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[The Replacement Crush](#) - Lisa Brown Roberts 2016-09-06

"A smart, charming teen romance." —Kirkus Reviews After book blogger Vivian Galdi's longtime crush pretends their secret summer kissing sessions never happened, Vivian creates a list of safe crushes, determined to protect her heart. But nerd-hot Dallas, the sweet new guy in town, sends the mission and Vivian's zing meter into chaos. While designing software for the bookstore where Vivian works, Dallas wages a counter-mission. Operation Replacement Crush is in full effect. And Dallas is determined to take her heart off the shelf.

[God's Last Breath](#) Sam Sykes 2017-11-30

Acclaimed author Sam Sykes returns with the exhilarating conclusion to his Bring Down Heaven series. The great demon Khoth-Kapira has broken free of his prison and taken his first steps upon the mortal world. And he owes it all to Lenk. Believing that the demon will mend a broken world that the gods have ignored, Lenk serves as a reluctant champion to Khoth-Kapira's cause. But as the desperate and fearful flock to Khoth-Kapira's banner, begging for salvation, Lenk begins to doubt his patron's good intentions. The city of Cier'Djaal, meanwhile, has become the battlefield for the last great war. And as the mortal races prepare to tear each other apart, none are aware of the march of the great demon who comes to tame them. At the tip of a spear or beneath the heel of demons,

the reign of mortals ends.

[A Tapestry of Magics](#) - Brian Daley 1983-01-01

Exiled to the Beyonds for irresponsibility, Sir Crassmor encounters visitors and invaders who arrive there from other universes

[The Steel Remains](#) Richard K. Morgan 2009-01-20

A dark lord will rise. Such is the prophecy that dogs Ringil Eskiath—Gil, for short—a washed-up mercenary and onetime war hero whose cynicism is surpassed only by the speed of his sword. Gil is estranged from his aristocratic family, but when his mother enlists his help in freeing a cousin sold into slavery, Gil sets out to track her down. But it soon becomes apparent that more is at stake than the fate of one young woman. Grim sorceries are awakening in the land. Some speak in whispers of the return of the Aldrain, a race of widely feared, cruel yet beautiful demons. Now Gil and two old comrades are all that stand in the way of a prophecy whose fulfillment will drown an entire world in blood. But with heroes like these, the cure is likely to be worse than the disease.

[Pathfinder Tales: Shy Knives](#) - Sam Sykes 2016-10-18

Pathfinder Tales: Shy Knives is based on the award-winning world of the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game. With more than a million players worldwide, Pathfidner is the world's most popular tabletop RPG. Shaia "Shy" Ratani is a clever rogue who makes her living outside of strictly

legal methods. While hiding out in the frontier city of Yanmass, she accepts a job solving a nobleman's murder, only to find herself sucked into a plot involving an invading centaur army that could see the whole city burned to the ground. Shy could stop that from happening, but doing so would involve revealing herself to the former friends who now want her dead. Add in an aristocratic partner with the literal blood of angels in her veins, and Shy quickly remembers why she swore off doing good deeds in the first place.

The Explorers Guild - Kevin Costner 2015-10-20

Return to the golden age of adventure with this gorgeously wrought, action-packed, globetrotting tale that combines the bravura storytelling of Kipling with the irresistible, illustrative style of Hergé's Adventures of Tintin. Behind the staid public rooms of an old world gentlemen's club operates a more mysterious organization: The Explorers Guild, a clandestine group of adventurers who bravely journey to those places in which light gives way to shadow and reason is usurped by myth. The secrets they seek are hidden in mountain ranges and lost in deserts, buried in the ocean floor and lodged deep in polar ice. The aim of The Explorers Guild: to discover the mysteries that lie beyond the boundaries of the known world. This beautifully produced combination graphic novel and adventure tale, set against the backdrop of World War I, concerns the Guild's quest to find the golden city of Buddhist myth. The search will take them from the Polar North to the Mongolian deserts, through the underground canals of Asia to deep inside the Himalayas, before the fabled city finally divulges its secrets and the globe-spanning journey plays out to its startling conclusion. "With its colorful cast, exotic locales, and intertwined fates, the book slowly addicts. A rousing throwback whose spinning plates never stop, even at the end," (Kirkus Reviews), The Explorers Guild is perfect for fans of the adventures of J.J. Abrams and C.S. Lewis.

