

# FORGOTTEN REALMS Novels Guide

Home of many a group of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS players, the FORGOTTEN REALMS world is brought to life in dozens of novels, including hugely popular best-sellers by some of the fantasy genre's most exciting authors. FORGOTTEN REALMS novels are action-packed adventure stories in the grand tradition of sword and sorcery fantasy, but that doesn't mean they're all flash and no substance. There's always something to learn and explore in this richly textured world.

But where to start?

## Sembia: Gateway to the Realms

This series was written specifically for readers new to the FORGOTTEN REALMS experience. Set in the merchant city of Selgaunt in the realm of Sembia, each book in the series adds a new layer to the history of the Uskevren family, and new insight into the FORGOTTEN REALMS world! Look for all new reissues in the months ahead. This series is best enjoyed if read in the following order:

Book I, *The Halls of Stormweather*, Edited by Philip Athans

Book II, *Shadow's Witness*, Paul S. Kemp

Erevis Cale goes on from here into a trilogy of his very own. See below under Paul S. Kemp.

Book III, *The Shattered Mask*, Richard Lee Byers

Book IV, *Black Wolf*, Dave Gross

Characters and situations from *Black Wolf* continue in *Mistress of the Night!*

Book V, *Heirs of Prophecy*, Lisa Smedman

Book VI, *Sands of the Soul*, Voronica Whitney-Robinson

Tazi heads out on an adventure of her own in *The Crimson Gold!*

Book VII, *Lord of Stormweather*, Dave Gross

## R.A. Salvatore

The FORGOTTEN REALMS novel line's most successful author, R.A. Salvatore is best known as the creator of Drizzt. His novels are split between five principal series, which should be read in the following order, and don't forget Stone of Tymora and War of the Spider Queen, too!

### The Legend of Drizzt

One of the most beloved characters in fantasy fiction, Drizzt Do'Urden is a renegade dark elf who has left the evil of the treacherous Underdark behind to explore a new life of limitless adventure on the World Above!

Book I, *Homeland*

Book II, *Exile*

Book III, *Sojourn*

Book IV, *The Crystal Shard*

Book V, *Streams of Silver*

Book VI, *The Halfling's Gem*

Book VII, *The Legacy*

Book VIII, *Starless Night*

Book IX, *Siege of Darkness*

Book X, *Passage to Dawn*

Book XI, *The Silent Blade*

Book XII, *The Spine of the World*

## Book XIII, *Sea of Swords*

### *A Reader's Guide to R.A. Salvatore's The Legend of Drizzt*

A deluxe, large-format hardcover featuring full-color art and maps that bring new life to the epic series that made Drizzt one of the fantasy genre's favorite characters. Includes loads of new information, never-before-seen maps, and illustrations of practically every element of this best-selling series.

### The Hunter's Blades Trilogy

Continues right where *Sea of Swords* left off!

Book I, *The Thousand Orcs*

Book II, *The Lone Drow*

Book III, *The Two Swords*

### The Sellswords

Drawing on characters and situations from The Legend of Drizzt, The Sellswords features the human assassin Artemis Entreri and his drow mercenary "friend" Jarlaxle.

Book I, *Servant of the Shard*

Book II, *Promise of the Witch-King*

Book III, *Road of the Patriarch*

### The Cleric Quintet

Cadderly and his companions fight the forces of evil in the name of a mysterious god. Characters from the Cleric Quintet also appear in The Legend of Drizzt, and are featured prominently in the October 2009 Drizzt novel *The Ghost King*.

Book I, *Canticle*

Book II, *In Sylvan Shadows*

Book III, *Night Masks (May 2009)*

Book IV, *The Fallen Fortress (August 2009)*

Book V, *The Chaos Curse (September 2009)*

### Transitions

Picking up the Legend of Drizzt from the end of *The Two Swords*, this new trilogy expands the world of Drizzt in shocking new ways.

Book I, *The Orc King*

Book II, *The Pirate King*

Book III, *The Ghost King (October 2009)*

### Stone of Tymora

R.A. Salvatore partners with his son Geno to craft a gripping coming-of-age tale set just after the events of *The Halfling's Gem*, featuring cameos of R.A. Salvatore's signature character Drizzt Do'Urden and his companions on *Sea Sprite*.

*The Stowaway*, R.A. Salvatore & Geno Salvatore

### Dragons: Worlds Afire

R.A. Salvatore contributes the FORGOTTEN REALMS novella "If Ever They Happened Upon my Lair," to this collection of four illustrated novellas from the worlds of FORGOTTEN REALMS, DRAGONLANCE, EBERRON, and MAGIC: THE GATHERING.

