

Dark Ones Mistress Dark Ones Trilogy Book 1

Belief is the answer. The territory of Lan Lumen fell almost five thousand years ago to the forces of the Dark One's Lieutenant, the Dark Seneschal. A being from another realm of existence Using his Flawed, his Dark Flow, and his Bone Strippers he exterminated the Halfling race, trapped the Holys and then exterminated the Human race. Permanently unbalancing the Earth Mother and this Realm of existence. Using the conquered six Prime Races of the Dark from already conquered Lan Atriam against the remaining four Prime Races of the Light he systematically attacked and destroyed or occupied each of their Ancestral Homes crumbling their power and weakening the Earth Mother even more. The Faerie Grove was destroyed , it's Archnode sunk into the swamp. Crushing the Faerie and scattering them across the South Lands to fend for themselves. The Halfling City of Dulamar became the Dark Seneschal's capital and the Halfling Archnode was encased in stone. The City of the Gnomes ,Wiseholm Rectory was occupied and enslaved. But the Archnode was hidden and remains undiscovered to this day. The Elven Ancestral fortress of Mia Tera fought bravely but with out her allies she eventually fell. The Elven Royals were able to escape and fled to the Secluded Vale in the Barrier Mountains where they remain hidden. But Mia Tera was Occupied by the Dark Ones and her Archnode covered from the Earth Mothers Eyes. Domitable the Great Dwarven Fortress fought on for five seasons they resisted till they were betrayed from within and the fortress fell. It too is now occupied and it's Archnode hidden from the light. Of all the Ancestral Homes of the Prime Races of the Light only Atalan the Ancestral Home of the Humans remains untouched. Though not for lack of trying. Atalan is protected by Hawser and the other five Ore Guardians. when the Dark Seneschal attacked. Hawser alone defeated them in short order. The Seneschal sent his Flawed his Dark Flow and even his elite Bone Strippers, all creatures not of this realm, and Hawser defeated them. Finally the Dark Seneschal decided since there were no more Humans and the Ore Guardians had to stay near Atalan. There was no threat here and he withdrew. The Humans were gone from the realm so the Atalan Archnode dimmed and ceased to function as well. Even the Human's allies the Wolves and the Gryphons pulled back from any conflict to their strong places. The Wolves staying to their traditional hunting grounds and the Gryphons to their plateau aerie fading completely from the memory of many. The attack was efficient and succeeded. Lan Lumen became the Dark Seneschal's to do with as he pleased. But he had made one error. When he destroyed the Halflings and before the final battle with the Humans he cast a spell to trap the Holys the spiritual guide for each of the twelve Prime Races. He however mistakenly believed that because the Halflings were extinct their Holy was dead as well. His casting trapped eleven of the Holys, but there were still twelve. Since each Holy was trapped where he or she was at the time of the casting The Earth Mother, her powers dwindling, was only able to hide their location from the Dark Seneschal. He knows the are trapped but not where to find them. But he searches. For five thousand years he searches. Because he knows the killing of a Holy is an imbalance the Earth Mother can never repair. When a Holy dies she is gone forever. An Elven princess of both warrior and spiritual cast, a Faerie Swords Master and three Tarc, disgraced ones who accompany them hoping to reach achieved status and gain the honored rank of Arc, and the last Holy. These six form a team. Their task is to find and then expedite the repopulation of Lan Lumen with Humans. A realm where some animals are as intelligent as the Prime Races. Where oceans are bodies of water and seas are living things. Where creatures of legend and prehistory live. The realm of the ancient scholar Dar

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Cate Delacy isn't thrilled to be volunteered as a finder of lost bodies, but she's not immune to Gemini Roskov's grief and righteous desire to claim her father's remains. It means a confrontation with the hostile Council of Supernatural Beings that controls far too much of New Orleans' darker mysteries and...personalities. Face time with the Council isn't a good idea for Cate, what with their dislike of her entire family, as well as their mistrust of her untested powers, distaste for her unladylike attitude, and disdain for her need to know the truth. A less direct way must be found. Then there is the matter of Cate's feelings for the too sexy and too immortal Jacqueline Slone, whose loyalties are as clear as black glass at midnight. Something is rising inside both of them, and it may well be a lover's touch that reveals a truth no one is expecting. Marie Castle - A stunning new voice in the supernatural! Book Two of the Darkmirror Series

