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Terry Brooks

Genre: Fantasy

Terry Brooks is famous for his Shannara series, a post apocalyptic epic fantasy inspired by the **Lord of the Rings** trilogy.

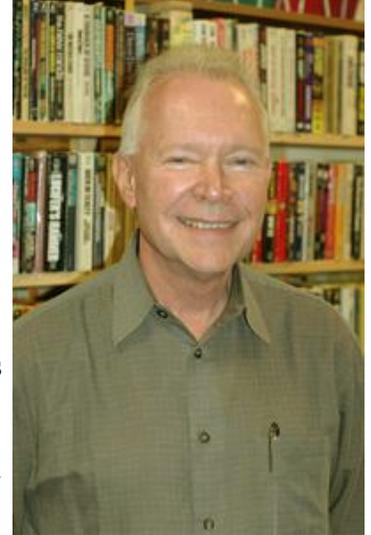
The series follows a multitude of characters across an interconnected timeline. The series starts with **The Sword of Shannara**, a tale about a young man given a mythical sword and a mission to defeat the Warlock Lord. He gets help from a druid and other characters as he gets caught up in a war of good against evil. The sequels *The Elfstones of Shannara* and *The Wishsong of Shannara* are not continuations of the original book, but stories

that take place further along the time line of world of Shannara.

The Sword of Shannara is also the first fantasy book to grace the New York Times Best Seller list when it debuted in 1977.

The world of Shannara has two prequel series, **The Word and the Void**, **The Genesis of Shannara**, and **First King of Shannara**.

Terry Brooks is a good place to start reading fantasy books. His books are fast paced featuring a large cast of characters. Read the original trilogy first, then work your way around the various books in the long running world of Shannara.



Terry Brooks also has a non-Shannara series, **Landover**, starting with the first book, **Magic Kingdom for Sale: Sold!**

Read Alike—George R. R. Martin

Imagine a world where the seasons last decades, the dead are kept behind a giant wall, and everyone wants to rule the land. That's the plot behind **The Song of Ice and Fire**. The series follows a large cast of characters who fight, backstab, and love each other in a world on the precipice. The first book in

the series is **A Game of Thrones**.

The first book is being made in a series on HBO next year.

George R. R. Martin has also written numerous short stories, which are collected in the two volume set, **Dreamsongs**.

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Read Alike—Robert Jordan

Quite possibly the longest continuous fantasy epic ever written (now at 12 books) **The Wheel of Time** follows the quest of Rand al'Thor, who must become the “Dragon,” and with help from his friends, defeat the evil lord Ba'alzamon. He is guided in his quest by a wise sorceress. The first book in

the series is **The Eye of the World**.

Robert Jordan is also famous for the **Conan** (the Barbarian) series, and the **Fallon** series.

Jordan was born in South Carolina and attended the Citadel where he got a degree in physics.

Read Alike—R. A. Salvatore

If you have a taste for relentless action in your fantasy, Salvatore's series starring the butt-kicking dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden is the place to go. Start with **Homeland**, which gives the back story of Drizzt. Next, move onto **The Icewind Dale Trilogy** that starts out with **The Crystal Shard**. These stories are set

in the Forgotten Realms universe.

Salavatore's other famous series is the **Demonwars** saga, which starts with **The Demon Awakens** and continues for seven volumes.

Salvatore also wrote two books in the **Star Wars** universe, **The Attack of the**

Clones (film novelization) and **Vector Prime**.

Read Alike—Brandon Sanderson

A newcomer to the pantheon of fantasy writers, Sanderson has already established himself as one of the best. His **Mistborn** trilogy is different, imagining what would happen if the hero fails to win against the forces of evil. The first book in the series is **Mistborn**.

Sanderson is also finishing up Robert Jordan's **The Wheel of Time** series (**The Gathering Storm**).

Readers should also check out stand alone novels **Elantris**, about a cursed city and it's inhabitants, and **Warbreaker**, notable because of the unique magic

system introduced in the books.