

Avempartha The Riyria Revelations 2 Michael J Sullivan

A FORCED WEDDING. A DOUBLE EXECUTION. TWO THIEVES HAVE OTHER PLANS. The New Empire intends to celebrate its victory over the Nationalists with a day that will never be forgotten. On the high holiday of Wintertide the empress will be married. Degan Gaunt and the Witch of Melengar will be publically executed. Then the empress will suffer a fatal accident leaving the empire in the hands of the new emperor. It will be a perfect day. There is only one problem-Royce and Hadrian have finally found the lost heir. ABOUT THE SERIES Instead of a string of sequels The Riyria Revelations is a fantasy series conceived as a single epic tale divided into individual self-contained episodes. All were written before the first was released so that plot elements are intertwined, yet each book has its own story and conclusion. AWARDS AND ACCOLADES 2010 Fantasy Book Critic Top 12 Novels as of First Quarter (The Emerald Storm) 2010 Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Finalist (Avempartha) 2010 Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Finalist (Nyphron Rising) 2009 Winner of Book Spot Central's Fantasy Tournament of Books (Avempartha) 2009 Top 10 Books by Dark Wolf Fantasy Reviews (The Riyria Revelations) 2009 National Indie Book Award Finalist (The Crown Conspiracy) 2008 ReaderViews Annual Literary Award Finalist (The Crown Conspiracy) 2007 Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Finalist (The Crown Conspiracy) BOOKS IN THE RIYRIA REVELATIONS The Crown Conspiracy (October 2008) Avempartha (April 2009) Nyphron Rising (October 2009) The Emerald Storm (April 2010) Wintertide* (October 2010) Percepliquis* (April 2011) AUTHOR WEBSITES Web: <http://www.michaelsullivan-author.com> Blog: <http://riyria.blogspot.com/>

Beautiful and defiant, Kristen Haardrad meets the hot, longing gaze of Royce, Thane of Wyndhurst, with icy fury - vowing never to be enslaved by the powerful Saxon lord who holds her captive. She is his enemy and his prize - a wild and lusty hellion to be tamed by her dashing conqueror's kiss. But though maddened with desire for the golden-haired Viking temptress, noble Royce, in conscience, cannot force his exquisite prisoner to submit. For only Kristen's willing surrender can quench the blistering fires that sear his tormented soul - and heal a heart consumed by passion with a soothing balm of rapturous, unconditional love.

Royce Melborn, a skilled thief, and his mercenary partner, Hadrian Blackwater, make a profitable living carrying out dangerous assignments for conspiring nobles-until they are hired to pilfer a famed sword. What appears to be just a simple job finds them framed for the murder of the king and trapped in a conspiracy that uncovers a plot far greater than the mere overthrow of a tiny kingdom. Can a self-serving thief and an idealistic swordsman survive long enough to unravel the first part of an ancient mystery that has toppled kings and destroyed empires? And so begins the first tale of treachery and adventure, sword fighting and magic, myth and legend. When author Michael J. Sullivan self-published the first books of his Riyria Revelations, they rapidly became ebook bestsellers. Now, Orbit is pleased to present the complete series for the first time in bookstores everywhere. Theft of Swords was originally published as: The Crown Conspiracy and Avempartha. BOOKS IN THE RIYRIA REVELATIONS Theft of Swords (The Crown Conspiracy & Avempartha) Rise of Empire (Nyphron Rising & The Emerald Storm) Heir of Novron (Wintertide & Percepliquis)

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * USA TODAY BESTSELLER * GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD NOMINEE FOR BEST FANTASY Each culture has its own myths and legends, but only one is shared, and it is feared by all. With Age of Myth, Age of Swords, and Age of War, fantasy master Michael J. Sullivan riveted readers with a tale of unlikely heroes locked in a desperate battle to save mankind. After years of warfare, humanity has gained the upper hand and has pushed the Fhrey to the edge of their homeland, but no farther. Now comes the pivotal moment. Persephone's plan to use the stalemate to seek peace is destroyed by an unexpected betrayal that threatens to hand victory to the Fhrey and leaves a dear friend in peril. Humanity's only hope lies in the legend of a witch, a forgotten song, and a simple garden door.