Minstrel? Spy? Witch? What is Mirin, really? She's a young girl. She's a boy. She loves her sister. She loves a man. More important, who is she? The gods have given her a task, to save a realm, to save a queen. In a brutal world where the young are forced to grow up fast, Mirin's story is about coming of age too soon, about love and betrayal. It's about the heavy costs of standing for a cause but standing for it anyway because it is the right. About finding the lost and finding yourself along the way. Book I of the Harbingers fantasy series. Part of the Stormclouds/Harbingers fantasy novels.

A biography of the painter and revolutionary Gustave Courbet. One of the fathers of Realism, a style he created with his huge canvases of his birthplace in Ornans (After Dinner at Ornans, 1849 and The Stonebreakers, 1850), Courbet chose his subjects from ordinary life and portrayed them with monumental dignity. A man with big appetites for life, women and politics, he frequently found himself at odds with French authorities.

Sora, a Dhampir Mage Hybrid, has been chosen by the Goddess to right a past wrong. As her powers continue to grow, she must learn to master her magic in time for the upcoming battle with the Council.

Sora will do anything to protect her family, even welcome an enemy into her home from her former life within the Seattle Stronghold. With her Vampire Mate by her side and the Clutch's Shifters at her back, she faces the ultimate evil in Chosen Mage. Clutch Mistress Series- Vampire Mage Allied Mage Chosen Mage Alpha Mage The Sundering Demon's Rage

I'm an illegal wizard, an expert thief, and an occasional killer. So robbing the mansion of the Elven noble Lord Castomyr should prove no challenge at all. Except another thief has an eye on Lord Castomyr's treasures, a thief with magical abilities I don't understand. And unless I outwit this master thief, I'll be the one left holding the bag...and among the Elves, the punishment for theft is death.

This carefully crafted ebook: "BRITISH MYSTERIES COLLECTION - 31 Novels & Short Stories in One Volume: The Thorpe Hazell Detective Tales, Thrilling Stories of the Railway, Murder at the Pageant, A Warning in Red and many more" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents: The Canon in Residence Downland Echoes Murder at the Pageant Thrilling Stories of the Railway Peter Crane's Cigars The Tragedy on the London and Mid-Northern The Affair of the Corridor Express Sir Gilbert Murrell's Picture How the Bank Was Saved The Affair of the German Dispatch-Box How the Bishop Kept His Appointment The Adventure of the Pilot Engine The Stolen Necklace The Mystery of the Boat Express How the Express Was Saved A Case of Signaling Winning the Race The Strikers The Ruse That Succeeded Other Railway Stories A Perilous Ride The Slip Coach Mystery In the Rockhurst Tunnel The Convict's Revenge A Warning in Red A Jump for Freedom Special Working Instructions Pierre Cournet's Last Run Between Two Fires The Triumph of Seth P. Tucker A Policy of Silence In a Tight Fix The Romance of the "Southern Queen" Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch (1868-1933) was a Church of England clergyman and author. He is best known for his detective stories featuring Thorpe Hazell, the first amateur railway detective, whom the author intended to be as far from Sherlock Holmes as possible. Another Whitechurch's character was the spy Captain Ivan Koravitch. His stories were admired for their immaculate plotting and factual accuracy. Whitechurch was one of the first writers to submit his manuscripts to Scotland Yard for vetting as to police procedure.