## Collectors Editions

Omnibus Editions of the R.A. Salvatore classics, feature three or more books in one!

*The Legend of Drizzt Collectors Edition, Book I*

*Homeland, Exile, and Sojourn*

*The Legend of Drizzt Collectors Edition, Book II*

*The Crystal Shard, Streams of Silver, and The Halfling's Gem*

*The Legend of Drizzt Collectors Edition, Book III*

*The Legacy, Starless Night, Siege of Darkness, and Passage to Dawn*

*The Legend of Drizzt Collectors Edition, Book IV (February 2010)*

*The Silent Blade, The Spine of the World, and Sea of Swords*

*The Hunter's Blades Trilogy Collectors Edition*

*The Thousand Orcs, The Lone Drow, and The Two Swords*

## Gift Sets

Slip-cased sets of popular paperbacks make great gifts.

The Legend of Drizzt Gift Set I, R.A. Salvatore

*Homeland, Exile, and Sojourn*

The Legend of Drizzt Gift Set II, R.A. Salvatore

*The Crystal Shard, Streams of Silver, and The Halfling's Gem*

The Legend of Drizzt Gift Set III, R.A. Salvatore

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The Legend of Drizzt Gift Set IV (October 2009)

*The Silent Blade, The Spine of the World, and Sea of Swords*

The Hunter's Blades Gift Set, R.A. Salvatore

*The Thousand Orcs, The Lone Drow, and The Two Swords*

The Hunter's Blades Gift Set, R.A. Salvatore

*The Thousand Orcs, The Lone Drow, and The Two Swords*

## R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen

This epic series follows a band of dark elves as they investigate a mystery that could destroy the very fabric of their civilization. Overseen by *The New York Times* best-selling author and fantasy legend R.A. Salvatore, this series is a must-read for any FORGOTTEN REALMS fan.

Book I, *Dissolution*, Richard Lee Byers

Book II, *Insurrection*, Thomas M. Reid

Book III, *Condemnation*, Richard Baker

Book IV, *Extinction*, Lisa Smedman

Book V, *Annihilation*, Philip Athans

Book VI, *Resurrection*, Paul S. Kemp

R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen Gift Set I

*Dissolution, Insurrection, and Condemnation*

R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen Gift Set II

*Extinction, Annihilation, and Resurrection*

## Ed Greenwood

The creator of the FORGOTTEN REALMS setting, Ed Greenwood is one of the fantasy genre's most beloved storytellers. Though most associated with his alter-ego, the wizard Elminster, Ed's fiction spans the wide Realms!

## The Knights of Myth Drannor

From the dawn of the Realms, comes the first group of adventurers to travel the highways and byways of Faerûn. Book I is out now, with two more to follow in 2007 and 2008.

Book I, *Swords of Eveningstar*

Book II, *Swords of Dragonfire*

Book III, *The Sword Never Sleeps*

## Ed Greenwood Presents Waterdeep

Ed Greenwood Presents Waterdeep reveals the City of Splendors as only Ed Greenwood and his hand-picked authors could, bringing you a series of stand-alone novels each rich in Realmslore, and yet incredibly approachable. The series can be read in any order.

*Blackstaff Tower*, Steven Schend

*Mistshore*, Jaleigh Johnson

*Downshadow*, Erik Scott de Bie (April 2009)

*City of the Dead*, Rosemary Jones (June 2009)

*The God Catcher*, Erin M. Evans (February 2010)

*Circle of Skulls*, James P. Davis (May 2010)

## The Elminster Series

Elminster, the Sage of Shadowdale, is the FORGOTTEN REALMS world's most powerful, and most colorful wizard. This is his story, best read in the following order.

*Elminster: The Making of a Mage*

*Elminster in Myth Drannor*

*The Temptation of Elminster*

*Elminster in Hell*

*Elminster's Daughter*

*The Annotated Elminster*

An omnibus edition of *Elminster: The Making of a Mage*, *Elminster in Myth Drannor*, and *The Temptation of Elminster*, including insightful essays from the author.

## Shandril's Saga

The trilogy that started it all, *Spellfire* was first published in 1988 and has become a classic!

Book I, *Spellfire*

Book II, *Crown of Fire*

Book III, *Hand of Fire*

## Collaborations

Ed Greenwood has generously shared his talents with three of our best-loved authors, bringing you novels deeply embedded in the intricacies of Realmslore.

