid order. Fearing the worst, the High Druid dispatches a diplomatic party under the protection of the order's sworn guardian, Dar Leah, to confront the mysterious, encroaching force and discover its purpose. But another crucial journey is being undertaken. Exiled onetime High Druid Drisker Arc has been living in quiet*

*seclusion, far from the politics and power struggles of his former life, until two brutal attacks by would-be assassins force him to seek out an infamous murder-for-hire guild—and find the hidden enemy who has marked him for death. At his side is Tarsha Kaynin, a young woman gifted with the wishsong and eager to be schooled in its formidable power by a master. She, too, is pursuing a mission: to locate her wayward brother, whose own magic has driven him to deadly madness and kindled his rage for vengeance . . . against his sister. In their darkest hours, facing dangerous adversaries, the lives and quests of Dar Leah, Drisker Arc, and Tarsha*

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*Kaynin will be inextricably drawn together. And the challenges each confronts will have resounding consequences for the future of the Four Lands. Praise for The Black Elfstone “Epic scope, heroic characters, and so much heart . . . proof that the Shannara series can still reach new heights.”—Tordotcom*

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an extended stint  
fighting both barbarian  
raiders and the giant  
beasts of the Accursed  
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himself to be a fine  
officer . . . perhaps  
too fine. Too much  
success has made him a  
marked man with rivals

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"After taking up his  
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Arcannen, Paxon Leah has become the sworn protector of the Druid order. Now a critical hour is at hand, as a beloved High Druid nears the end of her reign and prepares to pass from the mortal world to the one beyond. There is little time for Paxon to mourn his friend and benefactor before duty summons him. For in a distant corner of the Four Lands, the magic of the wishsong has been detected. Paxon must accompany a Druid

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emissary to find its  
source and ensure the  
formidable power is not  
wielded by the wrong  
hands"--

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Weapons Master's  
Choice," and "The Black  
Irix"! When the world  
was young, the power of  
magic ruled—and the  
Elfstones warded the  
race of Elves and their  
lands, keeping evil at  
bay. But when an Elven  
girl fell hopelessly in

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love with a Darkling boy of the Void, he carried away more than her heart. Thousands of years later, tumultuous times are upon the world now known as the Four Lands. Users of magic are in conflict with proponents of science. Elves have distanced their society from the other races. The dwindling Druid order and its teachings are threatened with extinction. A sinister politician has used treachery and murder to

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rise as prime minister  
of the mighty  
Federation. Meanwhile,  
poring through a long-  
forgotten diary, the  
young Druid Aphenglow  
Elessedil has stumbled  
upon the secret account  
of an Elven girl's  
heartbreak and the  
shocking truth about the  
vanished Elfstones. But  
never has a little  
knowledge been so very  
dangerous—as Aphenglow  
quickly learns when  
she's set upon by  
assassins. Yet there can  
be no turning back from

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the road to which fate has steered her. Whoever captures the Elfstones and their untold powers will surely hold the advantage in the devastating clash to come. But when the Druids mount an expedition to locate the missing stones, they quickly discover there may be even more at stake than they ever expected. Praise for The Dark Legacy of Shannara "Arguably [Terry Brooks's] best work to date . . . Brooks is one



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writers in the business.

. . . He has a keen eye  
for great world-building  
as well as unforgettable  
characters.”—Associated  
Press “Fans will not be  
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[Wards of Faerie]  
doesn't skimp on the  
action scenes.”—Kirkus  
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pages to the harrowing  
ending, Bloodfire Quest  
. . . is a thrill ride  
that will leave readers  
wanting more. . . . This  
volume, paired with the  
first, might be just the

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right place to introduce  
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final chapter in  
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is an unforgettable and  
wildly entertaining  
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childhood.”—Patrick

Rothfuss, author of *The Name of the Wind*

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks's *The Measure of the Magic*.

Horried by the misuse of magic they had witnessed during the First War of the Races, the Druids at Paranor devoted themselves to the study of the old sciences, from the period before the collapse of civilization a thousand years before. Only the Bremen and a

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few trusted associates still studied the arcane arts. And for his persistence, Bremen found himself outcast, avoided by all but the few free-thinkers among the Druids. But his removal from Paranor was not altogether a terrible thing, for Bremen learned that dark forces were on the move from the Northlands. That seemingly invincible armies of trolls were fast conquering all that lay to their south. That the

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scouts for the army--and its principal assassins--were Skull Bearers, disfigured and transformed Druids who had fallen prey to the seductions of the magic arts. And that at the heart of the evil tide was an archmage and former Druid named Brona! Using the special skills he had acquired through his own study of Magic, Bremen was able to penetrate the huge camp of the Troll army and learn many of its secrets. And he

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immediately understood that if the peoples of the Four Lands were to escape eternal subjugation they would need to unite. But, even united, they would need a weapon, something so powerful that the evil magic of Brona, the Warlock Lord, would fail before its might...