A man with no memory of his past and a struggling, blind street artist will face off against the will of the gods as the secrets of this stranger's past are revealed in the sequel to The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms, the debut novel of NYT bestselling author N. K. Jemisin. In the city of Shadow, beneath the World Tree, alleyways shimmer with magic and godlings live hidden among mortalkind. Oree Shoth, a blind artist, takes in a strange homeless man on an impulse. This act of kindness engulfs Oree in a nightmarish conspiracy. Someone, somehow, is murdering godlings, leaving their desecrated bodies all over the city. And Oree's guest is at the heart of it. . . The Inheritance Trilogy The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms The Broken Kingdoms The Kingdom of Gods The Inheritance Trilogy (omnibus edition) Shades in Shadow: An Inheritance Triptych (e-only short fiction) The Awakened Kingdom (e-only novella) For more from N. K. Jemisin, check out: Dreamblood Duology The Killing Moon The Shadowed Sun The Broken Earth series The Fifth Season The Obelisk Gate The Stone Sky

Two men who hate each other. One impossible mission. A legend in the making. Hadrian Blackwater, a warrior with nothing to fight for, is paired with Royce Melborn, a thieving assassin with nothing to lose. Hired by an old wizard, they must steal a treasure that no one can reach. The Crown Tower is the impregnable remains of the grandest fortress ever built and home to the realm's most prized possessions. But it isn't gold or jewels that the wizard is after, and if he can just keep them from killing each other, they just might succeed. Chronological Order The Crown Tower (Riyria Chronicles #1) The Rose and the Thorn (Riyria Chronicles #2) Theft of Swords (Riyria Revelations #1 & #2): contains The Crown Conspiracy & Avempartha Rise of Empire (Riyria Revelations #3 & #4): contains Nyphron Rising & The Emerald Storm Heir of Novron (Riyria Revelations #5 & #6): contains Wintertide & Percepliquis *** Fantasy Faction's Top 10 Anticipated Books for 2013 *****

BestFantasyBooks.com Most Anticipated Books of 2013 ***** Ranting Dragon's 50 Fantasy & Sci-Fi Novels to Look Forward to in 2013 ***

Two thieves want answers. Riyria is born... For more than a year Royce Melborn has tried to forget Gwen DeLancy, the woman who saved him and his partner Hadrian Blackwater from certain death. Unable to get her out of his mind, Royce returns to Medford with Hadrian but the two receive a very different reception --- Gwen refuses to see them. The victim of abuse by a powerful noble, she suspects that Royce will ignore any danger in his desire for revenge. By turning the thieves away, Gwen hopes to once more protect them. What she doesn't realize is what the two are capable of --- but she's about to find out. Chronological Order The Crown Tower (Riyria Chronicles #1) The Rose and the Thorn (Riyria Chronicles #2) Theft of Swords (Riyria Revelations #1 & #2): contains The Crown Conspiracy & Avempartha Rise of Empire (Riyria Revelations #3 & #4): contains Nyphron Rising & The Emerald Storm Heir of Novron (Riyria Revelations #5 & #6): contains Wintertide & Percepliquis

For thousands of years, there has been a cycle: a Demon King rises and conquers, and a Hero is reborn a hundred years later to defeat him. Each time, civilizations are ground to dust beneath the Demon King's hordes, but humanity has remained secure in the belief that a Hero of legend will always save them. There's just one slight problem. It's only been 23 years since the Demon King's latest rise, and this time, he's already conquered more than half the world. If humanity simply waits for the Hero's return, there may be no world left for him to save. And so, Yui Shaw sets out with an ambitious plan. A 10-step plan. She'll find a way to obtain the Hero's legendary sword. She'll earn obscure classes, gain levels, and increase her skills. She'll travel to the meticulously-crafted dungeons that seem designed for one specific Hero to complete. And, if she's truly (un)fortunate, she might even find a fairy. She might not be a Hero-but if she can fake it long enough, she might still be able to save the world.***This book is an affectionate parody of classic Japanese games like The Legend of Zelda, Final Fantasy, and Dragon Quest. It's also a work in the LitRPG/GameLit subgenres. Game mechanics exist in the world of the story and characters are aware of their existence.