*The City of Splendors: A Waterdeep Novel* (with Elaine Cunningham)

## Elaine Cunningham

Elaine Cunningham's first FORGOTTEN REALMS novel, *Elfshadow*, was published in 1991 and was an instant fan favorite. Her complex plots and believable characters shine through in all of the FORGOTTEN REALMS novels she's written in the last fifteen years.

## Songs & Swords

Follow the adventures of Arilyn Moonblade and her roguish paramour Danilo Thann in these swashbuckling tales of heroism and mythic mystery.

Book I, *Elfshadow*

Book III, *Silver Shadows*

Book V, *The Dream Spheres*

## Starlight & Shadows

The drow princess Liriel finds herself in the hostile reaches of the World Above in this fascinating trilogy.

Book I, *Daughter of the Drow*

Book II, *Tangled Webs*

Book III, *Windwalker*

Starlight & Shadows Gift Set, Elaine Cunningham

*Daughter of the Drow*, *Tangled Webs*, and *Windwalker* in a slip-case collection.

## Stand-alone Titles by Elaine Cunningham

From the mean streets of Waterdeep, to the ancient past of the fabled elven empires, Elaine Cunningham has built an impressive resume of Realmslore.

*The City of Splendors: A Waterdeep Novel* (with Ed Greenwood)

## Richard Baker

*The New York Times* best-selling author of *Condemnation*, Richard Baker is an experienced game designer and an exceptionally talented storyteller who is rapidly becoming one of the FORGOTTEN REALMS line's most influential voices.

## Blades of the Moonsea

Blades of the Moonsea is the first trilogy set entirely in the new 4<sup>th</sup> Edition FORGOTTEN REALMS timeline. It's been nearly a hundred years since the Spellplague changed the Realms forever, and to Geran, who's returned to his home town of Hulburg, it seems he's been gone at least that long—and Hulburg has not changed for the better.

Book I, *Swordmage*

Book II, *Corsair*

Book III, *Avenger* (March 2010)

## R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen

Book II, *Condemnation*

## The Last Mythal

The epic trilogy that redraws the map of Faerûn, and the history of the elves, forever. A major, Realms-shaking event for true FORGOTTEN REALMS fans.

Book I, *Forsaken House*

Book II, *Farthest Reach*

Book III, *Final Gate*

The Last Mythal Gift Set, Richard Baker

*Forsaken House*, *Farthest Reach*, and *Final Gate* in a slip-case collection.

And also look for this related anthology, featuring a new story by Richard Baker.

*Realms of the Elves*, Edited by Philip Athans

## **Richard Lee Byers**

Fan favorite Richard Lee Byers writes action-packed stories deeply enmeshed in Realmslore that readers new to the FORGOTTEN REALMS line will enjoy as much as the most die-hard fans.

### **The Brotherhood of the Griffon**

The Brotherhood of the Griffon emerges from the ashes of the war in Thay a mere shadow of its former glory, but free of the machinations of wizards and undead alike. Only to find themselves pawns in the midst of a new game just as deadly—and this one has only just begun.

Book I, *The Captive Flame* (April 2010)

### **The Haunted Lands**

Evil pervades the magic-rich realm of Thay, but until now, at least the dead were left to rest.

Book I, *Unclean*

Book II, *Undead*

Book III, *Unholy*

And look for this related anthology, featuring a new story by Richard Lee Byers:

### **The Haunted Lands**

*Realms of the Dead*, Edited by Susan J. Morris (January 2010)

### **R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen**

Book I, *Dissolution*

### **The Year of Rogue Dragons**

When a plague of madness sweeps through the dragons of Faerûn, no one is safe, especially the dragons themselves. A major FORGOTTEN REALMS novel event!

Book I, *The Rage*

Book II, *The Rite*

Book III, *The Ruin*

*The Year of Rogue Dragons* (October 2010)

An omnibus that collects all three books in a deluxe trade paperback edition.

And also look for these related anthology, the first of which features a new story by Richard Lee Byers.

*Realms of the Dragons*

### **Sembia: Gateway to the Realms**

Book I, *The Halls of Stormweather*

### **Stand-alone Titles by Richard Lee Byers**

Perfect for readers new to the FORGOTTEN REALMS line!

The Rogues, *The Black Bouquet*

## **Lisa Smedman**

*The New York Times* best-selling author of *Extinction*, Lisa Smedman is a FORGOTTEN REALMS fan favorite. Her Realmslore is pitch-perfect, and she's helped move the setting forward in exciting new ways.