Dark One's Mistress

This book is called 100 First Pages because that's what it is. Each page in the book is 'supposed' to be the first page of a novel. Next to that page, on the left, are my comments about how the novel might go, along with some of my personal thoughts on the 'subject'. That's the best part, because it is a mini-encyclopedia, almanac, journal and, to some extent, a blog. The book covers a large array of topics and genres. When you buy the book and read it, you can go to my website listed in the back and vote for your favorite BEGINNING. You can also suggest a title for the book. I promise that I will write the novel which receives the most votes for publication AND if you are the person who suggests the Best Title, i.e. the one I will use, you will get a cover credit, an entire page inside to write anything you like and one dollar for every copy sold! Check out the preview and give it a try.

There has always been a special relationship between queer culture and horror. Horror is a genre about the 'other' and being a part of queer culture often comes with feelings of 'otherness' or being an outsider based on your desires...maybe you see a freak onscreen during a midnight madness screening and you think to yourself, Well, I feel like a freak too. Maybe the monster is just misunderstood...we all hunger for something, right? Dark Rainbow: Queer Erotic Horror is the first volume of a short fiction anthology series edited by award-winning queer writer and editor Andrew Robertson. Published under Riverdale Avenue Books' Afraid imprint, it features many members of the Horror Writers Association along with writers from all over the world. Dark Rainbow contains 15 tales of dark appetites, hidden fantasies, sex and slashers including new work from Angel Leigh McCoy, Jeff C. Stevenson, Sèphera Girón, Julianne Snow, Derek Clendening, Spinster Eskie, Lindsay King-Miller and many more. Abigail Barnum, submerged in a dark world of sex, drugs, and violence, slowly gives into the insanity that has been threatening to consume her, descending into a lethal world of obsession, pain, seduction, and murder. Original.

Alex was a regular modern day teen who suddenly gets caught into a whirlwind fantasy as he becomes the master of the sexy young genie princess Fatima. He soon learns that he has to help her free her four other sisters, and to become their master as well, all to stop an evil sorceress from taking over the world. The wish-granting genie of his dreams is one thing, but you can only imagine how troublesome it gets when he has five of them rivaling for his affections. A fantasy rom/com of magical proportions!

They are ancient. They are waiting. They are patient and prepared to battle for souls... Captain Raoul Rivera wrestled with the helm. His heart was turning to stone at the hopeless situation before him. The hurricane storm clouds rose in front of his ship like a huge impenetrable wall. He was choosing to take his ship into certain danger. He searched the deck below, his eyes making a quick scan for Miss Patterson. He quickly spotted her among the crew and rigging; everyone was making ready for the storm. She was smiling up at him as if she had been waiting for him to notice her. His heart swelled, and he knew that he would fight the devil himself to protect her. At that moment the hair on his neck stood on end. He looked over his shoulder. There on the western horizon crested what he dreaded most: the black sails of the Pirate Demon. Titus Ordonez, that dirty-evil pirate had found them. Would his luck and wit be enough to save his ship, crew and Brenda? "Lord, help me." His whispered prayer was blown away on the wind...

Kidnapped and imprisoned, seventeen-year-old Clarabelle Weaver is determined to escape the clutches of her kingdom's Lord. That is until she learns his heirless death will free the soulless criminals enslaved in his army, now she must decide if her freedom is really worth a kingdom.

From the music that moves the people to the love that binds or tears them apart, Now That You Are Choirmaster shows the issues essential to the vocal group leader and the inside game played by the people to whom he is essential. It covers copyright to songwriting, funding to financial impropriety, part leading to verbal attacks, and fraternal fluxes to funny friendships. Its language is sweet-flowing, and its mood is simple and light.