They killed the king. They pinned it on two men. They chose poorly. There's no ancient evil to defeat, no orphan destined for greatness, just two guys in the wrong place at the wrong time... Royce Melborn, a skilled thief, and his mercenary partner, Hadrian Blackwater make a profitable living carrying out dangerous assignments for conspiring nobles until they become the unwitting scapegoats in a plot to murder the king. Sentenced to death, they have only one way out--and so begins this epic tale of treachery

and adventure, sword fighting and magic, myth and legend. AWARDS 2009 National Indie Excellence Award Finalist 2008 ReaderViews Literary Award Finalist 2007 Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Finalist Named One of the 2008 Notable Indie Books by Fantasy Book Critic Named Top Five Fantasy of Books of 2009 by Dark Wolf's Fantasy Reviews ABOUT THE SERIES The Crown Conspiracy is book one of the multi-book saga: The Riyria Revelations. Instead of a string of sequels, this six-book fantasy series was conceived as a single epic tale divided into individual novels. While one book may hint at building mysteries and thickening plots, these threads are not essential to reach a satisfying conclusion to the current episode--which has its own beginning, middle, and end. It should be noted that all six were written before the first was released to ensure continuity across a complex plot filled with twists, turns, and page-turning mysteries. Characterization occur across the whole series allowing readers to build friendships with likeable characters that are shaped as events unfold. The Riyria Revelations is written for adults but has no sex and limited violence centered on swordplay and is therefore, appropriate for younger audiences and a movie version based on the novels would garnish a PG-13 rating.

IMPORTANT NOTE! This edition of Percepliquis is being released for readers of the original Ridan editions of The Crown Conspiracy. It does not include book 5, Wintertide. If you're reading the omnibus editions from Orbit, you should purchase Heir of Novron (which includes both Wintertide and Percepliquis). IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS...THE ELVES HAVE CROSSED THE NIDWALDEN. TWO THIEVES WILL DECIDE THE FUTURE. "I saw a great journey. Ten upon the road, she who wears the light will lead the way. The road goes deep into the earth, and into despair. The voices of the dead guide your steps. You walk back in time. The three-thousand-year battle begins again. Cold grips the world, death comes to all, and a choice is before you." -- Fan Irlanu, Tenkin Seerer of Oudorro Village Percepliquis is the final installment of the epic fantasy, The Riyria Revelations. In this saga that began with The Crown Conspiracy, two thieves caught in the wrong place at the right time were launched on a series of ever escalating adventures that have all lead to this moment. Three thousand years have passed and the time for Novron's heir to act has arrived. "The Crown Conspiracy is a well-written and enjoyable novel. I was invested in the characters and their travails. Royce and Hadrian s friendship was particularly fun to read" -- Tammy Moore, sfSite "Every time I finish a book in this series it makes me want the next one instantly. -- Cindy Hannikman, Fantasy Book Critic BOOKS OF THE RIYRIA REVELATIONS (Original 6-book format) The Crown Conspiracy (October 2008) Avempartha (April 2009) Nyphron Rising (October 2009) The Emerald Storm (April 2010) Wintertide (October 2010) Percepliquis (January 2012) OMNIBUS VERSIONS of RIYRIA REVELATIONS (Orbit Publishing) Theft of Swords (11/2011) contains The Crown Conspiracy & Avempartha Rise of Empire (12/2011) contains Nyphron Rising & The Emerald Storm Heir of Novron (1/2012) contains Wintertide & Percepliquis R'shiel, daughter of the First Sister of the Blade, and her half-brother, Tarja, a Captain of the Defenders, become caught up in a rebellion against the Sisterhood, the rulers of Medalon.

The New Empire intends to celebrate its victory over the Nationalists with a day that will never be forgotten. On the high holiday of Wintertide, the empress will be married, and Degan Gaunt and the Witch of Melengar will be publically executed. Once the empress suffers a fatal accident, everything will be perfect. There is only one problem - Royce and Hadrian have finally found the Heir of Novron.

