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## ANDREW CALDECOTT



**Jo Fletcher Books**

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**Markets Sold in Previous Titles:**

US Mobius

Czech Republic (Host)

Poland (Zysk)

Russia (Family Leisure Club)

Hugely compelling, readable, dark, entertaining fun from a master storyteller at the height of his powers.

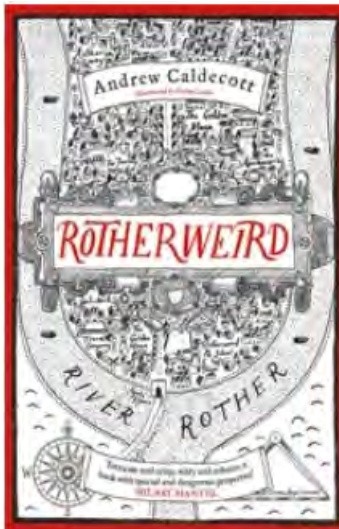
The world has become a dangerous place to live. Despite everything the environmentalists could do – especially Lord Vane, who dedicated his company Tempestas to warning the world of what would happen if mankind did not mend their ways – the atmosphere turned toxic, destroying almost all life – plants, animals, even humans.

The few survivors can be found living in great bubbles protected from the atmosphere by chitin shields, while the last two great companies, Lord Vane's Tempestas and Lord's Sine's Genrich, are locked in an uneasy alliance for the betterment of mankind.

Fogg has been the sole curator of the last museum on earth for three years and in all that time he hasn't seen another living soul. But he's not quite as alone as he thinks, and his quiet, lonely – *safe* – life is about to change completely. Little does he know, but he's about to be caught up in a power grab which threatens every remaining living thing . . .

### **About the Author:**

Andrew Caldecott is a QC specialising in media law; he has represented a wide variety of clients, from the BBC and the *Guardian* to supermodel Naomi Campbell.



## ROTHERWEIRD Andrew Caldecott

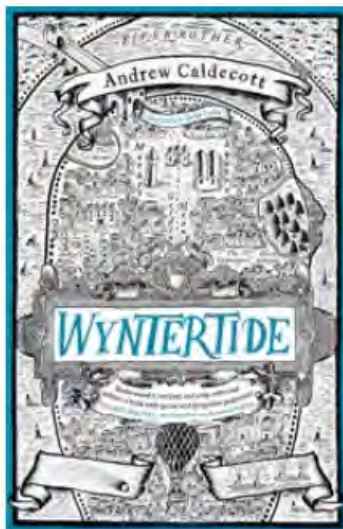
### Welcome to Rotherweird!

A twisted, arcane murder-mystery with shades of Hope Mirrlees, Ben Aaronovitch, Mervyn Peake and Edward Gorey at their disturbing best.

'Baroque, Byzantine and beautiful - not to mention bold' M.R. Carey

'Compelling . . . the love child of *Gormenghast* and Hogwarts' *Guardian*

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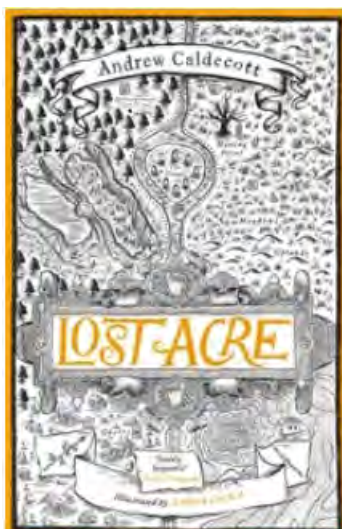


## WYNIERTIDE Andrew Caldecott

Welcome back to Rotherweird, where an ancient plot centuries in the making is about to come to fruition - and this time the forces of darkness might actually win . . .

'Intricate and crisp, witty and solemn. Line by line, silent and adroit, it opens a series of trap-doors in the reader's imagination' Hilary Mantel, Man Booker Prize-winning author of *Wolf Hall*

**Rights Sold:** US (Mobius); Czech Republic (Host); Poland (Zysk)



## LOST ACRE Andrew Caldecott

Wynter is here: the brilliant Elizabethan mystic has achieved the impossible and returned to present-day Rotherweird - and now his ultimate goal is within reach . . .

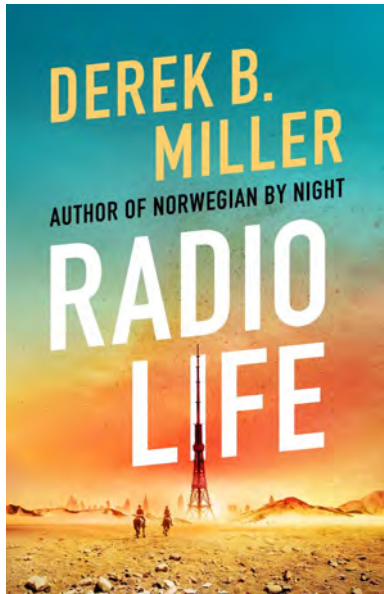
The stakes could not be higher, for at the endgame, not only Rotherweird is under threat. The future of mankind itself hangs in the balance.

A great read . . . rich and rewarding - *Sci Fi Online*

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# RADIO LIFE

DEREK B. MILLER



**Jo Fletcher Books**  
**January 2021**  
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**A gripping adventure and a riveting political thriller: The Commonwealth, a post-apocalyptic civilisation on the rise, is locked in a clash of ideas with the Keepers, a fight which threatens to destroy the world . . . again.**

When Lilly was first Chief Engineer at The Commonwealth, nearly fifty years ago, the Central Archive wasn't yet the greatest repository of knowledge in the known world, protected by scribes copying every piece of found material - books, maps, even scraps of paper - and disseminating them by *Archive Runners* to hidden off-site locations for safe keeping. Back then, there was no Order of Silence to create and maintain secret routes deep into the sand-covered towers of the Gone World or into the northern forests beyond Sea Glass Lake. Back then, the world was still quiet, because Lilly hadn't yet found the Harrington Box.

But times change. Recently, the Keepers have started gathering to the east of Yellow Ridge - thousands upon thousands of them - and every one of them determined to burn the Central Archives to the ground, no matter the cost, possessed by an irrational fear that bringing back the ancient knowledge will destroy the world all over again. To prevent that, they will do anything.