Resisting the Rebel - Lisa Brown Roberts 2016-07-25

Spirit committee leader Mandy Pennington is secretly in love with her best friend, Gus, but when he hooks up with her archenemy at a party, she decides to win him over once and for all. She just doesn't know how.

But who better to help than hot loner Caleb Torrs? Caleb's got his own problems, but when he sees Mandy pining over Gus at a party, he thinks she's finally smoked the spirit stick and lost her mind. Maybe he has, too, because he just asked Mandy to be his fake girlfriend. She'll get her loser friend's attention, and he'll get his stalker ex off his back. It's a win-win. But soon one fake date blends into the next and before he knows it, he actually wants to kiss Mandy. For real. Too bad their plan is working, and Gus is finally noticing the one girl Caleb just might be falling for... Disclaimer: This book contains a villain pretending to be a hero, a hero pretending to be a villain, a disco-dancing heroine, two overprotective sidekicks, a little bit of bad language, and a whole lot of swoony kissing.

Brave Chef Brianna #2 - Sam Sykes 2017-04-05

The heat gets turned up on Brianna when rival restaurant owner, Madame Cron, shows up unexpectedly during the dinner rush!

The Black Prism - Brent Weeks 2010-08-25

In a world where magic is tightly controlled, the most powerful man in history must choose between his kingdom and his son in the first book in the epic NYT bestselling Lightbringer series. Guile is the Prism. He is high priest and emperor, a man whose power, wit, and charm are all that preserves a tenuous peace. Yet Prisms never last, and Guile knows exactly how long he has left to live. When Guile discovers he has a son, born in a far kingdom after the war that put him in power, he must decide how much he's willing to pay to protect a secret that could tear his world apart. If you loved the action and adventure of the Night Angel trilogy, you will devour this incredible epic fantasy series by Brent Weeks.

A City Stained Red - Sam Sykes 2015-09-10

Long before he was sent to hell, the Aeon known as Khoth-Kapira was the closest thing to a living god the world had ever known. Possessed of a vast intellect, he pioneered many of the wonders that persist in the world long after he was banished. Nearly every fragment of medical, economic and technological progress that the mortal races enjoyed could be traced back to him. But with his wonders came cruelty beyond measure: industrialised slavery, horrifying experimentations and a rage that would

eventually force the world to bow to him. Now, as Kthoth-Kapira stirs, the world begins to shudder with disasters yet to come. The epicenter is the city of Cier'Djaal. A religious war between two unstoppable military juggernauts begins to brew. The racial fury among many peoples of the world is about to explode. Demons begin to pour from the shadows at the head of a vicious cult worshipping dark powers. And Lenk finds himself in the middle once more, his fate and the fate of Kthoth-Kapira interlinked as the demon attempts to convince him of his earnestness. 'Your world is breaking around you,' He Who Makes says, 'let me fix it. Let me help you. Let me out.'

The Last Policeman - Ben H. Winters 2012-07-10

"[The] weird, beautiful, unapologetically apocalyptic Last Policeman trilogy is one of my favorite mystery series."—John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Paper Towns* Winner of the 2013 Edgar® Award Winner for Best Paperback Original! What's the point in solving murders if we're all going to die soon, anyway? Detective Hank Palace has faced this question ever since asteroid 2011GV1 hovered into view. There's no chance left. No hope. Just six precious months until impact. The Last Policeman presents a fascinating portrait of a pre-apocalyptic United States. The economy spirals downward while crops rot in the fields. Churches and synagogues are packed. People all over the world are walking off the job—but not Hank Palace. He's investigating a death by hanging in a city that sees a dozen suicides every week—except this one feels suspicious, and Palace is the only cop who cares. The first in a trilogy, *The Last Policeman* offers a mystery set on the brink of an apocalypse. As Palace's investigation plays out under the shadow of 2011GV1, we're confronted by hard questions way beyond "whodunit." What basis does civilization rest upon? What is life worth? What would any of us do, what would we really do, if our days were numbered? Ebook contains an excerpt from the anticipated second book in the trilogy, *Countdown City*.

