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Midkemia Novels

Without a doubt one of the best and biggest fantasy sagas there is and there's still more books to come. This stuff puts Tolkien in the shade and Pug makes Gandalf seem like a doddering old hedge witch.

The following 7 series of novels should be read in order other than as stated in The Riftwar Series.

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The Riftwar Series

To enjoy these books to the fullest they must be read concurrently with The Empire Sequence as our main Character, Pug, appears in both trilogies.

Read [Magician](#) until the end of Chapter 19 and then read [Daughter of the Empire](#).

Then read [Servant of the Empire](#) until the end of Chapter 5, where we meet up



with Pug again.

Then start reading from where you left off in Magician up until the end of Chapter 22 and then go back to where you left off in Servant.

Read Servant until the end of Chapter 14 and then read Magician until the end of Chapter 28.

Now you have arrived at the the Stadium Scene. You now have a choice.

The Stadium Scene is where Pug awakens to his true powers. You can ether read this first from Pug's perspective by reading Magician, or you can read this first from Mara's perspective as an outsider who doesn't know Pug.

Read until the rift is closed, and then catch up with the other book until the rift is closed.

Now read Servant until it mentions the rift is open again.

Now finish Magician, then read [The Wood Boy](#), [Silverthorn](#) and [A Darkness At Sethanon](#).

Now finish Servant and then read [Mistress of the Empire](#).

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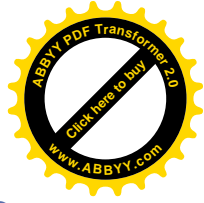


Magician

The beginning of something great.

I bought this book from an Oxfam shop in Ireland many years ago for something to read on the way home. Little did i know at the time how long this tale would become.

The Magician in question, Pug, begins life as a castle orphan on the world of Midkemia, which is a bit like medieval Europe with Elves, Dwarfs and lots of other stuff.



If you like sword fights, medieval castle sieges, battles and lots of magic stuff thrown in for good measure then you'll love it.



The Wood Boy

The Wood Boy is a short story that happens sometime within the Magician tale. This was originally published within the "Legends" anthology (edited by Robert Silverberg), but has since been published as a comic strip adaptation with art work by Mat Broome.

I haven't read the Legends' version for many years but i have just finished reading the comic strip adaptation.

The art work is quite something, although the story itself does fly in the face of a lot of things we're lead to believe about the Tsurani in Magician. For instance, allowing Lord Paul to live, when the Tsurani put to death all captured nobles, and also allowing him to have a slave body guard that can carry weapons when the Tsurani hang any slave found with a weapon of any description.

To be honest, i'd rather not have the story at all if it has to be based upon ideas that conflict with the rest of the Riftwar stories.

But if you can get over the conflict of ideas then it's worth a read.



Silverthorn

In an attempt to fulfill a prophecy the Nighthawks, otherwise known as The Guild of Death, are seeking to kill Arutha, the new Prince of Krondor. On their wedding day, Arutha's bride, Anita, is struck by a poisoned crossbow bolt meant for Arutha and he must find the antidote to save her.

Thus begins his quest which will lead Arutha and his band of medieval superheroes into the heart of Moredhel territory.

To add to it all, it's the Moredhel who were behind the Nighthawks' attempts to kill Arutha in the first place.



But who, or what, is behind the Moredhel?

Brilliant stuff!



A Darkness At Sethanon

The Winter has ended and the Moredhel are massing in the Northlands to begin their Summer campaign.

Arutha is once again thrown into the breach, and is soon off to the Northlands with the usual suspects and a couple of new ones.

Meanwhile Pug and Thomas have found a Dragon and they set off to find Macros to help them in the fight that is to come.

The Empire Sequence

written with Janny Wurts

The Empire Sequence is set on the world of Kelewan, the world on the other side of the Rift from Midkemia.

The culture of the Empire of Tsuranuanni on Kelewan is similar in many ways as that of Medieval Japan, except that they have a giant insectoid race known as the Choja. One of the reasons i really enjoy reading this trilogy is that it gives a wonderful insight into the world of hive insects, all be it a little far from reality.

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Daughter of the Empire

Mara is about to take her vows at the temple to forever put material life and



values behind her when the ceremony is interrupted by her family's military commander.

From a life of temple contemplation, Mara is catapulted into the ruthless "Game of the Council" as the head of what little remains of her once proud and dominant family.

The game is on.



Servant of the Empire

Although Jingu is defeated his successors in the Minwanabi household continue to relentlessly plot the Acoma's downfall.