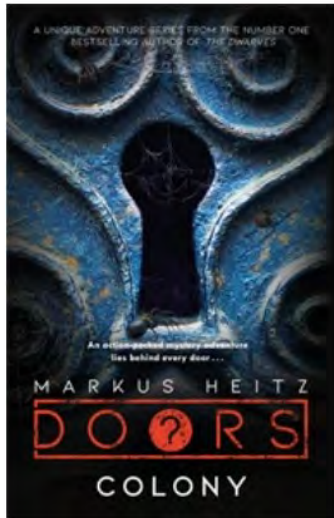
Fourteen days ago the Keepers chased sixteen-year-old Archive Runner Elimisha into a forbidden Gone World Tower and brought the entire thing down on her. Instead of being killed, though, she slipped into an ancient unmapped bomb shelter where she has discovered a cache of food and fresh water, a two-way radio like the one Lilly's been working on for years . . . and something else. Something that calls itself 'the internet' . . .

## **About the Author:**

Before becoming a full-time novelist, Derek Miller worked all over the world for a variety of organisations, including the United Nations. His first novel, *Norwegian by Night*, won the CWA John Creasey Dagger and was an Economist best novel of the year; subsequent crime novels *The Girl in Green* and *American by Day* were both shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger. He lives in Oslo, Norway, with his wife and children.



# DOORS MARKUS HEITZ translated by Charlie Homewood



Choose your own adventure with an action-packed mystery by Germany's Number One bestselling author. Your choice? Will you choose **DOOR ?**, **DOOR !** or **DOOR X**.

Each story begins when the beloved only daughter of millionaire entrepreneur Walter van Dam goes missing, he calls in a team of experts - including free-climbers, a geologist, a parapsychologist, even a medium - to find her . . . for Anna-Lena has disappeared somewhere within a mysterious cave system under the old house the family abandoned years ago. But the rescuers are not the only people on her trail - and there are dangers in the underground labyrinth that no one could ever have foreseen.

In a gigantic cavern the team come across a number of strange doors, three of them marked with enigmatic symbols. Anna-Lena must be behind one of them - but time is running out and they need to choose, quickly. Anna-Lena is no longer the only person at risk.

**COLONY:** they little expect door ? to take them back to the 1940s - but this is not the 1940s they know. In this timeline, Nazi Germany capitulated early, the US has taken control of Europe and is threatening the Russian-led Resistance with a nuclear strike.

**FIELD OF BLOOD:** who could have imagined that the portal marked with ! would take the rescuers into a different time completely: it is now the early Middle Ages, and they are about to find themselves in the middle of a world-changing battle.

**TWILIGHT:** the team knew their mission would be perilous - but how do you defeat your own demons? Trapped in their own nightmares, their only hope of escape is door X, which leads to a threatening vision of the future.

## About the Author:

Markus Heitz studied history and German language and literature before writing his debut novel, *Schatten über Ulldart* (*Shadows over Ulldart*, the first in a series of epic fantasy novels), which won the Deutscher Phantastik Preis (Germany's premier literary award for fantasy) in 2003. Since then he has frequently topped the bestseller charts, and his Number One bestselling Dwarves and Aelfar series have earned him a place among Germany's most successful fantasy authors. He currently lives in Saarland, in Germany.

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**Rights available:** US

# BLACKHEART KNIGHTS

LAURE EVE



**Jo Fletcher Books**  
**May 2021**

**Editor:** Jo Fletcher  
**Length:** 400pp

**Rights sold:**  
Germany (Blanvalet)

***Power always wins.***

Imagine Camelot but in Gotham: a city where Arthurian knights are the celebrities of the day, riding on motorbikes instead of horses and competing in televised fights for fame and money.

**'Arthurian legend meets urban fantasy in a brilliant, bloody wild ride' Jay Kristoff, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Aurora Burning***

Imagine a city where a young, magic-touched bastard astonishes everyone by becoming king - albeit with extreme reluctance - and a girl with a secret past trains to become a knight for the sole purpose of vengeance.

**The boldest, smartest, most adventurous fantasy I've read in ages' Krystal Sutherland, author of *Our Chemical Hearts***

Imagine a city where magic is illegal but everywhere, in its underground bars, its back-alley soothsayers - and in the people who have to hide what they are for fear of being tattooed and persecuted.

Imagine a city where electricity is money, power the only game worth playing, and violence the most fervently worshipped religion.

**'King Arthur as you've never seen him before. The coolest thing you'll read this year' Samantha Shannon, author of *The Bone Season* and *The Priory of the Orange Tree***

## **About the Author:**

Laure Eve is the author of critically acclaimed fantasy duologies *The Graces* and *The Curses*, and *Fearsome Dreamer* and *The Illusionists*. A British-French hybrid, she was born in Paris and grew up in Cornwall, a land suffused with myth and legend. She speaks English and French, and can hold a vague conversation, usually about food, in Greek. She is very English about comedy and very French about cheese. Selling comic books in foreign languages, loosing a variety of blood-curdling screams into a recording booth and striking odd poses as an artist's model are just some of the things she has done for a living.

# LOVE BITES

RY HERMAN



July 2020

Length: 400pp

Rights sold:

Germany (Blanvalet)

**Tender and unforgettable, *Ry Herman's* laugh-out-loud, queer romances have a surprising paranormal twist.**

Two years after a painful divorce, Chloë is still struggling to leave the house, paralysed by anxiety and memory. So when she's bullied into a night of dancing by her busybody aunt and finds herself in a goth club, on her own, in a strange part of town, she isn't looking for anything more than to pass the time until she can leave. Then she meets Angela, a smart, beautiful astronomy Ph.D. student whose smile makes her heart pound. In Angela's eyes, Chloë can see a future. Suddenly, home alone is the last place Chloë wants to be.

Trouble is, Angela can only come out at night. Angela doesn't feel the cold. Angela doesn't eat. Angela doesn't have a pulse. Angela has sharp and deadly teeth.

