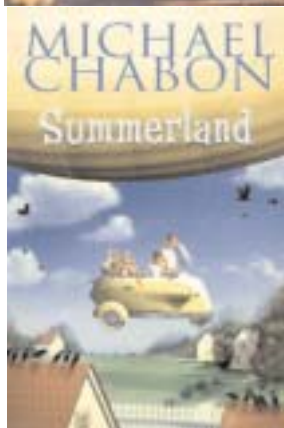
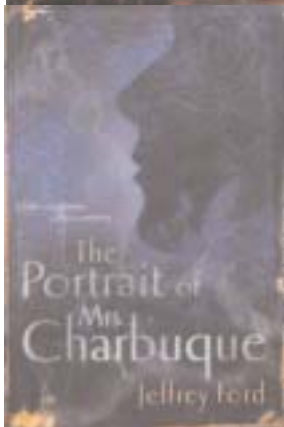
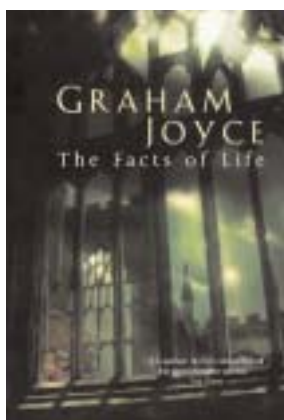




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## WORLD FANTASY NOMINEES

Nominees include:

Novel

- The Facts of Life** by Graham Joyce
- Fitcher's Brides** by Gregory Frost
- Ombria in Shadow** by Patricia McKillip
- The Portrait of Mrs Charbuque** by Jeffrey Ford
- The Scar** by China Miéville

Novella

- Coraline** by Neil Gaiman
- The Least Trumps* by Elizabeth Hand
- The Library* by Zoran Zivkovic
- Seven Wild Sisters** by Charles de Lint
- A Year in the Linear City* by Paul Di Filippo

Short Story

- Creation* by Jeffrey Ford
- The Essayist in the Wilderness* by William Browning Spencer
- Little Dead Girl Singing* by Stephen Gallagher
- October in the Chair* by Neil Gaiman
- The Weight of Words* by Jeffrey Ford

Anthology

- The American Fantasy Tradition** edited by Brian Thomsen
- Conjunctions 39: The New Wave Fabulists** edited by Peter Straub
- The Green Man: Tales from the Mythic Forest** edited by Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling
- Leviathan 3** edited by Jeff VanderMeer and Forrest Aguirre
- The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror: Fifteenth Annual Collection** edited by Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling

Collection

- City of Saints and Madmen** by Jeff VanderMeer
- The Fantasy Writer's Assistant and Other Stories** by Jeffrey Ford
- Figures in Rain** by Chet Williamson
- The Ogre's Wife** by Richard Parks
- Waifs and Strays** by Charles de Lint
- Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits** by Robin McKinley and Peter Dickinson

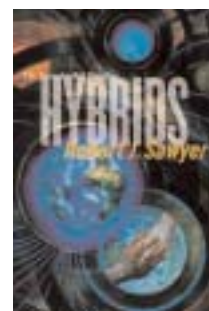
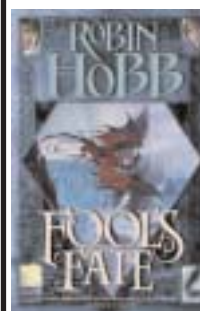
## MYTHOPOEIC AWARD WINNERS

A full list of winners follows.

- Fantasy Award for Adult Literature  
**Ombria in Shadow** by Patricia McKillip
- Fantasy Award for Children's Literature  
**Summerland** by Michael Chabon
- Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies  
**Beowulf and the Critics** by J R R Tolkien edited by Michael Drout
- Scholarship Award in General Myth and Fantasy Studies  
**Fairytales in the Ancient World** by Graham Anderson

## COMING SOON...

- Paladin of Souls** (sequel to **Curse of Chalion**) by Lois McMaster Bujold (Hb due Oct)
- The Crystal City** (Alvin Maker #6) by Orson Scott Card (Hb due Nov)
- Pandora's Star** by Peter Hamilton (Hb due Feb 04)
- Fool's Fate** (Tawny Man #3) by Robin Hobb (Hb due Oct)
- Ringworld's Children** by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle (Hb Due Mar 04)
- The Monstrous Regiment** (Discworld) by Terry Pratchett (Hb due Oct)



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 *The Last Rune #5.* As the shadow of Shemal's master, the vengeful god Mohg, Lord of Nightfall, looms, Grace Beckett seeks to harness wild magic and Travis Wilder joins her in the struggle between warriors and mages, witches and kings and betrayers of every form. As the time of final reckoning approaches, Travis and Grace find themselves facing a dark conspiracy of evil whose virulence threatens to overwhelm anyone who stands in its way. Yet if they don't succeed in stopping it, two worlds will be lost forever. Pb \$17.95 565pp

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*Tears of Artamon #1.* Raised by his protective mother in the sunny south, Gavril Andar knows nothing of his father or the ominous legacy that awaits him. But his innocence is about to be shattered. Expected by clan warriors from the north to avenge his father's murder and still his unquiet ghost, Gavril is kidnapped. He soon learns that becoming Drakhaon means not only ascending to the throne of Azhkendir but changing into a being of extraordinary power and might - a being that must be replenished with the blood of innocents in order to survive. Tp \$32.95 480pp

