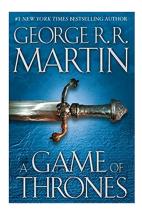
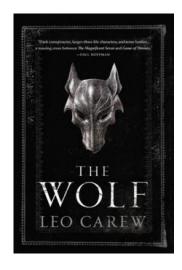
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A GAME OF THRONES

by George R. R. Martin



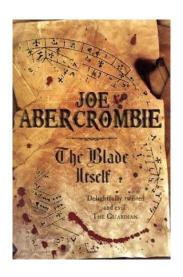


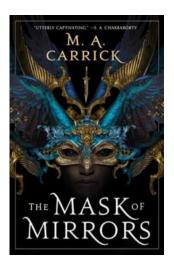
The wolf by Leo Carew

Roper has been thrust into a position of leadership that he's woefully unprepared for. Now, a massive army approaches from the south, old allies turn against him, and new rivals seek to undermine his rule. Bellamus is a brash but capable southern general, a commoner with the rare honor of having the discreet support of the Queen. Victory means glory, and defeat promises much worse than disgrace.

The blade itself by Joe Abercrombie

Inquisitor Glokta, a crippled and increasingly bitter relic of the last war, former fencing champion turned torturer extraordinaire, is trapped in a twisted and broken body - not that he allows it to distract him from his daily routine of torturing smugglers. Nobleman, dashing officer and would-be fencing champion Captain Jezal dan Luthar is living a life of ease by cheating his friends at cards. Vain, shallow, selfish and self-obsessed, the biggest blot on his horizon is having to get out of bed in the morning to train with obsessive and boring old men. And Logen Ninefingers, an infamous warrior with a bloody past, is about to wake up in a hole in the snow with plans to settle a blood feud with Bethod, the new King of the Northmen, once and for all - ideally by running away from it. But as he's discovering, old habits die really, really hard indeed ... especially when Bayaz gets involved. A bald old man with a terrible temper and a pathetic assistant, he could be the First of the Magi, he could be a spectacular fraud, but whatever he is, he's about to make the lives of Glotka, Jezal and Logen a whole lot more difficult ...



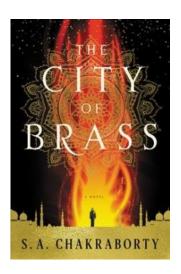


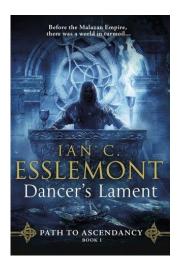
The mask of mirrors by M. A. Carrick

Arenza Lenskaya is a liar and a thief, a pattern-reader and a daughter of no clan. Raised in the slums of Nadezra, she fled that world to save her sister. Renata Viraudax is a con artist recently arrived in Nadezra. She has one goal: to trick her way into a noble house and secure her fortune. As corrupt nightmare magic begins to weave its way through the city of dreams, the poisonous feuds of its aristocrats and the shadowy dangers of its impoverished underbelly become tangled -- with Ren at their heart. And if she cannot sort the truth from the lies, it will mean the destruction of all her worlds.

The city of brass by S. A. Chakraborty

Nahri, a young con artist, inadvertently summons a mysterious djinn warrior to her side during one of her cons, revealing the existence of true magic before the future of a magical Middle Eastern kingdom falls into her hands.



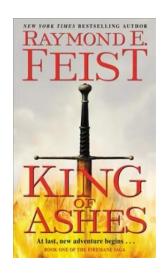


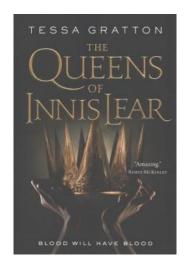
Dancer's lament by Ian C. Esslemont

Esslemont's all-new prequel trilogy takes readers deeper into the politics and intrigue of the New York Times bestselling Malazan Empire. Dancer's Lament focuses on the genesis of the empire, and features Dancer, the skilled assassin, who, alongside the mage Kellanved, would found the Malazan empire.

King of ashes by Raymond E. Feist

Years after four of the once- peaceful kings of North and South Tembria betray an ancient covenant and kill a fifth ruler, the slain king's secret heir, an elite warrior; and another mysterious orphan, a master weapons smith, find their choices determining the fate of their world.



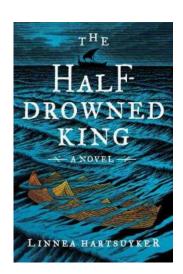


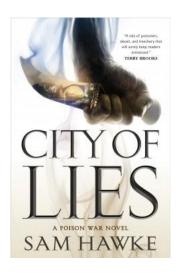
The queens of Innis Lear by Tessa Gratton

A fantasy inspired by Shakespeare's "King Lear" depicts a once-bountiful isle decimated by a prophecy-obsessed king's erratic decisions, where three rival princesses prepare for a war that will determine their realm's leadership and survival.