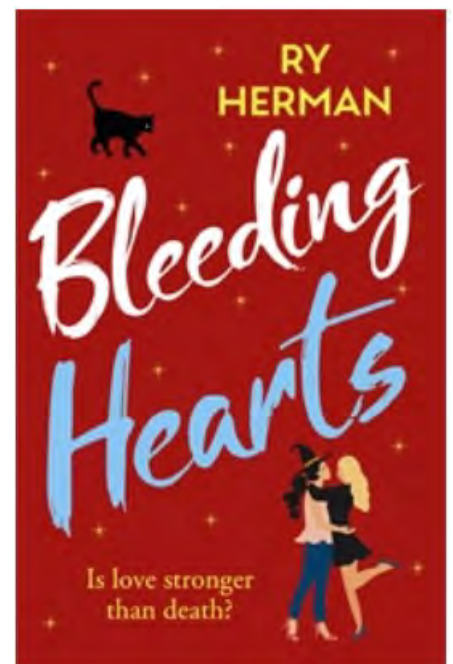
**Angela and Chloë might just be perfect for each other. But how do you build a life together when one of you is already dead?**

# BLEEDING HEARTS

**Is love stronger than death?** It's hard to hold down a functioning relationship at the best of times - but it's harder still when one half of the couple is on the wrong side of dead, and the other's just discovered they possess powers that are definitely not of natural origin.

To be together at all, Angela and Chloë have had to overcome almost impossible odds, but their final obstacle might be insurmountable.

In the last ten months, they've searched high and low for a cure to Angela's biting problem, and if they don't find one soon, the chances grow higher and higher that Chloë might die.



May 2021

Length: 400pp

## About the Author:

Born in the US, Ry Herman is now a permanent Scottish resident. He's worked at a variety of jobs, including submissions editor, theatre technician, and one job which could best be described as typing the number five all day long. As well as writing plays, he acts and directs, and has performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He is bisexual and genderqueer. Hobbies include baking bread, playing tabletop roleplaying games, and reading as many books as humanly possible.

# PLAY OF SHADOWS

SEBASTIEN DE CASTELL



**Jo Fletcher Books**  
**September 2021**  
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**Length:** 528pp

**Swordplay, magic, intrigue and friendships stronger than iron: the first volume in the new swashbuckling fantasy series by the bestselling author of *The Greatcoats*.**

Damelas Shademantaigne picked a poor night to flee a judicial duel.

He has precious little hope of escaping the wrath of the Vixen, the most feared duellist in the entire city, until he stumbles through the stage doors of the magnificent Operato Belleza and tricks his way into the company of actors. An archaic law provides a temporary respite from his troubles - until one night a ghostly voice in his head causes Damelas to fumble his lines, inadvertently blurting out a dreadful truth: the city's most legendary hero may actually be a traitor and a brutal murderer.

With only the help of his boisterous and lusty friend Bereto, a beautiful assassin whose target may well be Damelas himself, and a company of misfit actors who'd just as soon see him dead, this failed grandson of two Greatcoats must somehow find within himself the courage to dig up long-buried truths before a ruthless band of bravos known as the Iron Orchids come for his head.

Oh, and there's still that matter of the Vixen waiting to duel him .

## **About the Author:**

Sebastien de Castell had just finished a degree in archaeology when he started work on his first dig. Four hours later he realised how much he hated archaeology and left to pursue a very focused career as a musician, ombudsman, interaction designer, fight choreographer, teacher, project manager, actor and product strategist. After a year in the Netherlands, he has recently returned to Vancouver, Canada, where he lives with his wife and two belligerent cats. *Traitor's Blade*, his award-winning debut novel, the first in his bestselling series *The Greatcoats*, is followed by *Knight's Shadow*, *Saint's Blood* and *Tyrant's Throne*. He has also written a YA series, starting with *Spellslinger*.



## THE GREATCOATS QUARTET Sebastien de Castell



384 pages

### TRAITOR'S BLADE

#### BOOK I

The Greatcoats are travelling magistrates bringing justice to all . . . or at least they were, before they watched the Dukes impale their King's head on a spike. Now the land's heroes are reviled as traitors, their greatcoats in tatters Falcio, Kest and Brasti have been reduced to working as mercenaries, but when they find their employer dead – and are forced to watch as the killer plants evidence framing them for the murder – they realise things are about to get even worse.



624 pages

### KNIGHT'S SHADOW

#### BOOK II

Falcio Val Mond has completed the final task given to him by the late King Paelis: he has found the King's Charoites (well, one, at least). But his task isn't over, and now he, Kest and Brasti must protect the girl from those who want her dead. That would be simple enough, if it weren't for the renegade Knights, scheming Dukes and legendary Dashini assassins getting in their way. And the fact that the heir to the throne is thirteen years old doesn't help either, nor the fact that every day brings Falcio closer to dying from the poison running through his veins. And then there is the Greatcoat's Lament . . .



576 pages

### SAINT'S BLOOD

#### BOOK III

How do you kill a Saint? Falcio, Brasti and Kest are about to find out, as someone is doing just that, and they've started with a friend. The Dukes were already looking for ways to weasel out of their promise to put Aline on her father's throne – but with Saints turning up dead, and Church Inquisitors pushing for control, rumours are spreading that the Gods themselves oppose her ascension. The only way Falcio can stop the country turning into a vicious theocracy is to find and stop the Saint-killer – simple enough, apart from the fact that his only clue is the iron mask encasing the head of the dying Saint of Mercy.



608 pages

### TYRANT'S THRONE

#### BOOK IV

Would you – could you? – uphold the law at the cost of those you love? Falcio val Mond, First Cantor of the Greatcoats, is on the brink of fulfilling his dead King's dream: soon, Aline will take the throne and restore the rule of law once and for all. But in Tristia, nothing is ever that simple. In neighbouring Avares, an enigmatic warlord has risen, and his closest ally is none other than Falcio's old nemesis Trin. With the armies of Avares at her back, she'll be unstoppable.