Meanwhile, Mara buys a bunch of Midkemian slaves and finds herself attracted to their leader, Kevin of Zun and his strange off world views. It's not long before Mara is once again flying in the face of tradition to bring her house to further prominence in the "Game of the Council", much to the chagrin of the Minwanabi.

At the same time the Emperor himself has other plans for the Council and the Empire, and is equally flying in the face of tradition.



Mistress of the Empire

The Emperor and Mara are now firmly entrenched in the reformists camp, while Jiro of the Anasati, who still hasn't forgiven Mara for choosing his brother, Bunto, over him, is now leading the traditionalists, and Jiro's first adviser, Chumaka, is proving a very capable opponent for Arakasi, Mara's spymaster.

Meanwhile the Hamoi Tong have decided that they have a personal debt to settle with Mara for Arakasi's forging of the Minwanabi chop, and are stopping at nothing to see that debt settled in full.

To top it all, The Assembly of Magicians have decided to hamstring Mara's need for revenge upon Jiro and are once again meddling in mundane affairs, which leads Mara well outside of the borders of Tsuranuani to find allies in the



showdown with the Assembly that is to come.

A great ending to a great trilogy.

Serpentwar Series

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Prince of the Blood

Arutha's children are growing up fast. The eldest twins, Borric and Erland, are two busy wenching, gambling and brawling to worry about responsibility and affairs of the state, that is, until King Lyam is told he will have no male heir.

Suddenly catapulted into being the heir to the throne, Borric is sent to Kesh with Erland to represent the Isles at the Empress' 75th Jubilee. A trip Arutha thinks will sort their heads out and wisen them up a little.

However, the Emperess is very old, the succession unclear and a faction within the Palace of Kesh wants to draw the Kingdom into a war to further their claim to the throne. Before Borric and Erland leave Krondor an attempt is made on Borric's life by one of the True Blood of Kesh.

Borric is later kidnapped and presumed dead, leaving Erland to continue to Kesh alone as the now heir apparent. Meanwhile Borric is doing all he can to stay alive and somehow make it to the Jubilee to expose the plotters.

Yet another great adventure of swashbuckling mayhem by one of the greats of the genre.



The King's Buccaneer

Borric and Erland's younger brother, Nicky, is growing up fast.



Having been disabled from birth he's been basically wrapped in cotton wool by his parents. Arutha decides that it's time for him to meet the big wide world and sends him off with Amos to Crydee.

Having settled into Duke Martin's strict regime as his personal squire, all hell breaks loose when Crydee is sacked and burnt to the ground one night by unknown forces who take Duke Martin's daughter, her friend, and lots of the town folk away with them as captives.

Our heroes are soon hot on the trail in Amos' ship and end up travelling half way around the world to the continent of Novindus to rescue them.

Nicky's coming of age tale and a wonderful story that'll keep you reading late into the night.

The Serpentwar Saga

Shadow of a Dark Queen
Rise of a Merchant Prince
Rage of a Demon King
Shards of a Broken Crown

The Riftwar Legacy

Krondor the Betrayal
Krondor: the Assassins
Krondor: Tear of the Gods

Conclave of Shadows

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Exile's Return



Talon of the Silver Hawk

For those of you who haven't read all the Riftwar and Serpentwar books (there's only 15 of them), i would suggest that you do so before starting the Conclave of Shadows series.

Yeah, it's back to Midkemia and all the great stuff that we've come to expect from this great place.

The Conclave of Shadows is a group of magicians that was founded many years ago by Pug, and being a huge fan of Pug i've always hoped that his story would be continued by Raymond, who is one of the greatest fantasy writers that there is.

Talon of the Silver Hawk is actually the name of a young man, the last of the Orisini people, and this is the beginning of his story, and the continuation of Pug's.



King of Foxes

Talon of Silver Hawk has now been transformed into Talwin Hawkins and is set loose on the world by the Conclave.

Tal is a fantastic character - a bit like a medieval Jame Bond - and this is a really fast moving, can't put down book.

Well worth reading the previous 16 books just to get to this one.



Exile's Return

A rather slow book when compared to the King of Foxes.

Kaspar has been exiled and find's out that not all is as it should be on Midkemia and has to make his way back to the Conclave, who exiled him in the first place,



for their help.

This book is obviously a calm before the storm and there's obviously a lot more great stories to come after this.

Bring 'em on!

The Darkwar

Flight of the Nighthawks



"Flight of the Nighthawks"

All our favourite characters are back doing their usual great stuff.

Leso Varen is on the loose somewhere on Midkemia and the Conclave's attention is being drawn to Great Kesh by a string of assassinations within the nobility, and the Talnoy are still presenting a big problem.

An action packed book with plenty more to come.

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