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Wards of Faerie,  
Bloodfire Quest, and

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of the fantasy-fiction*

*phenomenon that is*

*Shannara—by beloved New*

*York Times bestselling*

*author Terry Brooks. The*

*history is thus: The*

*once-Druid Brona,*

*seduced by his pursuit*

*of dark magic, was*

*forever transformed into*



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*the Warlock Lord—whose evil would be the downfall of the Four Lands and the death of the Races. Against him, the Elven King Jerle Shannara wielded the fabled sword that bore his surname and triumphed. Or so it was believed. But though the Dark Lord was driven out . . . he was not destroyed. The Druid Allanon knows only too well the prophecy passed down to him by his late master: that eventually the Warlock Lord will*

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*return. Now, after  
hundreds of years, that  
day seems imminent. And  
the time is at hand for  
the Sword of Shannara to  
once more be brought  
forth from its sanctuary  
to serve its ancient  
purpose. All that  
remains is for a blood  
descendent of the Elven  
house of Shannara to  
carry the blade into  
battle. With ever more  
portents of doom on the  
horizon, Allanon must  
seek out the last  
remaining Shannara heir,  
who alone will bear the*

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*burden of defending the  
Four Lands' destiny. But  
with agents of darkness  
closing in from behind,  
unexpected enemies lying  
in wait ahead, and  
treachery encroaching on  
every side, there can be  
no certainty of success.  
Nor any assurance that  
this desperate quest  
will not be the Druid's  
last.*

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exciting first of a new  
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bestseller Brooks  
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*the Tolkien-infused  
magic of his Shannara  
books . . . with the  
urban, postapocalyptic  
world of his Word and  
the Void series. . . .  
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newcomers will be  
riveted.”—Publishers  
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In our world’s near  
future, civilization has  
fallen into terrifying  
chaos. Navigating the  
scarred landscape that  
once was America and  
guided by a powerful  
talisman, Logan Tom has  
sworn an oath to seek*

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out a remarkable being  
born of magic and  
destined to lead the  
final fight against  
darkness. In time,  
Logan's path will cross  
with others: Angel  
Perez, herself a  
survivor of death-  
dealing forces, and a  
makeshift family of  
refugees forced to  
survive among street  
gangs, mutants, and  
marauders. Common  
purpose will draw Logan  
and his allies together.  
Their courage and  
convictions will be

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*tested and their fates  
will be decided, as  
their singular crusade  
begins: to take back, or  
lose forever, the only  
world they have. BONUS:  
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leaves readers  
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work. ”—SFRevu

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friends embark on a  
journey into a  
mysterious land in  
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Merciel's The River  
Kings' Road takes us to  
a world of bitter enmity  
between kingdoms,  
divided loyalties  
between comrades, and an  
insidious magic that  
destroys everything it  
touches. . . . The  
wounded maidservant  
thrust the knotted  
blankets at him;  
instinctively, Brys  
stepped forward and  
caught the bundle before  
it fell. Then he  
glimpsed what lay inside  
and nearly dropped it



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himself. There was a baby in the blankets. A baby with a tear-swollen face red and round as a midsummer plum. A baby he knew, even without seeing the lacquered medallion tucked into the swaddling—a medallion far too heavy, on a chain far too cold for an infant who had not yet seen a year. A fragile period of peace between the eternally warring kingdoms of Oakharn and Langmyr is shattered when a surprise massacre fueled

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*by bloodmagic ravages  
the Langmyrne border  
village of Willowfield,  
killing its  
inhabitants—including a  
visiting Oakharne lord  
and his family—and  
leaving behind a scene  
so grisly that even the  
carrion eaters avoid its  
desecrated earth. But  
the dead lord's infant  
heir has survived the  
carnage—a discovery that  
entwines the destinies  
of Brys Tarnell, a  
mercenary who rescues  
the helpless and ailing  
babe, and who enlists a*