DO GODS TRULY EXIST? CAN YOU KNOW THE FUTURE? AND WHAT LIES BEYOND THE VEIL OF DEATH? Winter blankets the land, and more than hope has died. Barred by the tower of Avempartha, the western army cannot invade the Fhrey homeland. So it must seek a way across the Nidwalden River before the fane obtains the secret of dragons. As time runs out for both humanity and the mystic Suri, the only chance for the living rests with the dead. Having made their fateful choice, can a handful of misfits do the impossible, or are they forever lost to an inescapable grave? As in Virgil's Aeneid, Dante's Divine Comedy, and Milton's Paradise Lost, the most epic tales transcend the world of the living. It's time to see what lies in Elan's Age of Death. From Michael J. Sullivan, New York Times, USA Today, and Washington Post bestselling author, comes the second-to-last installment in the epic fantasy series The Legends of the First Empire. These novels chronicle a pivotal point in Elan's history, when humans rise against the Fhrey, whom they once saw as gods. Set three thousand years before the Riyria tales, Legends is a standalone fantasy series independent of all other Elan stories. But if you have read the other books, Legends will reveal lies and unmask truths about historical figures.

Riyria is an exciting visual graphic novel adaptation of the # 1 Bestseller in Epic Fantasy, The Death of Dulgath. This story was written as a stand alone version. In it Royce, a former assassin and ex-mercenary Hadrian are hired to foil an assassination plot. " Three times they tried to kill her. Then a professional was hired. So was Riyria..."

A MESSAGE HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED. A SINISTER PLAN LAUNCHED. TWO THIEVES STAND IN THE WAY.#13;Ex-mercenary Hadrian Blackwater sets course on a high seas adventure to find the lost Heir of Novron. His only hope lies in confronting the ruthless and cunning Merrick Marius. Fearing his friend is not up to the challenge, Royce Melborn joins his old partner for one last mission. Their journey finds them adrift amid treachery and betrayals forcing Hadrian to face a past he hoped never to see again. #13;#13;REVIEWS#13;"The Riyria Revelations is shaping up to be one of the most original and entertaining fantasy series I've seen in years." -- King of the Nerds Fantasy Reviews#13;#13;"Mr. Sullivan continues to impress. In Royce and Hadrian he has created some of the best characters the genre has seen in some time." -- Speculative Fiction

Junkie#13;#13;ABOUT THE SERIES#13;The Crown Conspiracy is the first book in the captivating Riyria Revelations. Instead of a string of sequels this six-book fantasy series was conceived as a single epic tale divided into individual episodes. All were written before the first was released so that plot elements are intertwined, yet each book has its only story and conclusion.#13;#13;BOOKS OF THE RIYRIA REVELATIONS#13;The Crown Conspiracy (October 2008)#13;Avempartha (April 2009)#13;Nyphron Rising (October 2009)#13;The Emerald Storm (April 2010) #13;Wintertide (October 2010)#13;Percepliquis (April 2011)

'I LOVED THIS BOOK!!!... perfection... FIVE STARS alllll the way!... Mind-blowing... so much to love... make sure you get it! Goodreads reviewer, ?????? On her first day as a bookbinder at Ayredale Library, Sophie gazes in awe at the grand, turreted building nestled deep in the English countryside. It's where her mother Elizabeth worked too: before she disappeared. Clutching her leaf-shaped necklace – all that Elizabeth left behind – Sophie hopes to finally find the truth, and soon feels strangely at home alongside her fellow binders. But everything changes when a beautiful door – engraved with a leaf matching her mother's necklace – swings open at her touch. Sophie gasps at the impossible sight inside: a silver tree growing higher than the library itself. Amidst the gentle rustling leaves Sophie hears a familiar whisper. Although there's no-one to be seen she's certain it's her mother's voice: 'There you are, my Sophie. I knew you'd come back for me.' Could the magical library itself have stolen her

