

## Fantasy Booklist

- *A Discovery of Witches*, by Deborah Harkness
  - Witch and Yale historian Diana Bishop discovers an enchanted manuscript, attracting the attention of 1,500-year-old vampire Matthew Clairmont. The orphaned daughter of two powerful witches, Bishop prefers intellect, but relies on magic when her discovery of a palimpsest documenting the origin of supernatural species releases an assortment of undead who threaten, stalk, and harass her.
- *Stone of Tears*, by Terry Goodkind
  - A fantasy adventure in which a woman warrior, the Mother Confessor, leads a ragtag force of young people against the army of an evil tyrant, waging a campaign of extermination. The second installment in the series *Sword of Truth*.
- *The Banished of Muirwood*, by Jeff Wheeler
  - In a world full of magic and mystery, eighteen-year-old Maia is the exiled princess of Comoros and rightful heir to the throne. Forced to live as a servant in her enemy's home, Maia flees her captors and begins a perilous quest to save her people. To survive, she must use magic she has learned in secret--despite the fact that women are forbidden to control it. Hunted by enemies at every turn, Maia realizes that danger lurks within her, too. Her powers threaten to steal not only her consciousness but also her sense of right and wrong. Can she set herself free and save the realm she loves--even if her people have forgotten her?
- *Wards of Faerie*, by Terry Brooks
  - During a tumultuous period in the Four Lands, young Druid Aphenglow stumbles on a dangerous secret about an Elven girl's heartbreak and the vanished Elfstones.
- *The Magicians*, by Lev Grossman
  - As a senior in high school Quentin Coldwater became preoccupied with a series of fantasy novels he read as a child, set in a magical land called Fillory. After graduating from college and being admitted into a highly exclusive, secret society of magic in upstate New York, he makes a stunning discovery: Fillory is real. But the land of Quentin's fantasies turns out to be much darker and more dangerous than he could have imagined for his childhood dream becomes a nightmare with a shocking truth at its heart.
- *The Way of Kings*, by Brandon Sanderson
  - A new epic series by the best-selling writer of Robert Jordan's final Wheel of Time novels introduces the world of Roshar through the experiences of a war-weary royal compelled by visions, a highborn youth condemned to military slavery and a woman who would save her impoverished house.
- *Fool's Assassin*, by Robin Hobb
  - FitzChivalry--royal bastard and former king's assassin--has left his life of court intrigue at Buckkeep far behind. As far as the rest of the world knows, FitzChivalry Farseer is dead and buried. Masquerading as Tom Badgerlock, Fitz is now married and leading the quiet life of a country squire with his beloved Molly. The only fly in the ointment is the disappearance of his beloved childhood friend, the Fool, with whom he once shared so much. But for a former royal assassin, a quiet life is hard to maintain when old allegiances keep trying to pull him back, and new enemies come calling.
- *American Gods*, by Neil Gaiman
  - As Shadow is about to be released from prison, he learns that his beloved wife has been killed in an accident. Feeling he has nothing else to lose, he becomes involved in a dangerous scheme that could cause him to lose more than he ever imagined.
- *From the Two Rivers: The Eye of the World Part 1*, by Robert Jordan
  - When his village is attacked by Trollocs, a savage tribe of half-man, half-beasts, Rand al'Thor and his friends are lucky to be alive. For Rand there is no time to celebrate. It was not the village the Trollocs were after - it was Rand.