

Author Read Alike

Charles De Lint

Genre: Urban Fantasy

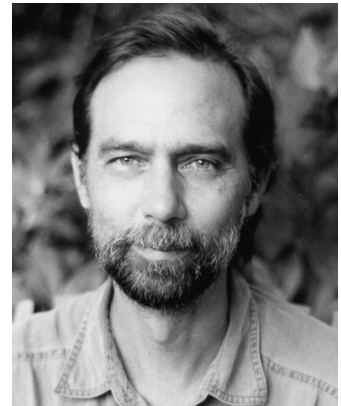
Sure, Urban Fantasy (fantasy that takes place in urban settings,) is everywhere now, but Charles De Lint is one of the originators of the genre.

A Canadian writer, De Lint's books usually center around the fictional city of Newford, which a mix of American and Canadian cities.

De Lint's stories also have recurring characters that pop in and out of them, making his novels and short stories connected.

He borrows from Celtic, Native American, and other mythologies for his stories.

Dreams Underfoot is a good introduction to the mythical town of Newford. The book



is a series of interconnected short stories.

There are currently 24 novels in the Newford series.

Read Alike-Neil Gaiman

If you like De Lint's stories, try Neil Gaiman.

Gaiman also writes urban fantasy, blending gods and monsters and other

creatures into his books.

Gaiman's novels include **American Gods**, about a battle between the new and old gods, or **Anansi**

Boys, about a man who finds out his father was a god and finds out he has a long lost brother.

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Read Alike—Jim Butcher

If you like De Lint, but want to a little hardboiled detective work mixed in, give Jim Butcher a try.

Jim Butcher is best known for the

Dresden Files series, a mix of urban fantasy, horror, and detective fiction, centers around a troubled sorcerer who solves cases for the police. His cases

often involve satanic and evil forces. The first book in the series is **Storm Front**.

Read Alike—Alice Hoffman

Less like Urban Fantasy, more like magical realism, Alice Hoffman's books, like De Lint, have undercurrents of music and sleepwalking stories.

Hoffman's books often involve ordinary people facing extraordinary circumstances.

She has written 23 novels with the

recent one being **The Dovekeepers**

Read Alike—China Mieville

A newcomer to the urban fantasy scene, China Mieville has decided to put his own spin on the genre.

Mieville's books are urban fantasy, but also

mix in so called "Weird fiction" and horror.

Readers should check out **King Rat**, with takes place in a modern London, but mixes in mythic

creatures and figures, like the Pied Piper.