The Dark Tower Boxed Set Stephen King 2017-09-05

For the first time ever as a complete ebook series, all of Stephen King's eight Dark Tower novels—one of the most acclaimed and popular series

of all time. Special bonus: The ebook boxed set now includes *The Complete Concordance*, a user's guide to the Dark Tower world. Set in a world of ominous landscape and macabre menace, *The Dark Tower* series features one of Stephen King's most powerful creations—the Gunslinger—a haunting figure who embodies the qualities of the lone hero through the ages, from ancient myth to frontier Western legend. As Roland crosses a desert of damnation in a treacherous world that is a twisted image of our own, he moves ever closer to the Dark Tower of his dreams—and nightmares. This stunning, must-have collection includes: *The Dark Tower I: The Gunslinger*; *The Dark Tower II: The Drawing of the Three*; *The Dark Tower III: The Waste Lands*; *The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass*; *The Dark Tower: The Wind Through the Keyhole*; *The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla*; *The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*; and *The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower*. The perfect keepsake for Stephen King fans, *The Dark Tower 8-Book Boxed Set* is the most extraordinary and imaginative cycle of tales in the English language from "the reigning King of American popular literature" (Los Angeles Daily News).

[The Gallows Black](#) - Sam Sykes 2019-05-28

A standalone epic fantasy novella starring Sal the Cacophony, who Pierce Brown called a "protagonist for the ages," from Sam Sykes' widely acclaimed *Seven Blades in Black*. To the city of Last Word, one of the last freeholds in a land rent asunder by magic, Sal the Cacophony comes with gun, a blade, and a burning need for revenge. But when the gallows threatens to deny her the satisfaction of the kill, Sal the Cacophony decides to free her quarry -- it's the principle of the thing. And in doing so, she sparks a war that will shake the city's fragile peace to its core. To escape with her life and her kill, she'll have to save a criminal-turned-companion: a Freemaker, versed in the forbidden arts of magic and machinery. But the weight of their secrets may be too heavy to let them escape in one piece. For more from Sam Sykes, check out: *The Grave of Empires* *Seven Blades in Black* *The Affinity for Steel* *Trilogy* *Tome of the Undergates* *Black Halo* *The Skybound Sea* *Bring Down Heaven* *The City Stained Red* *The Mortal Tally* *God's Last Breath*

Ten Arrows of Iron - Sam Sykes 2020-08-04

An outcast mage caught between two warring empires must either save the world or destroy everything she loves in the second novel of "an unforgettable epic fantasy" trilogy (Publishers Weekly). Sal the Cacophony -- outlaw, outcast, outnumbered -- destroys all that she loves. Her lover lost and cities burned in her wake, all she has left is her magical gun and her all-consuming quest for revenge against those who stole her power and took the sky from her. When the roguish agent of a mysterious patron offers her the chance to participate in a heist to steal an incredible power from the famed airship fleet, the Ten Arrows, she finds a new purpose. But a plot to save the world by bringing down empires swiftly escalates into a conspiracy of magic and vengeance that threatens to burn everything to ash, including herself. For more from Sam Sykes, check out: *The Grave of Empires:Seven Blades in Black**Ten Arrows of Iron Bring Down Heaven:The City Stained Red**The Mortal Tally**God's Last Breath* *The Affinity for Steel Trilogy:Tome of the Undergates**Black Halo**The Skybound Sea*

The Last Grand Master - Andrew Q. Gordon 2015-02-28

The City Stained Red - Sam Sykes 2014-10-28

STEP UP TO THE GATES After years in the wilds, Lenk and his companions have come to the city that serves as the world's beating heart. The great charnel house where men die surer than any wilderness. They've come to claim payment for creatures slain, blood spilled at the behest of a powerful holy man. And Lenk has come to lay down his sword for good. But this is no place to escape demons.