**Rights sold:** US (Mobius); France (Bragelonne); Russia (Fantastika); Hungarian (Fumax); Polish (Insignis); Spanish (Panamerica)





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**MS available**

## **RESIDIUM: THE LONG GAME 3** **Dominic Dulley**

**A planet-eating plague. A hustler-turned-hero. Time is running out . . .**

Orry Kent just wants a quiet life – but even a little R&R on the holiday planet of Halcyon turns wild when she accidentally sparks off a revolution amongst the downtrodden native workers. That's nothing compared with the news footage being broadcast across the Ascendancy, showing Orry murdering the man she saved just six months earlier and destroying the Halstaad-Mirnov Institute, the heart of research into the aeons-dead alien race called The Departed.

With her brother Ethan, the irascible spacedog Captain Mender, his intelligent spaceship *Dainty Jane*, and the Kadiran exile Quondam, she sets off to prove her innocence. It's just a shame that means teaming up with the woman she loathes more than anyone else in any universe: the space pirate and criminal mastermind Cordelia Roag.

For it's not just Orry's freedom at stake now: a long-dormant plague has been triggered and there's only one thing that can stop it.

The race is on . . .

**About the Author:** Dominic Dulley is a software developer with a passion for SF. *Residuum* is the third book in the action-adventure space opera *The Long Game*, completing the story told in *Shattermoon* and *Morhelion*.

**Shattermoon was an SFX Unmissable Book of the Year**

*'Big screen space opera at its most entertaining; Orry Kent makes for an engaging and savvy protagonist'* Gavin Smith, author of *The Bastard Legion*





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Hungary (Agave  
Konyvek Kiado)

## **SHATTERMOON: The Long Game 1** **Dominic Delley**

**A shattered moon. A secret plan. Last girl standing. Fans of Alastair Reynolds, Charles Stross and Peter Hamilton will love Orry Kent.**

Orry's father is the best conman in the quadrant, running elaborate heists with Orry and her brother Ethan to target the ruling families of the Ascendancy. This time should be no different: straight in and out with a fortune in spice paragon in hand . . .

. . . until Orry goes off-script and everything falls apart. Less than an hour later the Count of Delf's only grandson is dead and she's on the run, accused of a murder she didn't commit.

Turns out, the pendant Orry stole was crafted by the mysterious civilisation who once lived on the Shattermoon - and a lot of powerful people want it. It doesn't take ruthless space pirate Morven Dyas long to track her down, and he's not the only one on her tail. When she's unexpectedly rescued by loner Jurgen Mender and his spaceship, *Dainty Jane*, Orry knows there's only one thing to do. . .

*"A great read for fans of space opera and criminal capers."*  
**SF Crowsnest**



**Jo Fletcher Books**

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**Rights Sold:** Germany  
(Heyne)

## **MORHELION: The Long Game 2** **Dominic Delley**

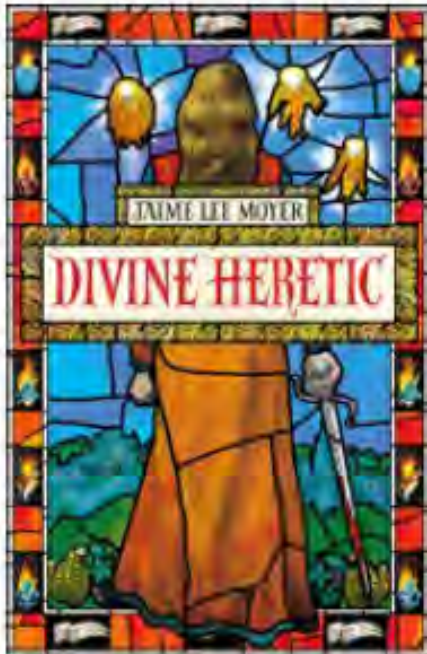
**An alien exile. A deadly secret. And Orry Kent is caught in the middle . . .**

Orry Kent may not have stopped the war between the Ascendancy and the alien Kadiran, but at least she saved the Grand Fleet from immediate annihilation. Now she just wants to get on with her own life – until a con turns sour and a dying agent of the emperor's shadowy Seventh Secretariat reveals there's a traitor at the highest levels of the Ascendancy. Whether she likes it or not, Orry's being drawn into the very heart of the war.

Which is why she finds herself stranded among the floating bubble habitats of Morhelion, where pollution-spewing smokers ply their lethal trade in the beautiful but toxic atmosphere.

The hunt is on . . .





## **DIVINE HERETIC**

### **Jaime Lee Moyer**

The voices whispering to Jeanne d'Arc that she is fated to put a king upon his throne claim to be sainted angels. Jeanne knows they're lying.

Everyone knows the story of Joan of Arc, a peasant girl who put Charles VII on the throne and spear-headed France's victory over Britain before being burned by the English as a heretic and witch. But things are not always as they appear.

Jeanne d'Arc was only five when three angels first came to her. Shrouded by a halo of heavenly light, she believed their claim to be holy. The Archangel Michael and Saint Margaret told her she was the foretold Warrior Maid of Lorraine, fated to free France and put a king upon his throne.

Saint Catherine made her promise to obey their commands and embrace her destiny; the three saints would guide her every step. Jeanne bound herself to these creatures without knowing what she'd done. As she got older, Jeanne grew to mistrust and fear the voices, and they didn't hesitate to punish her cruelly for disobedience.

Jeanne is only a shepherd's daughter, not the Warrior Maid of the prophecy, but she is stubborn and rebellious, and finds ways to avoid doing - and being - what these creatures want. Resistance has a terrifying price, but Jeanne is determined to fight for the life she wants.

But when the cost grows too high, Jeanne will risk everything to save her brother, her one true friend and the man she loves.

Not everyone is destined to be a hero, but sometimes you have no choice.

#### **About the Author:**

Jaime Lee Moyer lives in a dry land of cactus and cowboys while dreaming of tall trees and the ocean. She writes novels about murder and betrayal, friendship, ghosts and magic. She is the author of *Brightfall*, also published by Jo Fletcher Books, as well as *Delia's Shadow*, *A Barricade In Hell* and *Against A Brightening Sky*.





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## **BRIGHTFALL**

**Jaime Lee Moyer**

**Someone is murdering the Merry Men – and if Marian doesn't stop them, her children will be the next to die: a wonderful re-imagining of Robin Hood and Maid Marian.**

It's been a mostly quiet life since Robin Hood put aside his pregnant wife Marian, turned his back on his Merry Men and his former life and retreated to a monastery to repent his sins . . . although no one knows what was so heinous he would leave behind Sherwood Forest and those he loved most.

