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The Merlin Trilogy - Mary Stewart 1980-12-01

The Arthurian legend is one of the most enduring and powerful of myths, and Mary Stewart's classic The Merlin Trilogy is one of its most beloved and acclaimed retellings. In prose that is as vividly, achingly real as it is poetic, New York Times bestselling author Mary Stewart brings to life the man behind the myth: Myrddin Emrys ... Merlinus Ambrosius ... Merlin. The Crystal Cave The Hollow Hills The Last Enchantment Born the bastard son of a Welsh princess, Myrddin Emrys -- or, as he would later be known, Merlin -- leads a perilous childhood in The Crystal Cave, haunted by portents and visions. But destiny has great plans for this no-man's-son, taking him from prophesying before the High King Vortigern to the crowning of UtherPendragon ... and the conception of Arthur -- king for once and always. Keeping watch over the young Arthur Pendragon in The Hollow Hills, the prince and prophet Merlin Ambrosius is haunted by dreams of the magical sword Caliburn, hidden for centuries. When Uther Pendragon is killed in battle, the time of destiny is at hand, and Arthur must claim the fabled sword to become the true High King of Britain. In The Last Enchantment, Arthur Pendragon is king at last. Unchallenged on the battlefield, he melds the country together in a time of promise as Merlin works to keep safe the once and future king. But sinister powers plot to destroy Camelot, and when the witch-queen

Morgause -- Arthur's own half sister -- ensnares him in an incestuous liaison, a fatal web of love, betrayal, and bloody vengeance is woven. Extensively researched and beautifully written, The Merlin Trilogy is the epic culmination of an acclaimed career, a legend in and of itself.

Thornyhold - Mary Stewart 2011-05-26

'A comfortable chair and a Mary Stewart: total heaven. I'd rather read her than most other authors.' Harriet Evans The rambling house called Thornyhold is like something out of a fairy tale. Left to Gilly Ramsey by the cousin whose occasional visits brightened her childhood, the cottage, set deep in a wild wood, has come just in time to save her from a bleak future. With its reputation for magic and its resident black cat, Thornyhold offers Gilly more than just a new home. It offers her a chance to start over. The old house, with its tufts of rosy houseleek and the spreading gilt of the lichens, was beautiful. Even the prisoning hedges were beautiful, protective with their rusty thorns, their bastions of holly and juniper, and at the corners, like towers, their thick columns of yews.

Merlin - Robert Nye 1978-01-01

The Ivy Tree - Mary Stewart 2011-04-28

Mary Stewart, one of the great British storytellers of the 20th century, transports her readers to rural Northumberland for this tale of romance,

ambition, and deceit - a perfect fit for fans of Agatha Christie and Barbara Pym. 'There are few to equal Mary Stewart' Daily Telegraph
'Mary Stewart is magic.' New York Times Whitescar is a beautiful old house and farm situated in Roman Wall country. It will make a rich inheritance for its heirs, but in order to secure it, they enlist the help of a young woman named Mary who bears remarkable resemblance to missing Whitescar heiress, Annabel Winslow. Their deception will spark a powder-keg of ambition, obsession and long-dead love. The ivy had reached for the tree and only the tree's upper branches managed to thrust the young gold leaves of early summer through the strangling curtain. Eventually the ivy would kill it . . . 'One of the great British storytellers of the 20th century' Independent 'The Ivy Tree has the ideal thriller blend of plot, suspense, character drawing and good writing' Daily Express

The Labyrinthine Journey - Luciana Cavallaro 2017-10-01

Based on Plato's Atlantis story as written in his dialogues: Critias and Timaeas. Can our heroes find the elusive talisman to continue their quest? Follow Evan as he continues his odyssey as Servant of the Gods in The Labyrinthine Journey. The quest to locate the sacred object adds pressure to the uneasy alliance between Evan and the Atlanteans. His inability to accept the world he's in, and his constant battle with Zeus, both threaten to derail the expedition and his life. Traversing the mountainous terrain of the Peloponnese and Corinthian Gulf to the centre of the spiritual world, Evan meets with Pythia, Oracle of Delphi. Her cryptic prophecy reveals much more than he expected; something that changes his concept of the ancient world and his former way of life. Will Evan and his friends succeed in their quest to find the relics and stop the advent of Christianity?