Bridge of Birds - Barry Hughart 1984

Farlander - Col Buchanan 2011-08-30

When he is chosen to be the apprentice of an ailing protective assassin in a world dominated by a nihilistic urban cult, Nico accompanies his master on a mission to kill the murderous son of the cult's ruthless matriarch.

The Skybound Sea - Samuel Sykes 2012-12-04

She comes. The skies bleed. The earth groans. The sea howls. . . . The world is rent asunder as the Kraken Queen claws her way from hell. And the only ones standing in her way are a young man with a piece of steel and a voice in his head, his many companions, and their many, many problems. As Lenk journeys to the island of Jaga, the tomb of Ulbecetonth, he is hunted--by enemies, by the woman he loves, by the demon he has to kill, by an army of any number of bloodthirsty purple berserkers, savage lizardmen, vicious monsters, and colossal demons. In the lands where sky and sea have forgotten they were ever separate, Lenk and his companions' destinies await at the tip of a sword and the mouth of hell.

The Runestaff - Michael Moorcock 2013-12-19

The Dark Empire of Granbretan has humiliated and mutilated Dorian Hawkmoon, but it cannot rob him of his two consuming passions: his love for Yisselda of Brass and his hatred of her ruthless suitor Meliadus. But before he can defy the Dark Empire and win the beautiful Yisselda, he must seek the Runestaff, a quest that will send him into barbaric wonder and perverse evil ... and only if he succeeds will he avert the doom of all the world...

One of Us Is Lying - Shalini Boland 2020-04-03

Tia never harmed anyone. So why does someone want to destroy her? Tia is walking home with her children, along the lakeside of their quiet, safe town, when she realises something is wrong with her five-year-old daughter, Rosie. She seems troubled, not at all her usual happy self. But when Tia finally coaxes Rosie to open up, she wishes she hadn't. Because her sweet daughter asks a question Tia never thought she'd hear. 'Why did you kill someone?' Tia knows how rumours spread around her small town. She just can't understand who would have shared such a horrible story. Or why. It can't have anything to do with what happened. Only her two best friends really remember that... Tia thought she could trust Fiona and Kelly with her life. They've been through so much together. But when she's sent photos of herself that could tear her whole world apart, she starts to wonder. Someone is determined to punish her. But who? And will her friends stand by her, or will the past destroy all of

their lives? From the million-copy-bestselling author of *The Secret Mother* and *The Perfect Family*, this absolutely addictive psychological thriller is guaranteed to make you gasp. If you loved *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and *Big Little Lies* this book is for you. See what readers are saying about *One of Us Is Lying* 'Totally mesmerizing! I literally had to pick my jaw up off the floor... had my heart pounding so hard I thought it would burst! Totally amazing and brilliant!... a definite must-read author!' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'Fantastic, suspenseful... so, so good. I really didn't want to put the book down and finished it in one day.' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'That ending, wow!!!!... couldn't get the book out of my head. I wanted more... 5 Hearts [5 stars]' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'Shalini Boland is a fantastic author! She captivates you from the beginning and yes, it was another late, late night! But so worth it!!' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'Another stunner... 5 stars all the way from beginning which hooked me to the very last page... I already want more!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'Wow... thrilling... worth each and every minute' NetGalley Reviewer, [5 stars] 'Shalini Boland fires out another top read!... unputdownable... What more can I say but - RECOMMEND!' Goodreads Reviewer, [5 stars] 'WOW!... addictive... it takes off like a rocket! I didn't just read this mesmerizing book, I inhabited it.' Bookpreneur, [5 stars]