mother away? And could the necklace unlock the secrets of the tree? Asking the enigmatic Keeper of the Library for answers gets her nothing but dire warnings – and when another face from her past appears at the grand doors of Ayredale, Sophie’s blood runs cold at his sinister smile. Will she ever find the truth about her mother – or will Sophie be the next to disappear? An absolutely unputdownable read about long-hidden family secrets and the magic that lurks between the pages of every book. Perfect for fans of The Ten Thousand Doors of January, The Night Circus and The Binding. Read what everyone’s saying about The Bookbinder’s Daughter: ‘Wow... one of the best books I have read this year... simply fantastic, amazing, outstanding and superb. I loved it so much... highly recommend... beautiful... This is an amazing book, which you just have to read so that you can feel the magic too!’ Goodreads reviewer, ?????? ‘Amazing, magical book... pulls you in and keeps you on your toes the whole time... when it finally ends you wish it didn’t have to... phenomenal... omg... I cannot wait to read this book again.’ Goodreads reviewer, ?????? “A beautiful tale... drew me in from the first page... must-read... I absolutely loved this book. Gorgeous... a treasure to read and reread for years to come... I can’t recommend it highly enough. Cuddle up and completely fall into this one.” A Day in the Lifestyle, ?????? ‘Enchanting... Unputdownable... I loved everything about this book... Brilliant!... captured me from the beginning... I really loved the ending.’ Goodreads reviewer ‘What a magical story! It caught me and did not want to let go until the end... You can lose yourself to this story!... Highly recommend.’ Goodreads reviewer “I was hooked from the first page. This was everything I want in a book. It has magic, romance, mystery, heart. A perfect read.” @jessicatreads, ?????? “Phenomenal... magical... the perfect winter read!” @houseofbonesandsorrow “Hauntingly beautiful!... will capture any fantasy lover’s heart.” Fromthebookshelfofdreams, ?????? “I absolutely loved this... absolute bliss.” Goodreads reviewer, ?????? “Heartbreaking... A must read!” Goodreads reviewer, ??????

The Ipiian Empire was once a land that welcomed dragons and spirits alike, but a century of war and bloodshed saw them all but vanish. Now, the lost things are returning and the Onryo have gathered. Five legendary spirits with mysterious powers, bent on freeing an ancient evil that would wreak havoc on humanity. Haruto swore his soul to the God of Death for the chance to hunt down the vengeful ghost of his wife. Now an onmyoji, he’s tasked by the Imperial Throne to hunt down monsters and malicious spirits. But he knows not all spirits are evil and not all deserve the peace of the sword. Kira is a student at Heiwa, an academy for children with dangerous techniques. But she has a secret, she’s not like the other students. When the school is attacked, she flees with one of the tutors, determined to hide both from those who would kill her, and those who would use her. As a plague of spirits sweeps across the land, the Onryo leave a bloody trail for Haruto to follow. But who’s hunting who?

‘Insightful and ingenious . . . Intrusion is both horrific and comic, and deals movingly with the consequences of genetic fixes’ - GUARDIAN ‘Intrusion is a finely-tuned, in-your-face argument of a novel . . . MacLeod will push your buttons - and make you think’ - SFX Imagine a near-future city, say London, where medical science has advanced beyond our own and a single-dose pill has been developed that, taken when pregnant, eradicates many common genetic defects from an unborn child. Hope Morrison, mother of a hyperactive four-year-old, is expecting her second child. She refuses to take The Fix, as the pill is known. This divides her family and friends and puts her and her husband in danger of imprisonment or worse. Is her decision a private matter of individual choice, or is it tantamount to willful neglect of her unborn child? A plausible and original novel with sinister echoes of 1984 and Brave New World. Books by Ken MacLeod: Fall Revolution The Star Fraction The Stone Canal The Cassini Division The Sky Road Engines of Light Cosmonaut Keep Dark Light Engine City Corporation Wars Trilogy Dissidence Insurgence Emergence Novels The Human Front Newton’s Wake Learning the World The Execution Channel The Restoration Game Intrusion Descent This boxed set includes bestselling author Michael J. Sullivan’s complete Riyria Revelations, an epic tale of treachery and adventure, sword fighting and magic, myth and legend. “Good old-fashioned escapist fun.” -Publishers Weekly Royce Melborn, a skilled thief, and his mercenary partner, Hadrian Blackwater, make a profitable living carrying out dangerous assignments for conspiring nobles - until they become the unwitting scapegoats in a plot to murder the king. Sentenced to death, their only hope is to unravel an ancient mystery before it’s too late. The Riyria Revelations Theft of Swords Rise of Empire Heir of Novron For more from Michael J. Sullivan, check out: The Riyria Chronicles The Crown Tower The Rose and the Thorn