The Men of Medicine Ridge - Diana Palmer 2009-03-01

For rugged ranchers Mack Killain and Gil Callister, setting pulses aflutter is all in a day's work. But these towering, tenacious men of Medicine Ridge Ranch won't be sweet-talked into marriage. Or will they...? Sparks fly when two beguilingly innocent bachelorettes pull out all the stops to charm their surly cowboys into trading in a life of

stubborn solitude for love on the range!

Merlin's Mirror - Andre Norton 2014-07-01

Few authors have achieved such renown as World Fantasy Life Achievement honoree and Science Fiction Writers of America Grand Master Andre Norton. With the love of readers and the praise of critics, Norton's books have sold millions of copies worldwide. In this great science fiction novel, Andre Norton brings to new life the legendary King Arthur and the wizard Merlin in the light of modern knowledge of a lost period of history and today's understanding of science and interplanetary communication. Yet, as in all Norton's wonder novels, this is a fabulous adventure in fantasy. Here is Merlin, half star-born, gifted with the advice of an alien intelligence, given the task of renewing civilization and starting humanity again up the ladder to the stars. Here is Arthur, unaware of his stellar heritage. And here, too, is the Lady of the Lake, akin to Merlin in that she is also a listener to the music of the spheres and obedient to a celestial command post.

The Prince and the Pilgrim - Mary Stewart 2012-02-02

Alexander the Fatherless: nephew of the villainous King March of Cornwall, who murdered his father. Burning with vengeance, Alexander sets out on a journey to Camelot to seek justice from King Arthur. His path will lead him to the Dark Tower, where the sorceress Morgan le Fay lies in wait. Morgan seduces Alexander and sends him on a quest to Jerusalem to recover the Holy Grail - which she believes will help her take the throne. Alice the Pilgrim: daughter of a man who has sworn to journey to Jerusalem every three years, Alice grows to womanhood on the pilgrim's trail. And then she meets a boy who carries a cup - which he claims is the Holy Grail. Alice and her father will move heaven and earth to bring the Grail back to Britain. And Alexander will do anything to find it. Their quests will bring them together, and the day that Alexander and Alice meet will go down in legend. The Prince & the Pilgrim is the final installment of Mary Stewart's classic Arthurian Saga, a must-read for all fans of history, fantasy and great literature alike.

Madam, Will You Talk? - Mary Stewart 2011-05-26

The original queen of the page-turner Mary Stewart leads her readers on

a thrilling journey through a dangerous and deadly Provence in this tale perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Barbara Pym. 'Mary Stewart is magic' New York Times 'One of the great British storytellers of the 20th century' Independent 'The terrible thirsty heat of the Provençal summer, the noise of the cicadas, the dust of the country buses . . . an excellent tale of mystery' The Times It sounds idyllic: a leisurely drive through the sun-drenched landscape of Provence. But Charity's dream holiday turns into a nightmare when she becomes embroiled in a sinister plot to kidnap a young boy. She soon finds herself in a deadly pursuit and must uncover who to trust . . . and who to fall for. Whenever I look back now on the strange and terrifying events of that holiday in Southern France, I remember the minutes I spent gazing at the golden arches of the Roman aqueduct over the Gardon... the last brief lull before the thunder. 'A comfortable chair and a Mary Stewart: total heaven. I'd rather read her than most other authors.' Harriet Evans 'She built the bridge between classic literature and modern popular fiction. She did it first and she did it best.' Herald