Tome of the Undergates - Sam Sykes 2010-04-15

Lenk can barely keep control of his mismatched adventurer band at the best of times (Gariath the dragon man sees humans as little more than prey, Kataria the Shict despises most humans, and the humans in the band are little better). When they're not insulting each other's religions they're arguing about pay and conditions. So when the ship they are travelling on is attacked by pirates things don't go very well. They go a whole lot worse when an invincible demon joins the fray. The demon steals the *Tome of the Undergates* - a manuscript that contains all you need to open the undergates. And whichever god you believe in you don't want the undergates open. On the other side are countless more invincible demons, the manifestation of all the evil of the gods, and they want out. Full of razor-sharp wit, characters who leap off the page (and

into trouble) and plunging the reader into a vivid world of adventure this is a fantasy that kicks off a series that could dominate the second decade of the century.

The Lifecycle of Software Objects - Ted Chiang 2010

Follows the lives of Ana Alvarado and Derek Brooks as they create and relate to the artificial intelligences they helped design.

Empress Game - Rhonda Mason 2015-07-10

The *Empress Game*, the tournament fought to decide the Empress Apparent, has been called and the females of the empire will stop at nothing to secure political domination for their homeworlds. The empire's elite gather to forge, strengthen or betray alliances in a dance that will determine the fate of the empire for a generation.

The Goblin Corps - Ari Marmell 2011-07-26

King Dororam, grief stricken by the death of his daughter, assembles the Allied Forces to attack the Dark Lord known as Morthul, the Charnel King, who in turn brings together a Demon Squad made up of such creatures as goblins, ogres, trolls, dopplegangers, and gremlins to defend Kirol Syrreth.

Team Human - Justine Larbalestier 2012-07-03

Readers who love vampire romances will be thrilled to devour *Team Human* by Justine Larbalestier and Sarah Rees Brennan. *Team Human* celebrates and parodies the *Twilight* books, as well as other classics in the paranormal romance genre. Mel is horrified when Francis Duvarney, arrogant, gorgeous, and undead, starts at her high school. Mel's best friend, Cathy, immediately falls for the vampire. Cathy is determined to be with him forever, even if having him turn her could inadvertently make her a zombie. And Mel is equally determined to prove to her BFF that Francis is no good, braving the city's vampire district and kissing a cute boy raised by vampires as she searches evidence in this touching and comic novel.

Tome of the Undergates - Samuel Sykes 2010-10-19

Sam Sykes' epic quest is full of razor-sharp wit and characters who leap off the page and into trouble. It will plunge you into a vivid new world of adventure. *ADVENTURERS*. Long loathed for their knowledge of nothing

but murder and thievery, they are savages, zealots, heathens, monsters, thugs. And Lenk, a young man with a sword in his hand and a voice in his head, counts five of them as his sole and most hated companions. Lenk's otherwise trivial employment under an esteemed clergyman is interrupted when bloodthirsty pirates, led by an ageless demon risen from the depths of the ocean, pilfer the object they have been charged with protecting: the Tome of the Undergates, the key to a door that guards the mouths of hell. A hell full of demons who want out. Against titanic horrors from the deep, psychotic warrior women, and creatures forgotten by mankind, Lenk has only two weapons: a piece of steel and five companions who are as eager to kill each other as they are to retrieve the book that will save them.

The Way of Kings - Brandon Sanderson 2014-03-04

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 is desperate to save her impoverished house.

The Book of Jhereg - Steven Brust 1999-08-01

The first three fantastical adventures of assassin Vlad Taltos—now in one volume. A welcome addition to any fantasy fan's library, The Book of Jhereg follows the antics of the wise-cracking Vlad Taltos and his dragon-like companion through their first three adventures—Jhereg, Yendi, and Teckla. There are many ways for a young man with quick wits and a quick sword to advance in the world. Vlad Taltos chose the route of assassin. From his rookie days to his selfless feats of heroism, the dauntless Vlad will hold readers spellbound—and The Book of Jhereg will take its place among the classic compilations in fantasy.

