

The Skull Throne The Demon Cycle Book 4

Continuing the impressive debut fantasy series from author Peter V. Brett, *The Desert Spear* is book two of the *Demon Cycle*, pulling the reader into a world of demons, darkness and heroes. The Deliverer has returned, but who is he? Arlen Bales, formerly of the small hamlet of Tibbet's Brook, learnt harsh lessons about life as he grew up in a world where hungry demons stalk the night and humanity is trapped by its own fear. He chose a different path; chose to fight inherited apathy and the corelings, and eventually he became the Painted Man, a reluctant saviour. But the figure emerging from the desert, calling himself the Deliverer, is not Arlen. He is a friend and betrayer, and though he carries the spear from the Deliverer's tomb, he also heads a vast army intent on a holy war against the demon plague... and anyone else who stands in his way.

A brand-new epic fantasy adventure set in the beloved world of the *Demon Cycle*, following a new generation of heroes, from New York Times bestselling author Peter V. Brett "Heart-wrenching, smart, and modern . . . *The Desert Prince* has set a new standard for fantasy."—Wesley Chu, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The War Arts Saga*

Fifteen years have passed since the end of the war with demons, creatures of darkness who have hunted the night and plagued humanity since time out of mind. The heroes of humanity's hour of need have become legend, and those who remain struggle to escape their shadows. Olive Paper and Darin Bales have grown up in this new peaceful world. Demons have been all but destroyed, but dangers still lurk for the children of heroes. Olive, princess of Hollow, has her entire life planned out by her mother, Duchess Leesha Paper: a steady march on a checklist to prepare her for succession. The more her mother writes the script, the more Olive rails against playing the parts she is assigned. Darin faces challenges of a different kind. Though free to choose his own path, the weight of legacy hangs heavy around his shoulders. It isn't easy being the son of the man people say saved the world. Everyone expects greatness from Darin, but the only thing he's ever been great at is hiding. But when Olive and Darin step across the wards one night, they learn the demons are not all gone, and those that remain hunger for revenge. Events are set in motion that only prophecy can foresee as Olive and Darin seek to find their own places in the world in time to save it again.

After the misadventures of the first two books Lenk and his companions must finally turn away from fighting each other and for their own survival and look to saving the entire human race. A terrible demon has risen from beneath the sea and where it came from thousands could follow. And all the while an alien race is planning the extinction of humanity. The third volume in the *Aeon's Gate* trilogy widens the action out dramatically. *TOME OF THE UNDERGATES* was based mainly on a ship, *BLACK HALO* moved the action to an island of bones, *THE SKYBOUND SEA* takes us out into a world threatened with a uniquely imagined and terrifying apocalypse.

A collection of the first three books of the impressive debut fantasy series *The Demon Cycle*, and two novellas set in the same world, all from the imagination of Sunday Times bestselling author Peter V. Brett.

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A stunning special edition of Peter V. Brett's thrilling debut THE PAINTED MAN, the modern fantasy classic that began The Demon Cycle, featuring over 30 illustrations by acclaimed fantasy artist Dominik Broniek.

Learn the most popular legends about the Rings of Power! The history of J. R. R. Tolkien's fictional world of Middle-earth is filled with an ongoing struggle between good and evil, centered on a set of rings forged by Elves and an evil sorcerer. The Ring Legends of Tolkien recounts stories and conflicts surrounding the Rings of Power. Insightful commentary by Tolkien scholar David Day discusses how people, tactics, and weapons were used to obtain and control the rings, and also how the legends of Middle-earth relate to the real-world mythology on which Tolkien based his famous literary creation. Maps and full-color illustrations help bring this rich universe to life, making it an invaluable reference book for Tolkien fans of all ages. This work is unofficial and is not authorized by the Tolkien Estate or HarperCollins Publishers.

In the grand tradition of George R.R. Martin and Robert Jordan, Sunday Times bestselling author Peter V. Brett continues his critically acclaimed Demon Cycle with the next dramatic instalment: THE SKULL THRONE.