The Guinevere Deception - Kiersten White 2020-10-13

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Kiersten White comes a new fantasy series reimagining the Arthurian legend, set in the magical world of Camelot . . . There was nothing in the world as magical and terrifying as a girl. Princess Guinevere has come to Camelot to wed a stranger: the charismatic King Arthur. With magic clawing at the kingdom's borders, the great wizard Merlin conjured a solution--send in Guinevere to be Arthur's wife . . . and his protector from those who want to see the young king's idyllic city fail. The catch? Guinevere's real name--and her true identity--is a secret. She is a changeling, a girl who has given up everything to protect Camelot. To keep Arthur safe, Guinevere must navigate a court in which the old--including Arthur's own family--demand things continue as they have been, and the new--those drawn by the dream of Camelot--fight for a better way to live. And always, in the green hearts of forests and the black depths of lakes, magic lies in wait to reclaim the land. Deadly jousts, duplicitous knights, and forbidden romances are nothing compared to the greatest threat of all: the girl with

the long black hair, riding on horseback through the dark woods toward Arthur. Because when your whole existence is a lie, how can you trust even yourself? *THE FIRST BOOK IN THE CAMELOT RISING TRILOGY*

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Born the bastard son of a Welsh princess, Myriddon Emrys -- or as he would later be known, Merlin -- leads a perilous childhood, haunted by portents and visions. But destiny has great plans for this no-man's-son, taking him from prophesying before the High King Vortigern to the crowning of Uther Pendragon . . . and the conception of Arthur -- king for once and always.

Touch Not the Cat - Mary Stewart 2005-11-29

Bryony Ashley knows that her family's grand estate is both hell and paradise -- once elegant and beautiful, yet mired in debt and shrouded in shadow. Devastated by her father's sudden strange death abroad, she is nonetheless relieved to learn the responsibility of running Ashley Court has fallen to a cousin. Still, her father's final, dire warning about a terrible family curse haunts her days and her dreams.

Rose Cottage - Mary Stewart 2011-05-26

'Vivid, enthralling, absolutely first class' Daily Mail Summer, 1947. Kate Herrick, widowed in the war, returns to Rose Cottage, her childhood home, to retrieve a few family papers before the house is sold. But Rose Cottage is not the idyllic paradise she remembers from her childhood. The papers themselves are missing, and neighbours tell stories of night-time prowlers. Kate discovers that the long shadow of an old secret lies over the house, and in bringing Rose Cottage into the light she will finally be forced to confront the truth of her own past. Beyond the weedy garden with its riot of rose bushes, nothing had changed. The beck, wide here and quiet, slid past below the bridge. Willows and wild roses, cuckoo pint and king cups, and a wood pigeon crooning in the elms. And someone crossing the bridge to approach the garden gate. Someone I knew well... Mary Stewart's last novel, *Rose Cottage* is a classic of her writing. Featuring a sparky heroine, an exceptional eye for detail, romance, intrigue and the gentle promise of a bright future, *Rose Cottage* is a must-read for all fans... and everyone who loves a good story

beautifully told. 'There are few to equal Mary Stewart' Daily Telegraph 'A comfortable chair and a Mary Stewart: total heaven. I'd rather read her than most other authors' Harriet Evans

Thunder on the Right - Mary Stewart 2004-11-30

Artist Jennifer Silver has come to the picturesque, secluded Valley of the Storms in the French Pyrenees to meet with a young cousin who is about to enter the convent there -- only to discover that the young woman has died in a dreadful car accident. Or did she? Lies abound in this strange and frightening place, but seeking the truth could lead Jennifer to her own violent death.

Moonspinners - Mary Stewart 2003-11-25

Working as a secretary at the British Embassy on Crete, Nicola Ferris is enjoying a day off when she meets up with two hiking companions who accidentally stumbled into the middle of a terrifying act of vengeance. Reprint.

This Rough Magic - Mary Stewart 2004-11-30

A fledgling actress vacationing in Corfu, Lucy Waring witnesses the murder of one of England's theater luminaries and becomes embroiled in a dangerous offstage drama. Reprint.

The Wicked Day - Mary Stewart 2012-02-02

Mordred is the son of King Arthur, bastard child of his union with his half-sister Morgause. Prophesied by Merlin to kill Arthur, Mordred is stolen away from his mother and raised in secrecy by a kind couple on an isolated Orkney island in the hopes that he will defy his fate. Mordred, known to history as a traitor and a murderer, is no villain, but a quick-witted young man, with hopes and dreams of his own. But try as he might, Mordred cannot escape Merlin's prophecy. For his mother, Morgause, has plans of her own. She tracks her son down and takes him back, then feeds the flames of Mordred's ambition, setting into motion a chain of events that will go down in history - and legend - as father and son are finally forced to confront each other one last time: on the wicked day of destiny, when Arthur's final battle will be fought. Mary Stewart's stunning Arthurian Saga began with *The Crystal Cave*, *The Hollow Hills*, *The Last Enchantment* and *The Wicked Day*. It concludes with *The Prince*

& the Pilgrim.