An Affinity for Steel - Sam Sykes 2017-04-13

Experience Sam Sykes' incredible Aeons' Gate trilogy together in one volume. There are only a few productive things a man can do once he picks up a sword. And the very lowest of these is to become an adventurer, like Lenk and his companions. For the right price, no deed is too dirty, no task is too dangerous, no foe too ferocious. Not even a demon. From wars ancient and terrible, wounds are bleeding. From seas deep and fathomless, demons are rising. From the mouth of hell, the

Kraken Queen is calling. And all that stands between the damned and the mortal world are a pack of degenerates and the steel they carry. Seas will rise. Heaven will fall.

Black Halo - Samuel Sykes 2012-12-04

The Tome of the Undergates has been recovered . . . and the gates of hell remain closed. Lenk and his five companions set sail to bring the accursed relic away from the demonic reach of Ulbecetonth, the Kraken Queen. But after weeks at sea, tensions amid the adventurers are rising. Their troubles are only beginning when their ship crashes upon an island made of the bones left behind from a war long dead. And it appears that bloodthirsty alien warrior women, fanatical beasts from the deep, and heretic-hunting wizards are the least of their concerns. Haunted by their pasts, plagued by their gods, tormented by their own people, and gripped by madnesses personal and peculiar, their greatest foes may yet be themselves. The reach of Ulbecetonth is longer than hell can hold.

Countdown City - Ben H. Winters 2013-07-16

"A genre-defying blend of crime writing and science fiction."—Alexandra Alter, The New York Times Detective Hank Palace returns in the second in the speculative mystery trilogy set on the brink of the apocalypse and winner of the 2014 Philip K. Dick Award. There are just 77 days before a deadly asteroid collides with Earth, and Detective Palace is out of a job. With the Concord police force operating under the auspices of the U.S. Justice Department, Hank's days of solving crimes are over...until a woman from his past begs for help finding her missing husband. Brett Cavatone disappeared without a trace—an easy feat in a world with no phones, no cars, and no way to tell whether someone's gone "bucket list" or just gone. With society falling to shambles, Hank pieces together what few clues he can, on a search that leads him from a college-campus-turned-anarchist-encampment to a crumbling coastal landscape where anti-immigrant militia fend off "impact zone" refugees. Countdown City presents another fascinating mystery set on brink of an apocalypse—and once again, Hank Palace confronts questions way beyond "whodunit." What do we as human beings owe to one another? And what does it mean to be civilized when civilization is collapsing all around you?

Brave Chef Brianna Sam Sykes 2017-12-06

Brianna Jakobsson has big cooking dreams, and when her ailing restaurateur father poses a challenge to his only daughter and fifteen sons, she seizes the opportunity. She's going to have the best restaurant around and earn the family empire. Thing is, the only place she can afford to set up shop is in Monster City. Her menu is full of weird delicacies, her kitchen is run by a half-bird harpy, and her dining room is filled with skeleton businessmen. Add on the nefarious Madame Cron, some highly competitive siblings and Brianna's plate is literally . . . full. *Brave Chef Brianna* from writer Sam Sykes (Munchkin) and artist Selina Espiritu explores one woman's incredible journey to realize her dreams in the unlikeliest of places. Welcome to Monster City!

The Mortal Tally - Sam Sykes 2016-03-29

Acclaimed author Sam Sykes returns with the second thrilling novel in his *Bring Down Heaven* series. The heart of civilization bleeds. Cier'Djaal, once the crowning glory of the civilized world, has gone from a city to a battlefield and a battlefield to a graveyard. Foreign armies clash relentlessly on streets laden with the bodies of innocents caught in the crossfire. Cultists and thieves wage shadow wars, tribal armies foment outside the city's walls, and haughty aristocrats watch the world burn from on high. As his companions struggle to keep the city from destroying itself, Lenk travels to the Forbidden East in search of the demon who caused it all. But even as he pursues Koth-Kapira, dark whispers plague his thoughts. Koth-Kapira promises him a world free of war where Lenk can put down his sword at last. And Lenk finds it hard not to listen. When gods are deaf, demons will speak.