This carefully crafted ebook: "MURDER AT THE PAGEANT, DOWNLAND ECHOES & THE CANON IN RESIDENCE (3 British Mystery Classics)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. Murder At The Pageant – The thriller revolves around mysterious murder and a jewel theft at Frimley Manor, during a pageant commemorating Queen Anne's visit to the great country estate in 1705. The Canon in Residence - The Reverend John Smith is a conventional cleric, who learns on holiday he has been promoted to be Canon in Residence of Frattenbury Cathedral. While staying at a hotel he meets a fellow Englishman, who tells him the clergy are too divorced from reality. This stranger drugs Rev Smith and takes his clerical clothing Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch (1868-1933) was a Church of England clergyman and author. He is best known for his detective stories featuring Thorpe Hazell, the first amateur railway detective, whom the author intended to be as far from Sherlock Holmes as possible. Another Whitechurch's character was the spy Captain Ivan Koravitch. His stories were admired for their immaculate plotting and factual accuracy. Whitechurch was one of the first writers to submit his manuscripts to Scotland Yard for vetting as to police procedure.

NewsLady is the memoir of a trailblazing African American woman journalist whose life is about firsts. Carole Simpson was the first woman to broadcast radio news in Chicago, the first African American woman to anchor a local newscast in the same city, the first African American woman national network television correspondent, the first African American woman to anchor a national network newscast and the first woman or minority to moderate a presidential debate. Hers is a story of survival in a male-dominated profession that placed the highest premium on white males. In this book she recounts how she

endured and conquered sex discrimination and racial prejudice to reach the top ranks of her profession. Along the way she covered some of the most important news events over the four decades of her illustrious broadcasting career. Her inspirational story is for all trying to succeed in a corporate environment.

"A Lady of Quality" – Set in the 17th century England, the novel relates the life of young Clorinda, girl raised by her harsh and utterly disreputable father. He forces to wear boys clothes, teaches her to ride horse like a man, her language is crass and her behavior is unconventional for a lady. Tired of such life, Clorinda decides she must change if she wants to attract a decent man and provide a decent life for herself. When she does meet a man she thinks is good for her, the trouble appears in the form of a former lover she no longer wants. "His Grace of Osmonde" is the sequel to A Lady of Quality. Duke Gerald of Osmond is a well-built, handsome, gracious, and kind nobleman who has all the gifts nature can bestow. When he sets his eyes on Clorinda for the first time, she is a gorgeous mess – the swearing, boisterous tomboy daughter of a reckless and wasteful father. Gerald is patient, knowing that fate and nature will tame her and bring them together, but he also fears that his futur bride will be ruined by the world before she settles with him.

The heroine's journey echoes throughout ancient legend. Each young woman combats her dark side and emerges stronger. This quest is also a staple of American comic books. Wonder Woman with semi-divine powers gives us a new female-centered creation story. Batgirl, Batwoman and Black Widow discover their enemy is the dark mother or shadow twin, with the savagery they've rejected in themselves. Supergirl similarly struggles but keeps harmony with her sister. From Jessica Jones and Catwoman to the new superwomen of cutting-edge webcomics, each heroine must go into the dark, to become not a warrior but a savior. Women like Captain Marvel and Storm sacrifice all to join the ranks of superheroes, while their feminine powers and dazzling costumes reflect the most ancient tales.

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When Sparrowhawk, the Archmage of Earthsea, returns from the dark land stripped of his magic powers, he finds refuge with the aging widow Tenar and a crippled girl child who carries an unknown destiny.

Come join the amazing journey! Life has not been easy for Pella Sparpoint in the City of Jewels. Trapped in a land of stone, ice and strict religious custom on a world that has never seen the sun, all this simple tavern boy and outcast desires is to keep a low profile and honor a decade-old oath to his missing father. But forces are at work that will destroy Pella's modest dreams. When a dispute erupts with the powerful Crystal Guild over a small strip of land, he is catapulted into a battle for his own survival - and for the survival of his entire race. One thousand years have passed since the destruction of civilization on Annaber. All that remains from that ancient time are secrets, riddles, political intrigue and a mysterious madness that threatens to plunge the kingdom into a civil war. As his icy world begins to warm, a handful of cryptic verses called "The Keys" warn of a horrific danger that is approaching and point the way to survival. Before Pella can decipher these clues and protect those he cares about, he must first give up everything he holds dear and fulfill his destiny. But Pella cares little about his destiny. He has problems enough just trying to survive while avoiding the schemes of the powerful political forces that would use him. Besides, he has plans of his own and is growing increasingly tired of being pushed against his will - no matter that one of the ones doing the pushing is a God.