Arthur Rex - Thomas Berger 2013-03-12

A "splendid" and witty take on the Arthurian legend by the acclaimed author of *Little Big Man* (The New York Times Book Review). The myth of King Arthur has been told countless ways since the sixth century, always combining action, adventure, romance, and tragedy. In *Arthur Rex*, Thomas Berger updates the legend in irreverent fashion, forever changing King Arthur and his Round Table. In Berger's medieval England, the damsel in distress is never what she appears to be. Merlin is a wizard of a completely different stripe. Classic heroes and villains are vividly reimagined, breathing fresh life into a familiar story.

Powerful, emotional, and at times laugh-out-loud funny, *Arthur Rex* is an unforgettable tribute to one of the most celebrated tales of all time. This ebook features an all-new introduction by Thomas Berger, as well as an illustrated biography of the author including rare images and never-before-seen documents from his personal collection.

The Last Enchantment - Mary Stewart 2003-05-06

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The Hollow Hills - Mary Stewart 2003-05-06

Keeping watch over the young Arthur Pendragon, the prince and prophet Merlin Ambrosius is haunted by dreams of the magical sword Caliburn, which has been hidden for centuries. When Uther Pendragon is killed in battle, the time of destiny is at hand, and Arthur must claim the fabled sword to become the true High King of Britain.

Firelord - Parke Godwin 1982

The Wandering Unicorn - Manuel Mujica Láinez 1983

The beautiful fairy Melusine, bewitched by an evil spell, languishes alone in her tower for centuries until she meets, falls in love with a handsome young man, and follows him as he journeys across medieval Europe

Midnight Riot - Ben Aaronovitch 2011-02-01

"Midnight Riot is what would happen if Harry Potter grew up and joined the Fuzz. It is a hilarious, keenly imagined caper."—Diana Gabaldon
Probationary Constable Peter Grant dreams of being a detective in London's Metropolitan Police. Too bad his superior plans to assign him to the Case Progression Unit, where the biggest threat he'll face is a paper cut. But Peter's prospects change in the aftermath of a puzzling murder, when he gains exclusive information from an eyewitness who happens to be a ghost. Peter's ability to speak with the lingering dead brings him to the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, who investigates crimes involving magic and other manifestations of the uncanny. Now, as a wave of brutal and bizarre murders engulfs the city, Peter is plunged into a world where gods and goddesses mingle with mortals and a long-dead evil is making a comeback on a rising tide of magic. "Filled with detail and imagination . . . Aaronovitch is a name to watch."—Peter F. Hamilton "Fresh, original, and a wonderful read . . . I loved it."—Charlaine Harris

Mordred, Bastard Son - Douglas Clegg 2006

In return for a monk's aid, Arthur's illegitimate son, Mordred, narrates the story of his life and reveals that power-hungry Arthur is willing to kill his own kin to build the eternal kingdom that was foretold as his destiny.

The Last Enchantment - Mary Stewart 2012-02-02

By land and water shall it go home, and lie hidden in the floating stone until by fire it shall be raised again. Arthur has raised the sword and claimed his birthright as High King of Briton, determined to unite the many tiny kingdoms that make up his country. Now he sits upon his throne at Camelot with Merlin by his side, his most trusted adviser. But Merlin is growing old, and his sight is dimming. He knows that Mordred, child of Arthur's unknowing union with his half-sister Morgause, will be Arthur's downfall. But he cannot see the future clearly enough to know why, or how - or when. And he's distracted: his gifted young apprentice, Niniane, is more than meets the eye. As Merlin teaches her to control her powers, he seems to lose his own. Merlin has secured Arthur's place in history. Now he must take his own. The Arthurian Saga, begun in The

Crystal Cave, The Hollow Hills and The Last Enchantment continues in The Wicked Day, the story of Arthur's last battle...