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CLASSIC TITLE

## THE HOLLOWING

PB \$18.95 308PP

ROBERT HOLDSTOCK

Richard Bradley and his family live on the edge of Ryhope Wood. One night he and his young son Alex encounter James Keeton, who with his daughter Tallis has been missing for many months, presumed dead. Keeton says that he has been in Ryhope Wood searching for Tallis. He believes he has been gone for a few days, but it has in fact been over a year. He has brought back a wooden mask through which he says he can see and communicate with his daughter. He says that she is now older than her father; that time must move differently inside the wood. Alex looks through the mask and is thrown across the room by a bizarre presence. When he awakens, his personality is gone, his body an empty shell. His body is later discovered at the edge of the wood.



Richard is heartbroken and goes to London, but is drawn back to the wood as mysterious events start to unfold. He meets a team of scientists living and working there who tell him that the mythic history of Britain exists here as Mythagos, living embodiments of forces created through our mythology. The deeper one goes into the wood, the more primal the heroic version encountered will be. They have discovered several Hollowings, gateways to other times and myth worlds. The scientists also tell Richard that Alex is still alive, trapped in Ryhope Wood and that his childlike interpretation of the myths that he has grown up with is breeding strange, wild beings...

The concept here is fantastic. A country's mythology living on in the land and the race memory of a people is rich source material and Holdstock uses it brilliantly. The imagery of Jason and the Argonauts existing in the same space as Gawain and other myths from different times is fine by itself, but entwined with this the fact that these myths are twisted, primal characters, not the heroic versions we have grown up with in fairytales, makes for unexpected events. In essence, the creation of new myths from old, which is what these books are partly about in the first place.

This is the third book in the *Mythago Wood* sequence, following **Mythago Wood** (Pb \$17.95), which won the *World Fantasy Award* and **Lavondyss** (Pb \$18.95). **Gate of Ivory**, **Gate of Horn** (Pb \$17.95) also forms part of this series. Although these novels can be read individually, they do follow and reference each other.

Highly recommended and an important contribution to the fantasy field and modern day myth in particular.  
- David

New TITLE

## The Invitation & Bindings

(Books 1 & 2 of the Books of Magic)

Pb \$15.95 235pp 171pp

Carl a Jabl onski (Created by Neil Gaiman)



I've never been much of a comic reader, but have only heard amazing things about the *Books of Magic* series over the years. Comparisons to Harry Potter are going to be made, but it has to be said that these stories predate Harry by about 5 years.

Timothy Hunter is a 13-year-old living in London. His mum has recently died and his dad has retreated into his own world, rarely making sense or taking much notice of Timothy. One day Timothy is approached by four strangers who tell him he has the potential to be the greatest magician ever. Each gentleman takes him on a voyage, into his future, into the realm of Faerie, to the beginning of time and through the present day. There are those who don't want Timothy to fulfil his potential, and attempts are made on his life.

In **Bindings**, Timothy is asked to help save Faerie (which has been slowing dying for some time) by Tamlin. Tamlin invokes the wrath of Queen Titania, who has refused to see what has been happening to her land over time. Timothy is captured by a mythical beast of faerie and has to best it to save the land. He has a brush with Death (who is a very cool Goth chick) and learns some interesting (and a little saddening) information about his past.

Having read and loved these, I now understand the kerfuffle over Keanu Reeves playing Constantine in the upcoming movie. I think Sting or David Bowie would be perfect. Maybe even James Marsters.

These are lovely stories, for adults and young adults alike. Timothy's struggle with his mother's death, his father's emotional and physical withdrawal and being at that age when you're not a child any more, yet you're not an adult either, was quite real. A couple of the four gentlemen are very tough sorts and didn't engender a lot of sympathy (not that they're supposed to, I guess), but I just loved Constantine. Some of the other characters were lovely as well, (Zatanna and Death and his owl Yo-Yo, who has much more character than Hedwig) spring to mind. Looking at reviews on the web, I think fans of the comic series might find these too abridged, but having not read them, I thought they were unreal. Even though these are a little darker than (particularly) the early Harry Potters, I think these will definitely appeal to young Harry fans. - Stephanie 8/10

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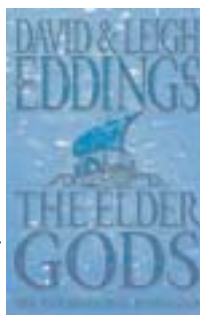
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**ANNE McCAFFREY**

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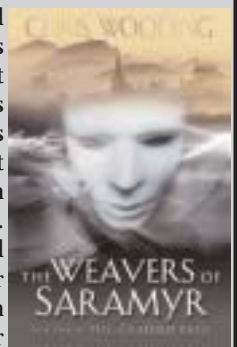
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Wonderfully written, with great characters and plenty of plot twists, this is a series with a difference that no fantasy fan should miss. 9/10 - Sian




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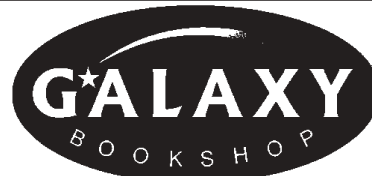
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