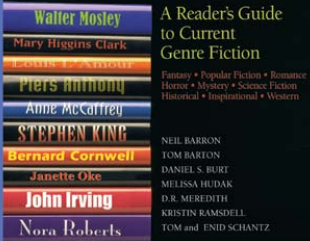


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Paxson, Assassins of Avalon</i>, 2004</p> <p>55 Mercedes Lackey Intrigues (New York: Bantam, 2010)</p> <p>Series: Collegium Chronicles Series, Book 2 Story type: Science Fiction Subject: Adventure; Alternative worlds; Children Major characters: Maggie, Roy, 13-Year-Old, Orphan Time period: Indeterminate Past Location: Haven, Fictional Location</p> <p>Summary: Shortly after young Maggie is orphaned, he finds himself being whisked away by a Companion horse of Valdemar in a struggle. Maggie is taken to the land of Haven, where he will train to be a herald. However, no one knows about his secret power of telepathy. Just when things start looking up, Maggie finds himself in trouble. Soon, people in the kingdom begin to suspect Maggie of being a spy. Now, Maggie must find a way to prove his innocence before it's too late. This is the second book in author Mercedes Lackey's Collegium Chronicles series.</p> <p>When it's reviewed: <i>Lois</i>, November 2010, page 29</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Iron of Sovereign</i>, 2010 <i>Foundation</i>, 2008 <i>Fortune's Foe</i>, 2007 <i>Edie's Inheritance</i>, 2003 <i>Brith's Revenge</i>, 2000</p> <p>Other books you might like: <i>Kate Elliott, Justice's Gate</i>, 2009 <i>Elizabeth Hayden, Rhysoddy: Child of Blood</i>, 1999 <i>Katharine Kerr, The Spinn Sisters</i>, 2007 <i>Julia Mullins, Cobalt's Secret</i>, 2008 <i>Michelle West, City of Night</i>, 2010</p>	<p>55 Dawn L. Paxson <i>Assassins of Avalon</i> (New York: Bantam, 2004)</p> <p>Story type: Young Readers Subject: Dragons; Royalty; Fairy tales Major characters: Ivy, Royalty (stepson), 14-Year-Old Time period: Indeterminate Past Location: Ardwick, Fictional Location</p> <p>Summary: Dawn L. Paxson's <i>Assassins of Avalon</i> chronicles the story of 14-year-old Princess Ivy, who, in keeping with an ancient ritual, is sentenced to imprisonment in a tower until her prince rescues her. Guarded by a dragon, Ivy is determined to do anything it takes to avoid marriage to an evil prince. With the help of her dragon-guard Elbridge, Ivy escapes the tower and flees. But she soon uncovers a plan that could put the fate of the entire kingdom in jeopardy—and she may be the only one who can stop it.</p> <p>When it's reviewed: <i>Booklist</i>, May 15, 2010, page 53 <i>Read Book Guide</i>, Fall 2010, page 345 <i>School Library Journal</i>, August 2010, page 106</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Gillian Bradshaw, The Land of Gold</i>, 1992 <i>Bryan Bachus, The Dragon Children</i>, 1975 <i>Jackie French Keller, The Dragonfire</i>, 1990 <i>Mercedes Lackey, June</i>, 2003 <i>Shelley Rosewater Murphy, Nightspool</i>, 1985</p> <p>56 L. Jagi Lampighter <i>Prospero in Hell</i> (New York: Bantam, 2010)</p> <p>Subject: Father-daughter relations; Magic; Hell Major characters: Miranda, Daughter of Prospero, Prospero, Succubus, Hecate</p> <p>Time period: 21st century, 2010</p> <p>Summary: In <i>Prospero in Hell</i>, author L. Jagi Lampighter continues the magical adventures that began in <i>Prospero Lost</i>. The legendary succubus Prospero has vanished into hell after nine years of magical spells went dangerously awry. Now his daughter Miranda must locate her father and realize that the powerful forces of evil that hold him hostage. In order to do so, she will have to investigate her own family's dark history and come face to face with a startling truth about her heritage.