But when friends from their outlaw days start dying, Father Tuck, now the Abbott of St Mary's, suspects a curse and begs Marian to use her magic to break it. A grieving Marian must bargain for protection for her children before she sets out with a soldier who's lost his faith, a trickster Fey lord, and a sullen Robin Hood, angry at being drawn back into the real world.

It's not long before Marian finds herself enmeshed in a maze of secrets and betrayals, tangled relationships and a vicious struggle for the Fey throne. And if she can't find and stop the spell-caster, no protection in Sherwood Forest will be enough to save her children.

Perfect for fans of Katherine Arden, Naomi Novik and Christina Henry.

**"A brave retelling" *Daily Mail***

**"A treat for those who like their myths with extra magic" *The Times***



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## **A CHILD OF TWO WORLDS**

**Stephen Cox**

**A *Child of Two Worlds* is a remarkable story of family and the power of love, set against the backdrop of a fast-changing, terrifying decade and an interstellar threat almost beyond imagining.**

Cory is the child of two worlds: when his birth-people come, they will break his mother's heart . . . but they may also be this world's only salvation.

Molly and Gene Myers rescued Cory and kept him safe from those who wanted to use his remarkable knowledge and power for their own ends . . . and in doing so, they rediscovered themselves and fell in love with a remarkable child.

In this gripping sequel to *Our Child of the Stars*, Cory and his new family are having to deal with the consequences of fame – but Molly is more concerned about the future, for Cory's people are on their way.

This is the time of Woodstock and the moon landings; war is raging in Vietnam and the superpowers are threatening each other with annihilation – but the Myers know there is a far greater threat approaching from the stars, and only Cory's people possess the knowledge to fight off the invaders.

### **Praise for *Our Child of the Stars*:**

'Part *ET*, part *Wonder*, part *Snow Child*, it has the same combination of science fiction and heart-tugging tenderness that Stephen King does so well' *Grazia*

### **About the Author:**

Stephen Cox was born in the USA and now lives in London with his wife and two children. He has worked for various not-for-profits, most notably for twelve years with Great Ormond Street Hospital.







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## **WITCH BOTTLE**

**Tom Fletcher**

**A deeply atmospheric literary horror novel about the nature of repressed guilt, grief and fear.**

Daniel once had a baby brother, but he died, a long time ago now. And he had a wife and a daughter, but that didn't work out, so now he's alone. The easy monotony of his job as a milkman in the remote northwest of England demands nothing from him other than dealing with unreasonable customer demands and the vagaries of his enigmatic boss.

But things are changing. Daniel's started having nightmares, seeing things that can't possibly be there - like the naked, emaciated giant with a black bag over its head which is so real he swears he could touch it . . . if he dared.

It's not just at night bad things are happening, either, or just to him. Shaken and unnerved, he opens up to a local witch. She can't discern the origins of his haunting, but she can provide him with a protective ward - a witch bottle - if, in return, he will deliver her products on his rounds.

But not everyone's happy to find people meddling with witch bottles. Things are about to get very unpleasant . . .

***Witch Bottle* is literary horror at its finest, perfect for fans of Andrew Michael Hurley's *The Loney* and *Starve Acre*.**

### **About the Author:**

Tom Fletcher is a writer of horror and dark fantasy novels and short fiction. His first three horror novels, *The Leaping*, *The Thing on the Shore* and *The Ravenglass Eye*, were followed by *Gleam* and *Idle Hands*, the first two books in *The Factory Trilogy*, his first fantasy series. He lives in a remote village in Cumbria with his wife and family.



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**Only US rights available**

**MS available**

## **THE HOME** **Mats Strandberg**

***The Home* is an eerie story about love, friendship and the greatest fear of all: losing control of ourselves**

Joel and Nina are both haunted by something that happened in their teenage years. They practically grew up together - until this event destroyed their friendship. Once inseparable, they haven't spoken in twenty years, until Joel's mother Monika develops dementia and he has no choice but to return to the small town where they grew up. Monika needs to be in a specialist home, and that means Pineshade - which also means Joel is going to have to deal with his one-time best friend, for Nina works there.

It's not long before Monika's health deteriorates - she starts having violent, terrifying outbursts, and worse, she appears to know things she couldn't possibly know. It's almost as if she isn't herself any more . . . but of course, that's true of most of the residents at Pineshade.

Only Nina and Joel know Monika well enough to see the signs; only by working together can they try to find answers to the inexplicable . . .

### **About the Author:**

Mats Strandberg, an award-winning writer of adult, YA and children's fiction, was born in the small industrial town of Fagersta, in the northwest of Sweden; the place inspired Engelsfors, the setting for the internationally bestselling YA fantasy Engelsfors Trilogy (with co-author Sara B. Elfgren). *The Circle*, *Fire* and *The Key* are published in 30 countries, and ABBA founder Benny Andersson has turned the first book, *The Circle*, into a hit movie.





## **MAP'S EDGE: The Tethered Citadel I David Hair**

**Follow a renegade sorcerer off the edge of the map in a thrilling adventure perfect for fans of Scott Lynch, Brandon Sanderson and Sebastien de Castell . . .**

Dashryn Cowl has run out of places to hide. The erstwhile sorcerer of the Imperial College fled the Bolgravian Empire when his high-flying family fell from grace, but the tyrannical empire is still hunting for him.

So when he gets his hands on a map showing a place outside the known lands rich in istariol, the mineral that fuels sorcery, he sees a way back to power. The only problem is that it means finding some dupes to help him mine the istariol in secret, no questions asked.

Somehow, amidst the dangers of the road – the floods and avalanches, beasts, barbarians and monsters – a strange thing begins to happen: Dashryn starts to care about his ragtag followers and their strange odyssey into the ruins of an ancient and forgotten civilisation.

But his past won't let him be: the implacable Imperial Bloodhound Toran Zorne has caught his scent, and Zorne has never yet failed to bring his quarry to ground.

At the edge of the map, there's no going forward, and no going back.