The half-drowned king by Linnea Hartsuyker

Surviving his stepfather's plot to have him killed during a raiding voyage, Ragnvald Eysteinsson vows to seek revenge and reclaim his stolen birthright. The young warrior pledges his loyalty to Harald of Vestfold, a king determined to unite Norway under his rule, while Ragnvald's sister Svanhild, faced with an arranged marriage, must make a difficult decision about her future. This 1st of a projected trilogy presents an exciting Viking saga with appeal for fans of Cecilia Holland's Corban Loosestrife novels or Bernard Cornwell's Saxon Stories. -- Description by Gillian Speace.





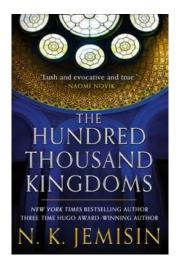
City of lies by Sam Hawke

A master poisoner works beside his sister to defend their city-state when the chancellor he worked undercover to protect is assassinated with an unknown poison at the same time an army lay siege to the city.

Black leopard, red wolf by Marlon James

Hired to find a mysterious boy who disappeared three years before, Tracker joins a search party that is quickly targeted by deadly creatures.



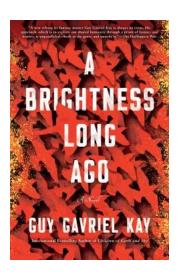


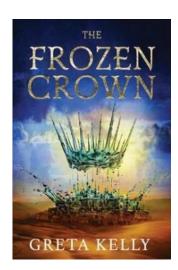
The hundred thousand kingdoms by N. K. Jemisin

After Yeine Darr is summoned to the majestic city of Sky and named an heiress to the king of the Hundred Thousand Kingdoms, she is thrust into a vicious power struggle with cousins she never knew she had, drawing ever closer to the secrets of her mother's death and her family's bloody history.

A brightness long ago by Guy Gavriel Kay

A brilliant servant under a despotic count and a would-be assassin who has forfeited a life of comfort join an extraordinary group of companions when a rivalry between two mercenary commanders threatens the world balance.





The frozen crown by Greta Kelly

Fleeing to her allies in the south when her realm is overrun by the forces of a mad emperor, a young heiress is embroiled in labyrinthine political games that threaten to expose her secret magical nature.

The fate of the tearling by Erika Johansen

When Queen Kelsea is forced to surrender herself and her magic sapphires to the enemy to protect the Tearling, her regent and most trusted guard, the Mace, rallies his forces to rescue their imprisoned sovereign.



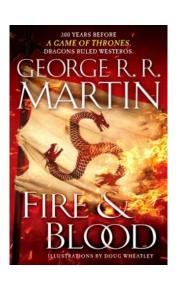


The ruin of kings by Jenn Lyons

Raised on storybook tales of royal adventure, Kihrin discovers his identity as the illegitimate son of a treasonous prince and is rendered a pawn in the royal family's power schemes before embracing his anti-hero destiny.

Fire & blood: 300 years before a game of thrones by George R. R. Martin

The thrilling history of the Targaryens comes to life in this masterly work by the author of A Song of Ice and Fire, the inspiration for HBO's Game of Thrones.



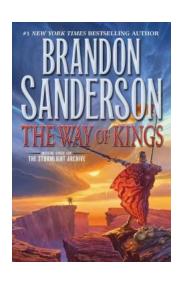


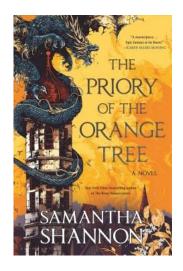
Black sun by Rebecca Roanhorse

Xiala, a disgraced Teek who can calm waters or cause madness with her song, arrives and disrupts the holy city of Tova during the winter solstice.

The way of kings by Brandon Sanderson

Introduces the world of Roshar through the experiences of a war-weary royal compelled by visions, a highborn youth condemned to military slavery and a woman who would save her impoverished house.





The priority of the orange tree by Samantha Shannon

A queen who would survive assassination attempts to continue her ruling line is protected with forbidden magic by a court outsider, while a secret society works to prevent a dragon war.

The broken eye by Brent Weeks

Without the protection of Gavin Guile, who has been captured and enslaved and has lost his powers, Kip, Teia, and Karris fight to survive a secret war between the nobles, rebels, and an ancient order of stealthy assassins called The Broken Eye.



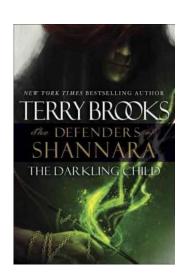


The witchwood crown by Tad Williams

More than thirty years have passed since the events of the Memory, Sorrow, and Thorn trilogy, and the world has reached a critical turning point once again. The realm is threatened by divisive forces, even as old allies are lost, and others are lured down darker paths. Perhaps most terrifying of all, the Norns--the long-vanquished elvish foe-are stirring once again, preparing to reclaim the mortal-ruled lands that once were theirs....

The darkling child by Terry Brooks

Paxon Leah has joined the Druid Order as a paladin, tasked with protecting the Druids with the aid of his magical sword. But Paxon's toughest assignment will come when he must track down a young musician with newly-manifested magic before a rival sorcerer can corrupt the boy.



