

Author Read Alike

Anne Bishop

Genre: Dark Fantasy

What is dark fantasy? Dark fantasy is combination of horror and fantasy. Things in dark fantasy aren't always sunny with violence, rape, and destruction common place.

Anne Bishop is a master of the genre. Her books also have sexy romance.

Bishop is best known for her **Black Jewels** series (originally a trilogy, it has

expanded to nine books).

The series takes place in a world where women rule (a matriarchy) and men serve as slaves or servants. The books are very dark, with rape, violence and sex common place.

Bishop also has also tried her hand at fairy tales, rewriting Hans Christian Anderson's **Match Girl** as a short story.



Bishop also has another trilogy, **The Tir Alainn**.

Written in Blood is her most recent book.

Read Alike-Lynn Flewelling

Also writing dark fantasy like Bishop, Lynn Flewelling's stories also insert a little humor.

Flewelling's most famous trilogy is the

Tamir Trilogy, starting with the **The Bone Doll's Twin**.

Flewelling's stories have sexual themes, like Bishop, but Flewelling uses

LBGT characters.

Flewelling also has another series **The Nightrunner Series**.

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Read Alike—Juliet Marillier

Even though she's a new author, Juliet Marillier has become a prolific one with over 15 books in 14 years.

Like Bishop's books, Marillier's **Sevenwaters Trilogy** features a strong heroine being tested by evil forces. The trilogy, which starts with **Daughter**

of the Forest with the trilogy since becoming a series.

Read Alike—Laurell K. Hamilton

Even though Laurell K. Hamilton's stories are more urban fantasy than dark fantasy.

Hamilton is most famous for her Anita

Blake series, a hard boiled detective series with vampires and other monsters.

Readers should check out Hamilton's other

series, the **Merry Gentry** books, about a fairy detective. The first book in the series is **A Kiss of Shadows**.

Read Alike-Tanith Lee

There's no better writer of dark fantasy than Tanith Lee.

A very prolific author in both science fiction and fantasy, she has published over 70

books and countless short stories.

Lee loves to rewrite/reinterpret old fairy tales and myths and give them a darker edge.

Readers should check out **White as Snow**, a reinterpretation of Snow White.