### **About the Author:**

David Hair, an award-winning writer of fantasy, has been inspired by his travels around the globe. He was born in New Zealand, spent time in Britain and Europe and India. He moved to India for several years, which sparked both the *Moontide Quartet* and the *Ravana* series. After three years in Bangkok, Thailand, he returned to New Zealand, where he has now settled for the time being.

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**EMPRESS OF THE FALL:  
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The Sunsurge Quartet Book III  
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Summer is gone and the world is turning to ice.



# THE SUNSURGE QUARTET

David Hair



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Lyra, Queen of Rondelmar, has fought enemies without and within, dealt with grief and loss, embraced forbidden magic, found her father and borne a child – and still it isn't enough. Her enemies are on the march and the Rondian Empire is collapsing.

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### **About the Author:**

David Hair, an award-winning writer of fantasy, has been inspired by his travels around the globe.



# THE MOONTIDE QUARTET

David Hair



September 2012  
688 pages

## MAGE'S BLOOD: BOOK I

Urte is divided, its two continents separated by impassable seas. But once every twelve years, the Leviathan Bridge is revealed, linking East to West for twenty-four short months. The Rondian emperor is hell-bent on ruling both continents, and for the last two Moontides he has led armies across the bridge. But the people of the East have been preparing - and, this time, they are ready for a fight. An epic fantasy, rich in intricate plots, intrigue and treachery. Vast forces collide and ordinary people make heart-rending choices that will shake the world.



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## SCARLET TIDES: BOOK II

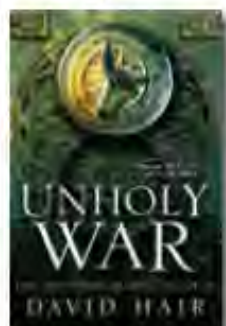
The Moontide has come, and Rondian legions are flooding into the East. But the Scytale of Corineus has slipped through the emperor's fingers. His ruthless inquisitors are desperately seeking the artefact, before it falls into the hands of those who would bring him down. But there are some who have pledged to end the cycle of war and restore peace to Urte. They are the unlikeliest of heroes: a failed mage, a gypsy and a lowly market-girl. As East and West clash more violently than ever before, the people of Urte will discover that love, loyalty and truth can be forged into weapons as deadly as swords and magic.



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848 pages

## UNHOLY WAR: BOOK III

Emperor Constant's crusade is close to disaster. In the wake of a devastating battle, everything has changed. For Elena and Kazim, the victory is a call to arms. For the Queen of Javon, it is a beacon as she seeks new ways to overthrow her usurper husband. For Ramon, it is one more obstacle in his attempt to get his men home. And while the armies of East and West clash, emperors, inquisitors and assassins hunt the Scytale of Corineus, which is in the hands of the most unlikely guardians: Alaron and Ramita. What they choose to do with the Scytale could change Urte forever.



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688 pages

## ASCENDANT'S RITE: BOOK IV

Emperor Constant is preparing the final phase of his plot to conquer the East. For Alaron and Ramita, the unthinkable has happened. They have lost the Scytale of Corineus, as well as one of Ramita's infant sons, to their deadliest enemies. In Javon, Cera Nesti has been freed, and plots to take on the overwhelming might of the Rondian Empire. And in the East, Ramon and the Lost Legions seek safety, bearing secrets that could bring down the emperor. The time has come for the Rite of Ascendancy to be performed. New powers must rise, to save or damn Urte, and on the mighty Leviathan Bridge itself, all will be decided.

**Rights Sold:** *Mage's Blood* and *Scarlet Tides*: Bulgaria (Sudio A); Netherlands (Liutingh); Russia (Family Leisure Club); Germany (Random House). *Unholy War*: Netherlands (Liutingh); Germany (Random House). *Ascendant's Rite*: Germany (Random House).



# THE RETURN OF RAVANA

David Hair



400 pages

## THE PYRE: BOOK I

Mandore, Rajasthan, 769: Ravindra-Raj, the evil sorcerer-king, devises a deadly secret ritual, where he and his seven queens will burn on his pyre and he will rise again with the powers of Ravana, demon-king of the epic Ramayana. But everything goes wrong when one bride escapes.

Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 2010: At the site of ancient Mandore, teenagers Vikram, Amanjit, Deepika and Rasita realise that vicious forces from the past are coming alive – and that they must fight an ancient battle once more.

Winner of the LIANZA Award for Best YA Novel.



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## THE ADVERSARIES: BOOK II

Mumbai, October 2010: Bollywood actress Sunita Ashoka will marry the man who wins her hand in the TV reality show *Swayamvara Live!* Vikram Khandavani decides to participate to draw out his nemesis Ravindra. It's a deadly gamble.

North India, 1175: King Prithviraj Chauhan is about to storm the swayamvara of the beautiful Sanyogita. But Ravindra is coming, riding at the side of a fierce invader. Only Vikram, in his life as Chand Bardai, stands between the demon king and all the thrones of India.



January 2018  
384 pages

## THE EXILE: BOOK III

The TV gameshow *Swayamvara Live!* has ended in blood and Vikram and his friends have been wrongly accused of murder. Scattered and on the run, their lives eerily echo the Ramayana, whose heroes also endured exile.

Vikram turns to the Ramayana to find clues to unravel the mystery of his existence, but he becomes increasingly certain that this could be the end-game after fourteen centuries of life. He and his friends must find the missing pieces of the puzzle . . . before time runs out.



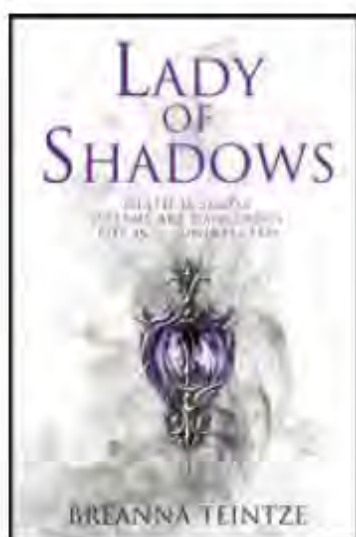
January 2019  
352 pages

## THE KING: BOOK IV

Ravindra is about to succeed in his centuries-long quest to become the demon-king – unless four men and women can stand against this ancient evil . . . The grand finale in the award-winning adventure.