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Unfettered is an anthology of original fantasy fiction by some of the very biggest names in fantasy fiction, and it also features deleted scenes from A MEMORY OF LIGHT, the final book in Robert Jordan’s Wheel of Time series. This collection is not only a fantastic anthology in its own right, but it’s a testament to the generosity found in the science fiction and fantasy community. When author Shawn Speakman fell seriously ill and was unable to pay his medical bills, that’s when New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks offered to donate a short story that Shawn could sell to help alleviate those bills. He also suggested he ask the same of his other writer friends, and Unfettered is the incredible result. Twenty-four tales comprise this superb collection, and as the title suggests, the writers were free to contribute whatever they wished. Table of contents: - Foreword by Patrick Rothfuss - Introduction: On Becoming Unfettered - Imaginary Friends by Terry Brooks - How Old Holly Came To Be by Patrick Rothfuss - The Old Scale Game by Tad Williams - Game of Chance by Carrie Vaughn - The Martyr of the Roses by Jacqueline Carey - Mudboy by Peter V. Brett - The Sound of Broken Absolutes by Peter Orullian - The Coach with Big Teeth by R.A. Salvatore - Keeper of Memory by Todd Lockwood - Heaven in a Wild Flower by Blake Charlton - Dogs by Daniel Abraham - The Chapel Perilous by Kevin Hearne - Select Mode by Mark Lawrence - All the Girls Love Michael Stein by David Anthony Durham - Strange Rain by Jennifer Bosworth - Nocturne by Robert V.S. Redick - Unbowed by Eldon Thompson - In Favour with Their Stars by Naomi Novik - River of Souls by Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson - The Jester by Michael J. Sullivan - The Duel by Lev Grossman - Walker and the Shade of Allanon by Terry Brooks - The Unfettered Knight by Shawn Speakman - The Twilight Dragon by Shawn Speakman (bonus story for UK edition)

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.

View our feature on Douglas Hulick's *Among Thieves*. Drothe has been a member of the Kin for years, rubbing elbows with thieves and murderers in the employ of a crime lord while smuggling relics on the side. But when an ancient book falls into his hands, Drothe finds himself in possession of a relic capable of bringing down emperors—a relic everyone in the underworld would kill to obtain.

The secret is in the tower. The problem is the beast. The answer is two thieves. ABOUT THE BOOK When a destitute young woman hires Royce and Hadrian to help save her remote village from nocturnal attacks, they are once more drawn into the schemes of the wizard Esrahaddon. While Royce struggles to breach the secrets of an ancient elven tower, Hadrian attempts to rally the villagers to defend themselves against the unseen killer. Once more, what begins with the simple theft of a sword places the two thieves at the center of a firestorm but this time the outcome could change the future of Elan. ABOUT THE SERIES Although part of a multi-book saga, *Avempartha* is a stand-alone story and can be read independently of the series. Instead of a string of sequels, *The Riyria Revelations* is a six-book series conceived as a single epic tale divided into individual episodes. All were written before the first was released. The books are being released one every 6 months. The first *The Crown Conspiracy* was released October 2008.

The stunning first volume in Janny Wurts's epic tale of two half-brothers cursed to life-long enmity.