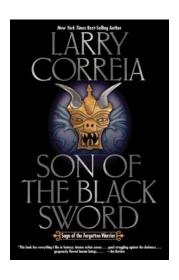


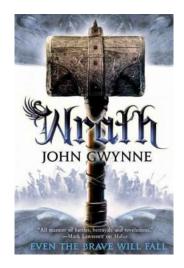
Port of shadows by Glen Cook

When he finds his fate tied to a new Taken, Croaker, in whom The Lady has taken a particular interest, must use all of his cunning to insure that The Lady and her "loyal" Taken do not destroy the company once and for all.

Son of the black sword by Larry Correia

Chosen by a powerful ancient weapon to be its bearer, Ashok Vadal|a Protector, part of the elite militant order of roving law enforcers, discovers that his whole life is a lie and, finding himself on the wrong side of the law, must face the consequences of rebellion, war and destruction.



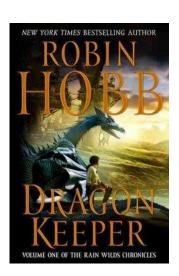


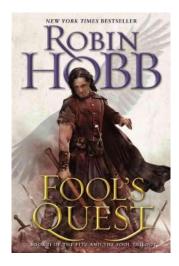
Wrath by John Gwynne

With three of the Seven Treasures in his possession, King Nathair takes control of the fortress at Drassil to secure the other four and unleash a demon horde upon the land.

Dragon keeper by Robin Hobb

Guided by the great blue dragon Tintaglia, a tangle of serpents fights its way up the Rain Wild River to the cocooning grounds. But the creatures which emerge from the cocoons are a travesty of the powerful, shining dragons of old; some cannot fly, others are stunted or deformed. To save the dragons, a band of dragon keepers, hunters and chroniclers must attend them if they are to find their true home--the legendary Elderling city of Kelsingra.



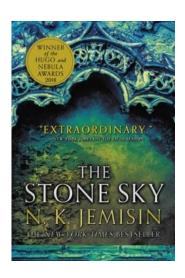


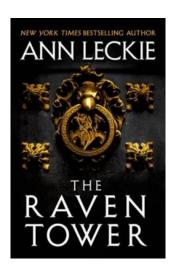
Fool's quest by Robin Hobb

Former royal assassin FitzChivarly Farseer resolves to exact revenge against the individuals responsible for stealing away his daughter.

The stone sky by N. K. Jemisin

In this concluding volume of N.K. Jemisin's acclaimed Broken Earth trilogy, orogene Essun and her daughter Nassun find themselves on opposite sides of an ideological battle for the future of the Stillness. Like its predecessors, this novel boasts a vivid apocalyptic setting and thoughtful explorations of the nature of personhood and the ways in which systems of oppression operate. Due to the complexity of the story, newcomers will want to start with the first of the series, The Fifth Season.



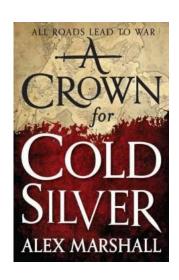


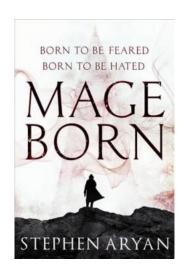
The raven tower by Ann Leckie

The kingdom of Iraden, under the protection of a god known as the Raven, faces unrest and challenges from invaders when a usurper takes over the throne and discovers that the Raven's power is weakening.

A crown for cold silver by Alex Marshall

"It was all going so nicely, right up until the massacre." Alas, nothing lasts forever, as retired warrior Cobalt Zosia learns when the Queen of the Crimson Empire sends an army to destroy Cobalt's family and village. In response, Cobalt vows vengeance, puts an end to 20 years of self-imposed exile, and rounds up her former colleagues, the Five Villains, to slaughter her foes (not that the gang needs much persuading). Will Cobalt and company prevail? Find out in this compelling, darkly humorous fantasy saga that introduces a strong female heroine and a cast of spirited misfits.



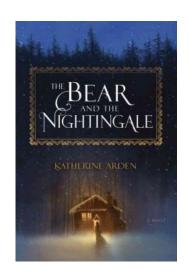


Mageborn by Stephen Aryan

It's been ten years since the battlemage war, where thousands died as mages sundered the earth and split the sky. Habreel believes eradicating magic is the only way to ensure a lasting peace. He will do anything to achieve his goal, even if it means murdering every child born with the ability.

The bear and the nightingale by Katherine Arden

In a village at the edge of the wilderness of northern Russia, where the winds blow cold and the snow falls many months of the year, a stranger with piercing blue eyes presents a new father with a gift - a precious jewel on a delicate chain, intended for his young daughter. Uncertain of its meaning, Pytor hides the gift away and Vasya grows up a wild, willful girl, to the chagrin of her family. But when mysterious forces threaten the happiness of their village, Vasya discovers that, armed only with the necklace, she may be the only one who can keep the darkness at bay.



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