Death by Bubble Tea - Jennifer J. Chow 2022-07-05

Two cousins who start a food stall at their local night market get a serving of murder in this first novel of a delicious new cozy mystery series by Jennifer J. Chow, bestselling author of *Mimi Lee Gets a Clue*. When Yale Yee discovers her cousin Celine is visiting from Hong Kong, she is obliged to play tour guide to a relative she hasn't seen in twenty years. Not only that, but her father thinks it's a wonderful idea for them to bond by running a food stall together at the Eastwood Village Night Market. Yale hasn't cooked in years, and she hardly considers Celine's career as a social media influencer as adequate experience, but because she's just lost her job at her local bookstore, she feels she has no choice. Yale and Celine serve small dishes and refreshing drinks, and while business is slow, it eventually picks up thanks to Celine's surprisingly useful marketing ideas. They're quite shocked that their bubble tea, in particular, is a hit—literally—when one of their customers turns up dead. Yale and Celine are prime suspects due to the gold flakes that Celine added to the sweet drink as a garnish. Though the two cousins are polar opposites in every way, they must work together to find out what really happened to the victim or the only thing they'll be serving is time.

The Once and Future King - T. H. White 2022-08-16

DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "The Once and Future King" by T. H. White. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

So Lucky - Nicola Griffith 2018-05-15

From the author of *Hild*, a fierce and urgent autobiographical novel about a woman facing down a formidable foe *So Lucky* is the sharp, surprising new novel by Nicola Griffith—the profoundly personal and emphatically political story of a confident woman forced to confront an

unnerving new reality when in the space of a single week her wife leaves her and she is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Mara Tagarelli is, professionally, the head of a multimillion-dollar AIDS foundation; personally, she is a committed martial artist. But her life has turned inside out like a sock. She can't rely on family, her body is letting her down, and friends and colleagues are turning away—they treat her like a victim. She needs to break that narrative: build her own community, learn new strengths, and fight. But what do you do when you find out that the story you've been told, the story you've told yourself, is not true? How can you fight if you can't trust your body? Who can you rely on if those around you don't have your best interests at heart, and the systems designed to help do more harm than good? Mara makes a decision and acts, but her actions unleash monsters aimed squarely at the heart of her new community. This is fiction from the front lines, incandescent and urgent, a narrative juggernaut that rips through sentiment to expose the savagery of America's treatment of the disabled and chronically ill. But *So Lucky* also blazes with hope and a ferocious love of self, of the life that becomes possible when we stop believing lies.

Shoeless Joe - W. P. Kinsella 2014-01-09

The novel that inspired *Field of Dreams*: "A lyrical, seductive, and altogether winning concoction." —The New York Times Book Review One of *Sports Illustrated's* 100 Greatest Sports Books "If you build it, he will come." When Ray Kinsella hears these mysterious words spoken in the voice of an Iowa baseball announcer, he is inspired to carve a baseball diamond in his cornfield. It is a tribute to his hero, the legendary Shoeless Joe Jackson, whose reputation was forever tarnished by the scandalous 1919 World Series. What follows is a timeless story that is "not so much about baseball as it is about dreams, magic, life, and what is quintessentially American" (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*). "A triumph of hope." —The Boston Globe "A moonlit novel about baseball, dreams, family, the land, and literature." —*Sports Illustrated*

The Crystal Cave - Mary Stewart 1996

The magnificent Arthurian legend, especially the life of Merlin.

Unruly Places - Alastair Bonnett 2014

Illustrated with original maps and drawings, this stunning exploration of the world's hidden geographies reveals the moving villages, secret cities and no man's lands that will inspire urban explorers, off-the-beaten-trail wanderers and armchair travelers. 25,000 first printing.