For four young men and women trapped in its story-cycle, the Ramayana is not just a legend: it is their fate! In every life they have ever lived, Vikram, Amanjit, Rasita and Deepika have been persecuted and killed by Ravindra on his quest to reincarnate as Ravana, the Demon-King. Now Ravindra has captured Rasita, and with demonic beings rallying to his causes, his triumph is looking certain.

But this time, failure is not an option. This time, if Ravindra wins, it will be for ever.



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## **LADY OF SHADOWS**

**Breanna Teintze**

In this gripping sequel to *Lord of Secrets*, outlaw wizard Corcoran Gray is just starting to rebuild his life – until a mysterious plague starts killing magicians, and threatens everything he holds dear.

Death is simple. Dreams are dangerous. Life is . . . unexpected.

Outlaw wizard Corcoran Gray expected death to be final, but life, and his loved ones, had other plans. A year after being resurrected and flung into a new body, he's still trying to come to terms with his situation – and his self – when the all-powerful Mages' Guild demands his help to stop a deadly plague.

He's inclined to refuse the organisation that still wants him dead, until his partner Brix starts showing symptoms. To save her, Gray will do anything, even if it means working with his greatest enemies.

But it quickly becomes clear that this is no normal plague. The situation is more complicated, and more lethal, than anyone has realised. Ancient dangers are stirring, and thousands of lives are at stake . . .

### **About the Author:**

Breanna Teintze is a registered nurse. She lives in Idaho with her husband and three kids. Her first novel about Corcoran Gray and Brix, *Lord of Secrets*, was published by Jo Fletcher Books in 2019.





**400 pages**

## **THE LAST GASP**

**Trevor Hoyle**

No oxygen, no life: when the air thins in this near-future thriller, a race against time to find the solution begins

Mankind is killing the air we breathe.

Scientists have been warning for decades that we are poisoning the Earth. Now their prophecy is coming true. The oceans have become polluted, destroying a crucial link in the planet's life-support system.

Instead of joining in friendship to meet this deadly future, corrupt superpowers are plotting to secure the last remaining clean air for the privileged few.

This is the terrifying 21st-century prophecy of what we are doing to our home in space.

Once it was just a scary bedtime story. Now it has become horrifyingly real.

Time is short. The air is running out.



**464 pages**

## **SEOUL SURVIVORS**

**Naomi Foyle**

**A meteor known as Lucifer's Hammer is about to wreak destruction on the earth, and with the end of the world imminent, there is only one safe place to be.**

In the mountains above Seoul, American-Korean bio-engineer Dr Kim Da Mi thinks she has found the perfect solution to save the human race. But her methods are strange and her business partner, Johnny Sandman, is not exactly the type of person anyone would want to mix with.

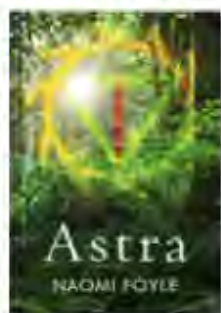
Drawn in by their smiles and pretty promises, Sydney, a Canadian model trying to escape an unhappy past, is an integral part of their scheme – until she realises that the quest for perfection comes at an impossible price.

Naomi Foyle was born in London, grew up in Hong Kong, Liverpool and Canada, and currently lives in Brighton. She spent three years in Korea, teaching English, writing travel journalism and acting in Korean educational television. She is a highly regarded poet and performer.



# THE GAIA CHRONICLES

Naomi Foyle



## ASTRA BOOK 1

Is-land is a Gaian paradise in the middle of a blasted world – but its success comes at a dark price. Astra just wants to grow up to protect her homeland and help her beloved Shelter-Father, but she is unwittingly caught in a net of lies and deceit. If she is to survive, she must learn to navigate this adult world of deception . . . or her actions could bring the whole community toppling down.



## ROOK SONG BOOK 2

Astra Ordott is in exile, evicted from her paradise homeland for a crime she does not regret. She has found work in an ancient fortress, headquarters of CONC, the Council of New Continents, which is responsible for providing humanitarian aid to the desperate inhabitants of this toxic refugee camp. Now it's time to find her place in this new world, far from all she knows.



## THE BLOOD OF THE HOOPEE BOOK 3

War is breaking out in Kadingir. Still struggling to accept her role as a long-prophesied icon of unification, Astra is on a journey across the windsands to join her father and his people – who claim to hold the secret of truly healing the damaged relationship between human beings and the Earth. Astra's desperate to get there quickly, but when her guide Muzi leads her into a vicious sandstorm, she is forced to confront her destiny.



## STAINED LIGHT BOOK 4

An astonishing saga of one woman's fight to save the Earth – before the Earth itself destroys humanity . . . for ever. Outside Astra's Gaian homeland, an infertility crisis is threatening the human race, while civilisation's reckless pursuit of rare earth mining is infuriating the ancient spirits of the planet. Astra may have found her voice as a messenger of cosmic harmony – but is anyone listening?

'Perfect for *Hunger Games* fans of all ages' **Library Journal**

'Reminiscent of Ursula K. Le Guin's *Always Coming Home* and Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas*, as well as Starhawk's *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, Naomi has created a believable and textured world where all is not as it seems' **Women's Library**

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# ®EVOLUTION

Stephanie Saulter



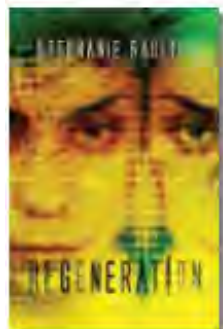
## GEMSIGNS BOOK I

For years the human race suffered from a deadly Syndrome, but when a cure was found – in the form of genetically engineered human beings – the line between survival and ethics was radically altered. Now the gems are fighting for their freedom from the oppression of the companies that created them and the norms who see them as slaves, but when a conference designed to enact that liberty goes badly wrong, the gems realise that they are up against forces that may just be too powerful to oppose.



## BINARY BOOK II

When confiscated genestock is stolen out of secure government quarantine, DI Sharon Varsi is on the case. Meanwhile Zavcka Klist has reinvented herself as a peaceful business woman, aiming to use her company's research to help gems and norms alike, and Aryel Morningstar needs her help with an illness that only a gemtech can cure. Aryel doesn't believe that Zavcka has changed so dramatically, and as Sharon's investigations lead ever closer to the truth, they realise that not everything is as simple as it seems.