Poole is a private investigator on the edge of his own destruction. In an apparent failed armed robbery, Poole's daughter is taken hostage by a crazed madman strapped with explosives. Poole gives chase, but a terrible accident causes the hostage car to crash, killing both his daughter and the madman. Tormented by guilt, deserted by his wife, shunned by society, Poole drowns his sorrows in self-destructive alcoholism. One particularly gloom-filled morning he answers the call of a mysterious witch known only as Marcella, who tells him she believes his daughter is very much alive. What begins as a simple investigation turns into a journey that takes Poole into a world beyond anything he had ever imagined, where creatures of myth and nightmare flourish amid a world ruled by Caillech, the terrifying crone-witch, and her evil minions, who holds his daughter captive.

On the idyllic Pacific island of Fala'isi, Giselle Foster is swept off her feet and into the bed of a devastatingly gorgeous stranger—only to discover she's given away her purity to renowned playboy Prince Roman Magnati! Giselle knows she can never be part of Roman's glamorous existence, and decides to end their torrid affair. But her inexperience and refusal to succumb to his touch make Roman more determined to claim her—as his royal bride!

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The Terran Empire is at war with The Rhimodian cyborgs. The Terrans believe the cyborgs have stolen a system of planets from them. At least, that's how it started. It degenerated into hatred and fear. *Book 3 in the Galactic Storm Series* Lady Bianca arrives on the a lava-filled volcanic world of the Rhimodians, she meets Harbin, a few days before the negotiations. The cyborg is much taller than her, and almost immediately annoyed with meeting her. However she's not afraid. Maybe she should be. While cordial, Harbin is much more interesting than she expected. His suit was also so tight, she saw all of his assets, and fine assets they were. Irritated at his assignment, Harbin meets with the Terran emissary, Lady Bianca and is immediately drawn to her. They both have similar desires--to see the end of the war. Harbin's Craving, however, makes it difficult to focus on what she needs because of what he wants. He wants her. Plain and simple. He cannot get her out of his mind. Then an explosion changes everything. Bianca hides on the icy rock of Sol-1, with Harbin. The frigid temperatures leave them both physically close to one another to keep her safe. A true test for Harbin's Craving, for certain. And when others show up attempting to attack Bianca, Harbin must do everything in his programming to keep her safe. Even if it means sacrificing himself.

Mary, Ian, Lil are three rather ordinary names. But when these names are each found tattooed on the backs of three murder victims, they are steppingstones on a murder trail that baffles Scotland Yard investigators. A story that grips from first page to last, Murder's A Must is one of John Russell Fearn's finest detective mysteries

The demon Lahash tells a story of a time in the distant past. Filled with aristocrats, a secret society, brothels, and murder, he finds that his first real obsession comes through the sinister man he follows in his misdeeds. As a demon, Lahash draws his power on the downtrodden of humankind, and the sinister man, William can offer all the fulfillment he needs. But, the night of the masquerade in Venice changes everything, when Lahash meets Sophia, William's young sister. The possibilities seem endless with Milan's secret society ceremony when they await the return of the dark one's mistress. She is one demon, once from the underworld who can only visit Earth every one thousand years when celestial bodies align. Lilith is the dark one's mistress who has been cast out but Lahash calculates a risky move in order to win her favor to return to Earth in the flesh for Sophia-but at what price? As Lahash comes to know William and the secret society, he is faced with an ultimatum. To fulfill his desires in the flesh for the human he has fallen for in exchange for Lilith's demand, or defy her will and forever remain punished for the rest of his demon existence. Will the secret society be blessed with Lilith's unrelenting dark power? Will Lahash's deal with the demoness come to fruition or will he forever experience a marked change in his demon existence? Find out in this dark, occult paranormal romance set in Milan Italy in 1732.

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