The Blood Trials - N. E. Davenport 2022-04-05

Blending fantasy and science fiction, N. E. Davenport's fast-paced, action-packed debut kicks off a duology of loyalty and rebellion, in which a young Black woman must survive deadly trials in a racist and misogynistic society to become an elite warrior. It's all about blood. The blood spilled between the Republic of Mareen and the armies of the Blood Emperor long ago. The blood gifts of Mareen's deadliest enemies. The blood that runs through the elite War Houses of Mareen, the rulers of the Tribunal dedicated to keeping the republic alive. The blood of the former Legatus, Verne Amari, murdered. For his granddaughter, Ikenna, the only thing steady in her life was the man who had saved Mareen. The man who had trained her in secret, not just in martial skills, but in harnessing the blood gift that coursed through her. Who trained her to keep that a secret. But now there are too many secrets, and with her grandfather assassinated, Ikenna knows two things: that only someone on the Tribunal could have ordered his death, and that only a Praetorian Guard could have carried out that order. Bent on revenge as much as discovering the truth, Ikenna pledges herself to the Praetorian Trials—a brutal initiation that only a quarter of the aspirants survive. She subjects herself to the racism directed against her half-Khanaian heritage and the misogyny of a society that cherishes progeny over prodigy, all while hiding a power that—if found out—would subject her to execution...or worse. Ikenna is willing to risk it all because she needs to find out who murdered her grandfather...and then she needs to kill them. Mareen has been at peace for a long time... Ikenna joining the Praetorians is about to change all that. Magic and technology converge in the first part of this stunning debut duology, where loyalty to oneself—and one's blood—is more important than anything.

The Skystone - Jack Whyte 2004-08-01

This first novel in Jack Whyte's riveting Arthurian series tells how the

story of Camelot may have actually come to be. We all know the story—how Arthur pulled the sword from the stone and how Camelot came to be. But how did it really happen? The Roman citizens of Britain faced a deadly choice: leave to live in a corrupt Roman world, or stay amidst the violence of the warring factions of Picts, Celts, and invading Saxons. For Publius Varrus and Caius Britannicus, there is only one answer. They will stay, try to preserve the best of Roman life, and create a new culture from the wreckage. In doing so, they will plant the seeds of a legend. For these two men are Arthur's great-grandfathers and their actions will shape a nation...and forge the sword known as Excalibur. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Airs Above the Ground - Mary Stewart 2004-11-30

Vanessa March never thought to look for her missing husband in Vienna - until she saw him in a newsreel shot there at the scene of a deadly fire. But her hunt for answers only leads to more sinister questions in a mysterious world of beautiful horses. And what waits for Vanessa in the shadows is more terrifying than anything she has ever encountered.

The Crystal Cave Trilogy - Susan Wittig Albert 2020-05-26

The omnibus edition of the Crystal Cave Trilogy, from NYT bestselling author, Susan Wittig Albert. NoBODY: Ruby Wilcox has always known that she has a rare gift for seeing things that others can't. But she tries to downplay her psychic gift—until she experiences a horrifying nightmare that just won't stop. Again and again, she dreams that a woman is abducted on the hike-and-bike trail and knows that the victim is in deadly danger. SomeBODY Else: Ruby is spending the weekend as a vendor at the annual Mystic Creek Harvest Festival, held at a Hill Country ranch. When she begins to suspect that she knows more than she's meant to know about a murder, she has to decide how to use this dangerous knowledge. Out of BODY: It's Halloween, and Ruby is planning a busy holiday weekend at the Crystal Cave. But her holiday plans are interrupted when Jessica Nelson, crime reporter at the Pecan Springs Enterprise, shows up with a hard-to-believe story about a serial killer targeting the terminally ill. When Detective Ethan Connors gets

involved and Jessica herself is threatened, Ruby's psychic abilities are put to the test in ways she could never have predicted. Ruby Wilcox can see things that others can't, but that doesn't guarantee that she knows her own heart. What would her life be like if she honored her psychic gifts and found powers within herself that she had never imagined?