Humankind has ceded the night to the Corelings, demons that rise each day at dusk, killing until dawn. The world's few surviving humans hide behind magical wards, praying that the magic will see them through another night. But there are three stubborn children who know that there is more to the world than what they've been told, if only they can risk leaving the safety of the wards to find it. A thrilling novella set in the world of The Demon Cycle from bestselling fantasy author Peter V. Brett.

Humanity has been brought to the brink of extinction. Each night, the world is overrun by demons - bloodthirsty creatures of nightmare that have been hunting and killing humanity for over 300 years. A scant few hamlets and half-starved city-states are all that remain of a once proud civilization, and it is only by hiding behind wards, ancient symbols with the power to repel the demons, that they survive.

A brand new novella set in the engrossing world of The Demon Cycle from bestselling fantasy author Peter V. Brett. Return to the world of The Painted Man in this exciting novella from bestselling author, Peter V. Brett. Each night the world is overrun by demons. Only a handful of Messengers brave the darkness to keep the lines of communication open between the increasingly isolated human populace. Six year old, Briar Damaj is Half-Krasian and called 'Mudboy' by the village children for his dark skin. When tragedy strikes, Briar decides the town is better off without him, and flees into the bog with nothing but his wits to protect him. After twenty years, Ragen Messenger has agreed to retire and pass on his route to his protégé, Arlen Bales. But when he learns that Briar, the son of an old friend, is missing, Ragen is willing to risk any danger to bring him safely home. As darkness falls each night, the corelings rise, demons who well up from the ground like a hellish steam, and when young Arlen decides to brave the night roads and face the demons, he attempts something not dreamt of since ancient times: a stand against the night.

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As reluctant savior Arlen Bales denies he is the Deliverer, the one prophesied to unite the remnants of humanity against the army of demons that rises each night, Ahmann Jardir initiates a bitter rivalry with Arlen when he claims the title for himself.

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and heroes.

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A new Demon Cycle novella from internationally bestselling author Peter V. Brett *Unfettered* is an anthology of original fantasy fiction by some of the very biggest names in fantasy fiction, and it also features deleted scenes from *A MEMORY OF LIGHT*, the final book in Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* series. This collection is not only a fantastic anthology in its own right, but it's a testament to the generosity found in the science fiction and fantasy community. When author Shawn Speakman fell seriously ill and was unable to pay his medical bills, that's when New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks offered to donate a short story that Shawn could sell to help alleviate those bills. He also suggested he ask the same of his other writer friends, and *Unfettered* is the incredible result. Twenty-four tales comprise this superb collection, and as the title suggests, the writers were free to contribute whatever they wished. Table of contents: - Foreword by Patrick Rothfuss - Introduction: On Becoming Unfettered - Imaginary Friends by Terry Brooks - How Old Holly Came To Be by Patrick Rothfuss - The Old Scale Game by Tad Williams - Game of Chance by Carrie Vaughn - The Martyr of the Roses by Jacqueline Carey - Mudboy by Peter V. Brett - The Sound of Broken Absolutes by Peter Orullian - The Coach with Big Teeth by R.A. Salvatore - Keeper of Memory by Todd Lockwood - Heaven in a Wild Flower by Blake Charlton - Dogs by Daniel Abraham - The Chapel Perilous by Kevin Hearne - Select Mode by Mark Lawrence - All the Girls Love Michael Stein by David Anthony Durham - Strange Rain by Jennifer Bosworth - Nocturne by Robert V.S. Redick - Unbowed by Eldon Thompson - In Favour with Their Stars by Naomi Novik - River of Souls by Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson - The Jester by Michael J. Sullivan - The Duel by Lev Grossman - Walker and the Shade of Allanon by Terry Brooks - The Unfettered Knight by Shawn Speakman - The Twilight Dragon by Shawn Speakman (bonus story for UK edition)

Peter V. Brett writes in the grand tradition of George R.R. Martin, Terry Brooks, David Eddings, and Robert Jordan. This novel continues his critically acclaimed 'Demon Cycle', which last left off in 'The Daylight War'.

