

# Fantasy

## What's it all about...

The genre label Fantasy is applied to novels whose plots, themes or settings feature supernatural phenomena and magical elements. Within the pages of a Fantasy novel, readers can expect to meet wizards, dragons, vampires and more.

Some common features of Fantasy fiction include imaginary worlds and inspiration from mythology and folklore. Dark Fantasy, Paranormal Fantasy and Magic Realism are some of the many examples of Fantasy subgenres.

## The classic works:

- *The Lord of the Rings* (1954) by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *The Book of Three* (1964) by Lloyd Alexander
- *The Earthsea Trilogy* (1968) by Ursula K. Le Guin
- *A Song of Ice and Fire* (1996) by George R. R. Martin

## Resources to find the best in Fantasy:

- **Bestfantasybooks.com:** a website that provides broad advisory coverage to Fantasy and its many subgenres.
- **Fantasybookreview.co.uk:** UK based fan resource with current reviews and subgenre descriptions.
- **Read On: Fantasy Fiction:** fan-authored and authoritative, features recommended fantasy titles organized into thematic lists.
- **Fluent in Fantasy:** part of the Genreflecting Advisory series, features a guide to major works and subgenre anthologies.

## Your list of recent titles:

- *The Undead Pool* (2014) by Kim Harrison



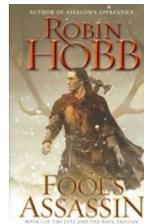
Part witch and part demon, Rachel Morgan fights to preserve the magical balance between Earth and the Hollows. With the truce between humans and Inderlanders fraying, she must use all her powers to prevent an all-out supernatural war with the undead.

- *Mortal Danger* (2014) by Ann Aguirre



Agreeing to join the mysterious Kian's magical faction to exact revenge on a group of bullies who have tormented her, Edie transforms into a beautiful girl and begins to sabotage the bullies' inner circle only to discover dark truths about Kian's world.

- *Fool's Assassin* (2014) by Robin Hobb



Masquerading as Tom Badgerlock, FitzChivalry Farseer is now married and leading the quiet life. The only fly in the ointment is the disappearance of his beloved childhood friend, the Fool. But for a former royal assassin, a quiet life is hard to maintain.

- *The Falcon Throne* (2014) by Karen Miller



The first novel in a new series by Karen Miller features the ruthless dynastic politics familiar to fans of George R. R. Martin. The rulers of two rival duchies scheme and plot against each other while a forgotten heir is hidden away in a distant land.

- *Messenger of Fear* (2014) by Michael Grant



The Messenger of Fear brings justice to those who do wrong, creating frightening games where the players earn their redemption--or lose their sanity--and somehow Mara, fifteen, has become his apprentice.

# Enjoy!