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Riven - When Storms Collide - Cathy Hird 2018-08-15

For Dara, the price does not feel steep: to rescue her father, the precious cup of the goddess Ceridwen, which he had stolen years before, is sent back to her. What she cannot know is how the goddess brooded over its theft. The return unleashes a storm of revenge against the two gods who aided the thief. What she has learned is that her father lied when he claimed her mother died: she fled the day he stole the cup, for as an elf of the clan bound to Ceridwen, she could not remain with the daughter she loved. With friends William and Korina, Dara decides to travel to Scotland. She needs to understand what it means to be half-elven and longs to meet her mother again. The three land in Scotland amidst unexplained explosions and vicious storms. Dara's mother tells her these are kindled by the goddess' fury. The two gods retaliate with their own storms and by cracking open the earth, summoning molten rock, and threatening the birth of a volcano. Because Dara and her friends know what unleashed Ceridwen's revenge, the queen of her mother's clan assigns them a quest: locate the shards of Excalibur. They learn that before being carried to Avalon, King Arthur commissioned Gawain, Morgan, and his son Mordred to lead a Triad to protect the land. In the current day, the three groups have drifted apart, but if called together they might have the power to stop the destruction. Can the young Canadians reunite those who carry Arthur's legacy and find a way to hold

back the storms?

Queen of Camelot - Nancy McKenzie 2002-04-09

Return to a time of legend—the days of Guinevere and Arthur and the glory that was to become Camelot On the night of Guinevere’s birth, a wise woman declares a prophecy of doom for the child: She will be gwenhwyfar, the white shadow, destined to betray her king, and be herself betrayed. Years pass, and Guinevere becomes a great beauty, riding free across Northern Wales on her beloved horse. She is entranced by the tales of the valorous Arthur, a courageous warrior who seems to Guinevere no mere man, but a legend. Then she finds herself betrothed to that same famous king, a hero who commands her willing devotion. Just as his knights and all his subjects, she falls under Arthur’s spell. At the side of King Arthur, Guinevere reigns strong and true. Yet she soon learns how the dark prophecy will reveal itself. She is unable to conceive. Arthur’s only true heir is Mordred, offspring of a cursed encounter with the witch Morgause. Now Guinevere must make a fateful choice: She decides to raise Mordred, teaching him to be a ruler and to honor Camelot. She will love him like a mother. Mordred will be her greatest joy—and the key to her ultimate downfall. “Guinevere comes alive—a strong, resourceful, and compassionate woman, accessible to modern folk . . . The Arthur-Guinevere-Lancelot triangle comes alive as well—believable, poignant, and bearing the seeds of tragedy.”—Katherine Kurtz

Priestess of Avalon - Marion Zimmer Bradley 2008-10-07

In the long-awaited return to Avalon by the beloved author of *The Mists of Avalon* and her collaborator, bestselling author Diana L. Paxson, Marion Zimmer Bradley fuses myth, magic and romance in a spectacular

unfolding of one woman's role in the making of history and spirit...

Queen of the Summer Stars - Persia Woolley 2011-06-01

"Once again we are captivated by the magic of the legend that has long fed our appetite for pageantry and romantic adventure." -Washington Post In a country still reeling from the collapse of the Roman Empire, the young King Arthur and his wife Guinevere struggle to keep the barbarians at bay even as they establish the Fellowship of the Round Table. The spirited and outspoken Guinevere skillfully combats an accusation of planning to poison Arthur in a country simmering with unrest and scandal. But Guinevere's greatest battles are dangers Arthur cannot see—ones she'll have to fight on her own. And all the while, she must reconcile her thirst for freedom with her duties as queen, and her growing love for Lancelot with her loyalty to her husband. Vibrantly human and touchingly real, Guinevere reigns as a woman poised to discover the true peril and promise of the human heart. Praise for Persia Woolley's Guinevere Trilogy "In *Queen of the Summer Stars*, Woolley employs the same sensitive revelation of character and attention to cultural detail that made *Child of the Northern Spring* such an enchantment." -San Francisco Chronicle "Richly textured, evoking the sights and sounds of castle and countryside, the qualities of knight and servant. Highly recommended." -Library Journal "A marvelous sense of daily life...the details of tribal differences among Briton, Saxon, and Pict, as well as the uneasy mixture of pagan and Christian ritual and belief. Enjoyable for all fans of Arthurian romance." -Booklist "Persia Woolley is a born storyteller. Her love and enthusiasm for Guinevere and her times shimmers from every page." -Parke Godwin, author of *Beloved Exile* and *The First Rainbow*