With his infectious love of storytelling in all its forms, his rich characterisation and his unrivalled grasp of thrillingly bizarre cutting-edge science Hannu Rajaniemi has swiftly set a new benchmark for SF in the 21st century. And now with his third novel he completes the tale of his gentleman rogue, the many lives and minds of Jean de Flambeur. Influenced as much by the fin de siècle novels of Maurice leBlanc as he is by the greats of SF Rajaniemi weaves, intricate, warm capers through dazzling science, extraordinary visions of wild future and deep conjecture on the nature of reality and story. And now we find out what will happen to Jean, his employer Miele, the independently minded ship Perhonnen and the rest of a fractured and diverse humanity flung through the solar system.

It's dwarves vs dragons in this origin story for Enge's signature character, Morlock Ambrosius! Before history began, the dwarves of Thrymhaïam fought against the dragons as the Longest War raged in the deep roads beneath the Northhold. Now the dragons have returned, allied with the dead kings of Cor and backed by the masked gods of Fate and Chaos. The dwarves are cut off from the Graith of Guardians in the south. Their defenders are taken prisoner or corrupted by dragonspells. The weight of guarding the Northhold now rests on the crooked shoulders of a traitor's son, Morlock syr Theorn (also called Ambrosius). But his wounded mind has learned a dark secret in the hidden ways under the mountains. Regin and Fafnir were brothers, and the Longest War can never be over... From the Trade Paperback edition.

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The Daylight War, the eagerly anticipated third volume in Brett's internationally bestselling Demon Cycle, continues the epic tale of humanity's last stand against an army of demons. Experience the world of The Demon Cycle to its fullest with a collection that brings together, for the first time, all of the short stories and novellas in Peter V. Brett's bestselling series.

An encounter with a devil leaves Red Sonja, the legendary swordswoman, bereft of her signature chainmail and fleeing murder charges, but a change of clothes and venue aren't enough to escape the guilt in her heart. Penniless and under pursuit, she has no choice but to accept a dangerous mercenary job: to search for the tomb of an ancient warrior queen. But the spirit of Queen Gheeta lives on... a fierce and unnatural combatant who may be the only creature in history capable of defeating Sonja. Meanwhile, the demonic entity Bhamothes wreaks havoc in her homeland of Hyrkania... and only the forgiveness of a murdered boy can end its killing spree!

'Loved THE FOREVER SEA. Loved it. Sheer joy' Joanne M Harris, author of *Chocolat* and *The Gospel of Loki* Sing. A story of hope and adventure, of loss and sacrifice, of the blue-sky surface world far above, where ships sail upon the endless grasses, a story of the Forever Sea, a story of you and I... Every story has its beginning and this one starts when a young sailor, Kindred Greyreach, hearthfire keeper and sailor aboard *The Errant*, receives some devastating news. Her grandmother—The Marchess, legendary captain and hearthfire keeper—has stepped from her vessel and disappeared into the Forever Sea. But the note she leaves Kindred suggests this was not an act of suicide. Something waits in the depths, and the Marchess has set out to find it. To follow in her grandmother's footsteps, Kindred will embroil herself in conflicts bigger than she could imagine: a water war; a mythic pirate city where monsters lurk; battles against beasts of the deep, driven to the brink of madness; and the elusive promise of a world below the grasses. Of all this, and much more, sing, memory. THE FOREVER SEA is a story about the beauty and threat of nature and the relationship between finite natural resources and infinite greed. It's about leaving behind everything that is familiar and plunging into the terrifying unknown. I can rarely remember being this excited for a debut novel" Mary Robinette Kowal, Hugo- and Nebula Award winning author "Calls to mind Ursula K. Le Guin's Earthsea series" Publishers Weekly