</p> <p>When it's reviewed: <i>Library Journal</i>, June 15, 2010, page 66 <i>Publishers Weekly</i>, June 14, 2010, page 37</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Prospero Lost</i>, 2009</p> <p>Other books you might like: <i>Dave Duncan, Of Men in the Arena</i>, 2008 <i>Jennifer Fallon, The Immortal Prince</i>, 2008</p>	<p>50 Paul Kearney <i>Covaris</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010)</p> <p>Story type: Alternate World; Series Subject: Adventure; Wars; Violence Major characters: Riccio, Military Personnel (captain), Covaris, Leader (who wants to take over the Empire) Time period: Indeterminate Past Location: Macha, Fictional Location</p> <p>Summary: In Paul Kearney's <i>Covaris</i>, a power-hungry war-torn nation led by half-man and half-god is taking over the Amazon Empire one kingdom at a time. His army slaughters the villages they pass through, the survivors immediately bow to their new king—King Covaris. In Macha, a worn military captain named Riccio hears of Covaris's destruction and knows the tyrant will soon come his way. More than 20 years ago, Riccio led ten thousand men to victory—the Macha army had never been stronger than he. Under his control, Covaris has heard the news of Riccio's victory and knows that with Riccio on his side, he would soon take control of the entire Empire, including Macha.</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Handbook and the King</i>, 2010 <i>The Ten Thousand</i>, 2008 <i>The Mark of Ran</i>, 2005 <i>Slaves from the West</i>, 2002 <i>The Heretic Kings</i>, 1996</p> <p>Other books you might like: <i>Steven Erikson, The Fireborn</i>, 2009 <i>Dave Duncan, The Jaguar Knight</i>, 2004 <i>James Egge, The Wolf Age</i>, 2010 <i>David Goodell, Midnight Falcon</i>, 1999 <i>Joel Shephard, Predator</i>, 2010</p> <p>51 Mary Robinette Kowal <i>Shades of Milk and Honey</i> (New York: Bantam, 2010)</p> <p>Story type: Romance Subject: Science; Magic; Love Major characters: Jane Ellsworth, Sister of Melody, Melody Ellsworth, Sister of Jane, Mr. Vincent, Art</p> <p>Time period: 19th century Location: United Kingdom</p> <p>Summary: Two sisters in Regency-era England struggle with the vagaries of love and the power of magic in Mary Robinette Kowal's <i>Shades of Milk and Honey</i>. 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The oves and goblins have declared war on the entire Empire. Having never received word from Emperor Dieter IV as to how to defend their territory, Grimblades leader, Prince Wilhelm, decides it's up to him and his men to save the Empire. While they fight, the men discover the green-skinned—and possibly more within their own kingdom—are planning to execute the prince. Can the courageous Grimblades save their prince and the Empire, or will one suffer as they fight for the other?</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Finlander</i>, 2010 <i>Hemlock</i>, 2009 <i>Salamander</i>, 2009 <i>Outblades</i>, 2008 <i>Run from the Dead</i>, 2006</p> <p>Other books you might like: <i>Robert Earl, Avenue Road</i>, 2008 <i>Anthony Reynolds, Knight of the Realm</i>, 2009 <i>Aaron Rosenberg, Host of the Phoenix</i>, 2007 <i>C.L. Werner, Waifu</i>, 2010</p> <p>Other books by the same author: <i>Finlander</i>, 2010 <i>Hemlock</i>, 2009 <i>Salamander</i>, 2009 <i>Outblades</i>, 2008 <i>Run from the Dead</i>, 2006</p> <p>53 Mercedes Lackey <i>Finding the Way and Other Tales of Valdemar</i> (New York: Bantam, 2010)</p> <p>Subject: Magic; Adventure; Short stories Location: Valdemar, Fictional Location</p>
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Lynn Flewelling, *Shadows Return*, 2008
 Simon R. Green, *Blue Moon Rising*, 1991
 Ken Scholes, *Antiplos*, 2010