## REGENERATION BOOK III

The gillungs – genetically modified, waterbreathing humans – are thriving. They've pioneered new aquatic technology that looks set to revolutionise the energy industry. But when a biohazard scare at their London headquarters threatens to derail the gillungs' progress it's not clear whether it was an accident born of overconfidence or sabotage. DS Sharon Varsi and Gabriel both have their suspicions, and when Zavcka Klist is released from prison the threat to the gillungs' survival become very real.

'It's more of an experience than just a mere story, a new world rather than a mere novel. It's very possibly one of the best things I'm going to read this year. Social sci-fi just doesn't get any better than this!'

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'Gemsigms is an intense, compelling read. With little superfluous exposition, the reader is immersed in the world Ms Saulter has created. The relatable and well-crafted characters leap off the page and make you not only care about how the novel as a whole will end, but also about each character's individual fate'

**Examiner**





## THE PENDULUM TRILOGY

Will Elliott

**The Pendulum Trilogy is a visionary work of imaginative fantasy from one of the genre's most exciting new voices.**

Eric Albright, a twenty-six-year-old unemployed journalist, and Stuart Casey, a homeless old drunk, fall through a door in a graffiti-covered wall into the strange world of Levall, where a mountain-sized dragon with the powers of a god lies sleeping beneath a great white castle. Here they are the otherworlders, Pilgrims, and their lives are never going to be the same again.

'Vividly imagined' *Guardian*

'Elliott writes with a power commensurate with the originality of his vision. It is not just that he has unusually nasty visions to put on the page, but he has the ability to make us share them' *Times Literary Supplement*



**320 pages**

**RIGHTS SOLD:** Russia (AST)

## THE PILO FAMILY CIRCUS

A highly original and savagely funny novel about human nature - this book won the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Fiction Award for 2006.

You have two days to pass your audition. You better pass it, feller. You're joining the circus. Ain't that the best news you ever got?

When a bizarre incident on the road triggers a nightmarish chain of events, Jamie finds himself plunged into the horrific alternate universe that is the centuries-old Pilo Family Circus, a borderline world between hell and earth from which humankind's greatest tragedies have been perpetrated.

Yet in this place peopled by the gruesome, grotesque and monstrous, where violence and savagery are the norm, Jamie finds that his worst enemy is himself - for when he applies the white face paint, he is transformed into JJ, the most vicious clown of all. And JJ wants Jamie dead ...



# THE THREE POWERS

Frank P. Ryan



## THE SNOWMELT RIVER

### BOOK 1

On the summit of the fabled mountain Slievenamon in Ireland there is a doorway to an ancient land of terrible power. The gate of Feimhin has lain closed for centuries, the secret of its opening long lost - until four orphans drawn together by Fate pass through the portal and find the enchanted but war-ravaged world of Tír, a strange land peopled by beings of magic. Here death waits at every corner, and they must learn to fight if they are to survive.

And they'd better learn quickly, because their enemy, the Tyrant of the Wastelands, is growing in power.



## THE TOWER OF BONES

### BOOK 2

Alan, Kate, Mark and Mo could be an enormous force for good in this beautiful but war-torn, deeply oppressed world - but one of their number has been kidnapped and one lost, and one is changing almost beyond recognition. It's up to Alan to reunite them and restore their strength - but the Great Witch Olc, scheming in her Tower of Bones, has resurrected the malicious demigod Fangorath to use for her own evil ends, and she is planning to lure Alan into a trap.



## THE SWORD OF FEIMHIN

### BOOK 3

In a violently dystopian London, Mark has joined forces with Nantosueta to search for the Sword of Feimhin, while on Tír, Alan has mustered a Shee army and is intent taking the fight to the Tyrant - but obstacles obstruct his path at every turn. And Kate, now in the in-between world of Dromenon, finds herself entering the Land of the Dead . . .



## THE RETURN OF THE ARINN

### BOOK 4

Alan is leading his Shee army towards Ghork Mega, the Tyrant's capital city, but he's racked with doubt over his decisions. His girlfriend Kate, holder of the Second Power, is impulsive and stubborn - but she too is determined to stop this great evil. Mo is desperate to help, but she isn't sure she's brave enough to stand up to the villain. And on Earth, Mark, who wields the Third Power, is resourceful and fearless, but he's fighting Commander Seebox's Paramilitaries and Skulls.





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## THE FOURTH GWENEVERE

**John James**

Bestseller John James returns with this witty, serpentine novel, which weaves the Arthurian legends into the wider fabric of the struggle for Europe.

Gwenevere, Arthur's Saxon wife, is a problem. As the dynastic cement between the British and the Saxons, her marriage to Arthur will result in a child that will unite both sides. At least, that would have been the plan, had the Great Duke Arthur not died and left the petty kings of Britain to squabble over his title.

Only Morvran, Arthur's chief fixer, has the wit to see that the Fourth Gwenevere is the key to maintaining a crumbling peace. But when she is abducted, it seems that all hopes might disappear with her.

For, in a world where swords and horses have names of honour, where poets speak as oracles of a shifting truth and the raiding of Saxon warriors is set to ruin Britain, perhaps it's only the Fourth Gwenevere herself who has the real solution?

A magnificent addition to the Arthurian canon from the author of *Votan* ('Probably the best book ever done about the Norse' Neil Gaiman) and the classic fantasy bestseller *Not for All the Gold in Ireland*.

David John James was born in Aberavon, Wales, studied philosophy at St David's University College, Lampeter, and also held an MA in psychology from Cambridge. In addition to writing historical novels he also worked for the Ministry of Defence and as a teacher. He is buried at Strata Florida Abbey in Wales.

Caitlín and John Matthews are the co-authors of the *Encyclopedia of Celtic Wisdom* and *Encyclopedia of Celtic Myth and Legend*. Caitlín is acknowledged as a world authority on Celtic wisdom and the ancestral traditions of Britain, while John has produced nearly 100 books on Arthurian legend. They live in Oxford.



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