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*Langmyr peasant, a young mother herself, to nourish and nurture the child of her enemies as they travel a dark, perilous road . . . Odosse, the peasant woman whose only weapons are wit, courage, and her fierce maternal love—and who risks everything she holds dear to protect her new charge . . . Sir Kelland, a divinely blessed Knight of the Sun, called upon to unmask the architects behind the slaughter and*

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*avert war between  
ancestral enemies . . .  
Bitharn, Kelland's  
companion on his  
journey, who conceals  
her lifelong love for  
the Knight behind her  
flawless archery  
skills—and whose  
feelings may ultimately  
be Kelland's undoing . .  
. and Leferic, an  
Oakharne Lord's bitter  
youngest son, whose dark  
ambitions fuel the most  
horrific acts of  
violence. As one  
infant's life hangs in  
the balance, so too does*

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*the fate of thousands,  
while deep in the  
forest, a Maimed Witch  
practices an evil  
bloodmagic that could  
doom them all. . . .*

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*'Terry's place is at the  
head of the fantasy  
world' Philip Pullman  
Horris Kew, conjuror and  
confidence-trickster,  
has returned to the  
Magic Kingdom of  
Landover, and a chorus  
of disapproval  
immediately assaults Ben*

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*Holiday's ears. Both Questor Thews, the Court Wizard, and Abernathy, the Court Scribe (currently, magically transformed into a dog) urge Ben to lock him up or exile him. Fair as ever, Ben decides to consider the problem rather than act immediately. Alas, this leads to disaster, for Horris's return is not what it seems, and Ben soon finds himself in deadly peril. Only his lady, Willow, holds the means to save him. But*

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fantasy' Christopher  
Paolini, author of  
Eragon*

*The High Druid's Blade  
Heaven's Needle*

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The Black Irix (Short  
Story)*

*The Druid of Shannara  
The Sword of Midras*

An ancient evil threatens the Four Lands. The Ellcrys, the tree of long-lost Elven magic, is dying, unravelling the spell of Forbidding that locks the hordes of Demons away from the world. Already the fearsome Reaper is free. Only by quickening a new seed in the



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mysterious Bloodfire can the Ellcrys be reborn and the Forbidding made whole. Amberle, a young Elven girl, is chosen to undertake the quest for the Bloodfire. The way is perilous, though. Other demons besides the Reaper stalk the land. Amberle will need a protector if she is to prevail, and Wil Ohmsford, heir to the elven magics of Shannara, is chosen to accompany her. Amberle's quest and the fate of the Four Lands will rest on Wil's ability to unlock the magic of the mysterious Elfstones of Shannara. THE ELFSTONES OF SHANNARA is the second tale in the Shannara trilogy - a classic tale of magic, danger and high fantasy. During a tumultuous period in the Four Lands, young Druid Aphenglow stumbles on a

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chief defender of what is left of the Druid order, and is learning to control her powerful wishsong magic. If they can only survive Tarsha's brother, Tavo, and the Druid who betrayed Drisker Arc, they might stand a chance of defeating the Skaar. But that is a very big if . . . as Tavo now carries the Stiehl—one of the most powerful weapons in all the Four Lands—and is hellbent on taking his revenge on everyone he feels has wronged him.

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**“Find the Elves and return them to the**

world of Men!" the shade of the Druid Allanon had ordered Wren. It was clearly an impossible task. The Elves had been gone from the Westland for more than a hundred years. There was not even a trace of their former city of Arborlon left to mark their passing. No one in the Esterland knew of them -- except, finally, the Addershag. The blind old woman had given instructions to find a place on the coast of the Blue Divide, build a fire, and keep it burning for three days. "One will come for you." Tiger Ty, the Wing Rider, had come on his giant Roc to carry Wren and her friend Garth to the only clear landing site on the island of Morrowindl, where, he said, the Elves might still exist, somewhere in the demon-haunted jungle. Now she stood within that jungle, remembering the warning of the Addershag: "Beward, Elf-girl. I see



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**danger ahead for you . . . and evil beyond imagining." It had proved all too true. Wren stood with her single weapon of magic, listening as demons evil beyond all imagining gathered for attack. How long could she resist? And if, by some miracle, she reached the Elves and could convince them to return, how could they possibly retrace her perilous path to reach the one safe place on the coast? **BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks's The Measure of the Magic. The thrilling prequel to Shroud of the Avatar from Portalarium! The world died during the Fall. Abandoned by the mighty Avatars and their Virtues, the people who remained were left defenseless in an untamed land. That is, until the Obsidians came. Through dark sorcery and overwhelming force the Obsidian Empire brought order to****

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