Tongues of Serpents - Naomi Novik 2010

A latest work by the award-winning author of *Victory of Eagles* continues the adventurous partnership between a British naval captain and a fighting dragon who work to protect their island home from the forces of Napoleon.

Seven Blades in Black - Sam Sykes 2019-04-09

Acclaimed author Sam Sykes returns with a brilliant new epic fantasy that introduces an unforgettable outcast mage caught between two

warring empires. Her magic was stolen. She was left for dead. Betrayed by those she trusts most and her magic ripped from her, all Sal the Cacophony has left is her name, her story, and the weapon she used to carve both. But she has a will stronger than magic, and knows exactly where to go. The Scar, a land torn between powerful empires, where rogue mages go to disappear, disgraced soldiers go to die and Sal went with a blade, a gun, and a list of seven names. Revenge will be its own reward. For more from Sam Sykes, check out: *The Affinity for Steel Trilogy* *Tome of the Undergates* *Black Halo* *The Skybound Sea* *Bring Down Heaven* *The City Stained Red* *The Mortal Tally* *God's Last Breath* *The Empty Family* - Colm Tóibín 2012-01-03

A follow-up to the award-winning *Brooklyn* includes the stories "The Street," in which Pakistani workers in Barcelona pursue a taboo affair; and "Two Women," in which a taciturn Irish set designer confronts repressed emotions while working in her homeland.

Gilded Chain - Dave Duncan 2009-10-13

As unwanted and rebellious boys, they find refuge in Ironhall...Years later they emerge as the finest swordsmen in the realm—A magical ritual of a sword through the heart binds each to his ward—if not the king himself, then to whomever else the monarch designates—with absolute loyalty. And the greatest Blade of them all was—and is—Sir Durendal. But a lifelong dream of protecting his beloved liege from enemies, traitors, and monsters is dashed to bits when Durendal is bonded till death to an effete noble fop at his king's orders. Yet Destiny has many strange and inscrutable plans for the young knight—for a mission, a contest, and, perhaps, a treasure await him in a faraway land. But he soon finds himself enmeshed in treason and foul intrigues, compelled to betray the king he had hoped to serve. The Blades have ways to protect their own, but death and madness haunt the path to salvation—and few ever return unscathed. As unwanted and rebellious boys, they find refuge in Ironhall...Years later they emerge as the finest swordsmen in the realm—A magical ritual of a sword through the heart binds each to his ward—if not the king himself, then to whomever else the monarch designates—with absolute loyalty. And the greatest Blade of them all

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The Scroll of Years - Chris Willrich 2013-09-24

It's Brent Weeks meets China Mieville in this wildly imaginative fantasy debut featuring high action, elegant writing, and sword and sorcery with a Chinese flare. Persimmon Gaunt and Imago Bone are a romantic couple and partners in crime. Persimmon is a poet from a well-to-do family, who found herself looking for adventure, while Imago is a thief in his ninth decade who is double-cursed, and his body has not aged in nearly seventy years. Together, their services and wanderlust have taken them

into places better left unseen, and against odds best not spoken about. Now, they find themselves looking to get away, to the edge of the world, with Persimmon pregnant with their child, and the most feared duo of assassins hot on their trail. However, all is never what it seems, and a sordid adventure—complete with magic scrolls, gangs of thieves, and dragons both eastern and western—is at hand.

The Iron Dirge - Sam Sykes 2020-12-08

A standalone epic fantasy novella starring Sal the Cacophony, who Pierce Brown called a "protagonist for the ages," from Sam Sykes' widely acclaimed *Seven Blades in Black* and *Ten Arrows of Iron*. Sal the Cacophony does not make friends. When you have a magic gun, a trusty blade and rogue mages to hunt, you don't need them. Sal the Cacophony makes enemies. And when her hunt leads to a town on the edge of nowhere, she finds them in spades: an unassuming mage with a secret, a vengeful bandit queen with ideals and steel to spare, and a colossal, centuries-old beast who has decided now is the best time to migrate. Sal the Cacophony could be their savior. But as everyone eventually learns, Sal's "salvation" is usually worse.