Peter Orullian's epic fantasy debut *The Unremembered* has been critically acclaimed, earning starred reviews and glowing praise. But now it gets even better. In anticipation of the second volume in Orullian's epic series, and for one of the few times in our publishing history, we at Tor are choosing to relaunch a title with an author's definitive edition. In addition to stunning updates to the original text, we're also including an exclusive short story set in the world of *Vault of Heaven* as well as a sneak preview of the sequel, *Trial of Intentions*, and a glossary to the universe. The gods who created this world have abandoned it. In their mercy however, they sealed the rogue god-and the monstrous creatures he created to plague mortal kind-in the vast and inhospitable wasteland of the Bourne. The magical Veil that protected humankind for millennia has become weak and creatures of nightmare have now come through. Those who stand against evil know that only drastic measures will prevent a devastating invasion. Tahn Junell is a hunter who's unaware of the dark forces that imperil his world, in much the same way his youth is lost to memory. But an imperious man who wears the sigil of the feared Order of Sheason and a beautiful woman of the legendary Far have shared with Tahn the danger.

They've asked him, his sister, and his friends to embark with them on a journey that will change their lives . . . and the world . . . forever. And in the process, he'll remember . . . At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Seventeen-year-old Arlen Bales, an apprentice Messenger, undertakes a journey carrying a dangerous cargo to Count Bryan's gold mine while trying to elude One Arm, the giant rock demon who hunts him.

'Will keep you turning the pages late at night' – Pierce Brown on *The Emperor's Blades* War is coming, secrets multiply and betrayal waits in the wings . . . The Empire's ruling family must be vigilant, as the conspiracy against them deepens. Having discovered her father's assassin, Adare flees the Dawn Palace in search of allies. But few trust her, until she seems marked by the people's goddess in an ordeal of flame. As Adare struggles to unite Annur, unrest breeds rival armies - then barbarian hordes threaten to invade. And unknown to Adare, her brother Valyn has fallen in with forces mustering at the empire's borders. The terrible choices facing each of them could make war between them inevitable. Fighting his own battles is their brother Kaden, rightful heir to the throne, who has infiltrated the Annurian capital with two strange companions. While imperial forces prepare to defend a far distant front, Kaden's actions could save the empire, or destroy it. 'Following in the footsteps of George R.R. Martin, Joe Abercrombie and the like . . . Brutal, intriguing and continuing to head toward exciting events and places unknown' – Kirkus Reviews *The Providence of Fire* by Brian Staveley is the second novel in the epic fantasy series, *Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne*, which began with *The Emperor's Blades*.

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Two exciting short stories set in the engrossing world of The Demon Cycle from bestselling fantasy author Peter V. Brett.

BONUS: Now with twenty pages of bonus material, including an exclusive interview with Peter V. Brett, and an excerpt from Peter V. Brett's *The Daylight War*. The sun is setting on humanity. The night now belongs to voracious demons that prey upon a dwindling population forced to cower behind half-forgotten symbols of power. Legends tell of a Deliverer: a general who once bound all mankind into a single force that defeated the demons. But is the return of the Deliverer just another myth? Perhaps not. Out of the desert rides Ahmann Jardir, who has forged the desert tribes into a demon-killing army. He has proclaimed himself Shar'Dama Ka, the Deliverer, and he carries ancient weapons—a spear and a crown—that give credence to his claim. But the Northerners claim their own Deliverer: the Warded Man, a dark, forbidding figure. Once, the Shar'Dama Ka and the Warded Man were friends. Now they are fierce adversaries. Yet as old allegiances are tested and fresh alliances forged, all are unaware of the appearance of a new breed of demon, more intelligent—and deadly—than any that have come before. Look for Peter V. Brett's complete Demon Cycle: [THE WARDED MAN](#) | [THE DESERT SPEAR](#) | [THE DAYLIGHT WAR](#) | [THE SKULL THRONE](#) | [THE CORE](#)

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