## The Lady Penitent

Resurrects characters from the best-selling War of the Spider Queen series, and reveals a shocking side of Lolth's transformation. Definitely read R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen first!

Book I, *Sacrifice of the Widow*

Book II, *Storm of the Dead*

Book III, *Ascendancy of the Last*

## House of Serpents

Lisa Smedman's first FORGOTTEN REALMS trilogy, which delves deep into the strange civilization of the snakelike yuan-ti, stands entirely on its own.

*House of Serpents* (October 2009)

An omnibus that collects all three books in a deluxe trade paperback edition.

## R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen

Book IV, *Extinction*

## Sembia: Gateway to the Realms

Book I, *The Halls of Stormweather*

Book V, *Heirs of Prophecy*

## **Paul S. Kemp**

From the mean streets of Sembia to the Demonweb Pits, *The New York Times* best-selling author Paul S. Kemp has staked his claim as one of the FORGOTTEN REALMS line's most important authors.

## Cycle of Night

Starting in July 2010, Paul S. Kemp brings us another epic saga of gods and shadows, this time fully embroiled in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition FORGOTTEN REALMS timeline.

Book I, *Godborn* (July 2010)

Book II, *Godbound* (2011)

Book III, *Godslayer* (2012)

## The Twilight War

The newest and most explosive Realms-shaking event to date! Read this after you've finished The Erevis Cale Trilogy and Troy Denning's Return of the Archwizards.

Book I, *Shadowbred*

Book II, *Shadowstorm*

Book III, *Shadowrealm*

## R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen

Book VI, *Resurrection*

## The Erevis Cale Trilogy

This dark and unforgettable trilogy picks up where Sembia: Gateway to the Realms left off.

Book I, *Twilight Falling*

Book II, *Dawn of Night*

Book III, *Midnight's Mask*

## Sembia: Gateway to the Realms

The saga of Erevis Cale begins here!

Book I, *The Halls of Stormweather*

Book II, *Shadow's Witness*

## **Philip Athans**

*The New York Times* best-selling author of *Annihilation*, Philip Athans has been the lead editor for FORGOTTEN REALMS novels for over a decade, helping to shape the Realms as it is today.

### *A Reader's Guide to R.A. Salvatore's The Legend of Drizzt*

A deluxe, large-format hardcover featuring full-color art and maps that bring new life to the epic series that made Drizzt one of the fantasy genre's favorite characters. Includes loads of new information, never-before-seen maps, and illustrations of practically every element of this best-selling series.

## R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen

Book V, *Annihilation*

## The Watercourse Trilogy

An epic trilogy that tells the tale of a single visionary who's grand ideas attract followers and enemies alike.

Book I, *Whisper of Waves*

Book II, *Lies of Light*

Book III, *Scream of Stone*

## Baldur's Gate

Action-packed sword and sorcery adventures inspired by the best-selling computer game, these are easy entry points for anyone new to the Realms.

*Baldur's Gate*

*Baldur's Gate II: Shadows of Amn*

## **Troy Denning**

Troy Denning has long been considered the FORGOTTEN REALMS line's most thoughtful, and thought-provoking author. His books never disappoint, written with unforgettable characters and a keen intelligence.

## Return of the Archwizards

The epic Realms-shaking event that brought terrifying new villains to the unsuspecting world of Faerûn, the archwizards of ancient Shade. Read this before Paul S. Kemp's Twilight War.

*Return of the Archwizards* (December 2009)

An omnibus that collects all three books in a deluxe trade paperback edition.

## The Twilight Giants

Book I, *The Ogre's Pact*

Book II, *Giants Among Us*

Book III, *The Titan of Twilight*



## **Thomas M. Reid**

Veteran game designer Thomas M. Reid has made an indelible mark on the FORGOTTEN REALMS world.

### **The Empyrean Odyssey**

Features Aliisza and Kaanyr Vhok from the War of the Spider Queen on a journey through the Outer Planes! It's not strictly necessary to have read R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen first, but highly recommended.

Book I, *The Gossamer Plain*

Book II, *The Fractured Sky*

Book III, *The Crystal Mountain*

### **R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider Queen**

Book II, *Insurrection*

## **Bruce R. Cordell**

### **Abolethic Sovereignty**

Award-winning game designer Bruce R. Cordell's Realms-shaking trilogy is a must-read for established FORGOTTEN REALMS fans and new readers alike.