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GLEENDA LARKE
Stormlord Rising
 (New York: Hachset, 2010)

Series: Stormlord Series, Book 2
Story type: Alternate World; Series
Subject: Fantasy, Dystopic, Epics
Major characters: Shale, Oncast, Terelle, Slave
Time period: Indeterminate
Location: The Quatern, Fictional Location

Summary: In *Stormlord Rising* by Glenda Larke, the cities of the Quatern are suffering under drought and their only hope for survival lies with the Stormlord. But now that the last of the Stormlords is dead, the population faces a violent struggle. Shale, once a misfit, has developed powers that could help the cities' plight, but he is attacked and turned over to his opponent, Terelle, who has fled to find a source of water, is drawn back to the Quatern to help Shale in his quest to save the cities' residents as the next Stormlord. *Stormlord Rising* is the second book in the Stormlord series.

Other books by the same author:
The Last Stormlord, 2010
Gilgathur, 2004
The Fainted, 2004
The Avarer, 2003

Other books you might like:
 Lynn Abbey, *Riftland's Challenge*, 2006
 Jennifer Fallon, *Treason Keep*, 2004
 Lynn Flewelling, *Hidden Warrior*, 2003
 Maggie Furey, *Echo of Eternity*, 2003
 Tannah Lee, *Anaxkir*, 1983

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MARJORIE M. LIU
A Wild Light
 (New York: Ace, 2010)

Series: Hunter Kiss Series, Book 3
Story type: Mystery; Romance
Subject: Demons, Romances (Fiction); Murder
Major characters: Maxine Kiss, Hunter (of demons), Danica, Grant Cooperen, Lover (of Maxine)
Time period: 21st century, 2010s

Summary: In Marjorie M. Liu's *A Wild Light*, exorcist and demon hunter, Maxine Kiss receives the worst holiday present she could ever imagine: waking up covered in her own grandfather's blood. She cannot remember what happened, but she fears that she might be responsible for his death. Being gun down herself, Maxine knows that evil lurks inside of her, but she has always been able to

control her powers and use them to save humans from demons like her and her family members. Maxine searches for clues that point her to a suspect other than herself and calls on her long time love interest, Grant Cooperen, for help. The two grow close as they hunt for the murderer. This is the third book in the Hunter Kiss series.

Other books by the same author:
The Fire King, 2009
The Wild Road, 2008
Soul Song, 2007
Eye of Heaven, 2006
The Red Heart of Aale, 2006

Other books you might like:
 Lynn Abbey, *Riftland's Challenge*, 2006
 Jennifer Fallon, *Medalos*, 2000
 Violente Malin, *The Sleeping God*, 2007
 Diana L. Paxson, *The Golden Hills of Westria*, 2006
 Elizabeth Vaughan, *Destiny's Star*, 2010

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TOM LLOYD
The Ragged Man
 (Amherst, New York: Pyr, 2010)

Series: Twilight Reign Series, Book 4
Subject: Wars; Adventure; Magic
Major characters: King Ernis, Royalty; Count Venus, Noblemen; Tila, Girlfriends (of Count Venus)
Time period: Indeterminate
Location: The Land, Fictional Location

Summary: After the death of Lord Isak, King Ernis is forced to continue waging war against enemies of the Land. One soldier, Count Venus, is filled with personal turmoil over the lack of support he has received from those closest to him. And as these dramas play out, an even darker threat is looming on the horizon—a threat that could escalate the war-torn Land into sheer chaos. *The Ragged Man* is the fourth book in Tom Lloyd's Twilight Reign series.

Where it's reviewed:
Library Journal, August 2010, page 72

Other books by the same author:
The Greve Flag, 2008
The Twilight Herald, 2007
The Stormcaller, 2006

Other books you might like:
 James Barclay, *City of the Newborn*, 2005
 Anne Bishop, *Shalador's Lady*, 2010
 Eric Flax, *The Philosophical Stranger*, 2001
 Juliet E. McKenna, *Iron in the Fire*, 2009
 Joe Spinks, *Shadow's Son*, 2010

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