Book I, *Plague of Spells*

Book II, *City of Torment*

Book III, *Key of Stars*

### **The Wizards**

Follow the Imaskari wizard Ususi, featured in Lady of Poison, as she stumbles into the most deadly magic the FORGOTTEN REALMS has ever forgotten about!

*Darkvision*

### **The Dungeons**

Raidon Kane, the hero of Cordell's Abolethic Sovereignty trilogy, as well as the terrifying Abolethic Sovereignty itself appear for the first time in *Stardeep*.

*Stardeep*

## **Mark Sehestedt**

Former editor, Mark Sehestedt elaborates the rich FORGOTTEN REALMS setting readers love.

### **The Wizards**

Mark Sehestedt writes a gritty tale of determination, passion, and uncommon spirit. A wizard searches for her stolen son in the icy north. Frostfell also introduces Lendri, a pivotal character in Chosen of Nendawen

*Frostfell*

### **The Citadels**

The ancient fortress of Sentinelpire is home to powerful magic and deadly assassins—finding out who will control it by the end of this action-packed novel will thrill both new and familiar readers.

*Sentinelpire*

## **The Wilds**

Jungles, magical landscapes, underwater worlds—the space between the cities of the Realms is packed with adventure. These four books stand alone and may be read in any order.

*The Fanged Crown*, Jenna Helland

*The Restless Shore*, James P. Davis (May 2009)

*The Edge of Chaos*, Jak Koke (August 2009)

*Wrath of the Blue Lady*, Mel Odom (December 2009)

## **The Citadels**

Citadels, castles, keeps, fortresses, and redoubts: the Realms are scattered with fortifications new and ancient, strong and crumbling. This series of stand-alone fantasy adventure novels can be read in any order.

*Neversfall*, Ed Gentry

*Obsidian Ridge*, Jess Lebow

*The Shield of Weeping Ghosts*, James P. Davis

*Sentinelpire*, Mark Sehestedt

## **The Dungeons**

A series of stand-alone novels, which can be read in any order, The Dungeons showcases the FORGOTTEN REALMS world's and the DUNGEONS & DRAGONS game's most iconic setting.

*Depths of Madness*, Erik Scott deBie

*The Howling Delve*, Jaleigh Johnson

*Stardeep*, Bruce R. Cordell

*Crypt of the Moaning Diamond*, Rosemary Jones

## **The Wizards**

Each one of these exciting sword and sorcery adventures, which feature the arcane spellcasters of the Realms, is a stand-alone story. The series can be read in any order.

*Blackstaff*, Steven E. Schend

*Bloodwalk*, James P. Davis

*Darkvision*, Bruce R. Cordell

*Frostfell*, Mark Sehestedt

## **The Fighters**

These stand-alone novels feature the daring exploits of warriors of varied stripes—maybe you recognize the prestige classes! The series can be read in any order.

*Master of Chains*, Jess Lebow

*Ghostwalker*, Erik Scott deBie

*Son of Thunder*, Murray J.D. Leeder

*Bladesinger*, Keith Francis Strohm

## The Rogues

The wily and resourceful rogues are always a source of adventure and suspense in this series of stand-alone novels, which can be read in any order.

*The Alabaster Staff*, Edward Bolme

*The Black Bouquet*, Richard Lee Byers

*The Crimson Gold*, Voronica Whitney-Robinson

Features characters that follow from Sembia: Gateway to the Realms.

## Anthologies

The wide range of authors with their varied approaches and signature characters all come together in short story anthologies. All of these anthologies can be read in any order, but a few of them are related to Realms-shaking event trilogies, as noted below.

### The Best of the Realms

Book I, *The Best of the Realms*, Edited by Philip Athans

Book II, *The Stories of Ed Greenwood*, Edited by Susan J. Morris

Book III, *The Stories of Elaine Cunningham*, Edited by Philip Athans & Erin

Evans

### The Haunted Lands

*Realms of the Dead*, Edited by Susan J. Morris (January 2010)

### The Last Mythal

*Realms of the Elves*, Edited by Philip Athans

### The Year of Rogue Dragons

*Realms of the Dragons*, Edited by Philip Athans

## Omnibus Editions

Whole trilogies collected in deluxe trade paperback editions make these FORGOTTEN REALMS classics easy to find and affordable.

*The Threat from the Sea*, Mel Odom

*House of Serpents*, Lisa Smedman

*Return of the Archwizards*, Troy Denning

*The Year of Rogue Dragons*, Richard Lee Byers

## Gift Sets

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