When the world ends, can love survive? For Scarlet, raising her two daughters alone makes fighting for tomorrow an everyday battle. Nathan has a wife, but can't remember what it's like to be in love; only his young daughter Zoe makes coming home worthwhile. Miranda's biggest concern is whether her new VW Bug is big enough to carry her sister and their boyfriends on a weekend escape from college finals. When reports of a widespread, deadly "outbreak" begin to surface, these ordinary people face extraordinary circumstances and suddenly their fates are intertwined. Recognizing they can't outrun the danger, Scarlet, Nathan, and Miranda desperately seek shelter at the same secluded ranch, Red Hill. Emotions run high while old and new relationships are tested in the face of a terrifying enemy—an enemy who no longer remembers what it's like to be human. Set against the backdrop of a brilliantly realized apocalyptic world, love somehow finds a way to survive. But what happens when the one you'd die for becomes the one who could destroy you? *Red Hill* grabs you from page one and doesn't let go until its stunning conclusion. This is number 1 New York Times bestselling author Jamie McGuire at her unforgettable best. "Dark fantasy has a new heroine." --- SFX When the dead call, she answers. Bounty hunting is a helluva job, but it pays the bills. And it lets Necromance Dante Valentine forget her issues---like struggling with her half-demon side and the memory of her lover's death. Now psychics all over the city are being savagely murdered---and a piece of the past Dante thought she'd buried is stalking the night with a vengeance. Too bad she's got no way to tell which fiend--or friend--to trust. Or that her most horrifying nightmares are gathering to take one kick-ass bounty hunter down for the count. But that's only the beginning. The Devil just called. He's looking for Dante's lover--the one he killed... Dante Valentine Novels Working for the Devil Dead Man Rising Devil's Right Hand Saint City Sinners To Hell and Back Dante Valentine (omnibus) For more from Lilith Saintcrow, check out: *Gallow and Ragged Trailer Park* *Fae Bannon and Clare* *The Iron Wyrms* *Affair* *The Red Plague* *Affair* *The Ripper* *Affair* *The Damnation* *Affair* (e-only) *Jill Kismet Novels* *Night Shift* *Hunter's Prayer* *Redemption* *Alley* *Flesh* *Circus* *Heaven's Spite* *Angel Town* *Jill Kismet* (omnibus) *A Romance of Arquite* *Novels* *The Hedgewitch* *Queen* *The Bandit* *King* *Blood* *Call* (coming August 2015)

Three times they tried to kill her. Then a professional was hired. So was Riyria. When the last member of the oldest noble family in Avryn is targeted for assassination, Riyria is hired to foil the plot. Three years have passed since the war-weary mercenary Hadrian and the cynical ex-assassin Royce joined forces to start life as rogues-for-hire. Things have gone well enough until they're asked to help prevent a murder. Now they must venture into an ancient corner of the world to save a mysterious woman who knows more about Royce than is safe and cares less about herself than is sane. From the best-selling author of *The Riyria Revelations* comes the third installment of *The Riyria Chronicles*.

Although part of a series, it's designed to thrill both new readers looking for fun, fast-paced fantasy and Riyria veterans wishing to reunite with old friends. For those who do wish to experience the entire Riyria saga, two reading options exist: Order of Publication *Theft of Swords* - *Rise of Empire* - *Heir of Novron* - *The Crown Tower* - *The Rose and the Thorn* - *The Death of Dulgath* Chronological Order: *The Crown Tower* - *The Rose and the Thorn* - *The Death of Dulgath* - *Theft of Swords* - *Rise of Empire* - *Heir of Novron* PRAISE FOR MICHAEL'S RIYRIA BOOKS "This epic fantasy showcases the arrival of a master storyteller." - *Library Journal* on *Theft of Swords* "A delightful, entertaining and page-turning read that reminds us just how enjoyable, and how good *The Riyria Revelations* series is. A must-buy for all fantasy lovers." - *The Founding Fields* on *Rise of Empire* "Heir of Novron is the conclusion to the *Riyria Revelations*, cementing it in a position as a new classic of modern fantasy: traditional in setting, but extremely unconventional in, well, everything else." - *Drying Ink* on *Heir of Novron* "Snappy banter, desperate stakes, pulse-pounding swordplay, and good old-fashioned heroics are all on full display here." - *52 Book Reviews* on *The Crown Tower* "The *Rose and the Thorn* is full of mystery, adventure, betrayal and just plain awesome." - *Fantasy Faction* on *The Rose and the Thorn*

The gods have been proven mortal and new heroes will arise as the battle continues in the sequel to *Age of Myth*—from the author of the *Riyria Revelations* and *Riyria Chronicles* series. In *Age of Myth*, fantasy master Michael J. Sullivan launched readers on an epic journey of magic and adventure, heroism and betrayal, love and loss. Now the thrilling saga continues as the human uprising is threatened by powerful enemies from without—and bitter rivalries from within. Raithe, the God Killer, may have started the rebellion by killing a Fhrey, but long-standing enmities dividing the Rhunes make it all but impossible to unite against the common foe. And even if the clans can join forces, how will they defeat an enemy whose magical prowess renders them indistinguishable from gods? The answer lies across the sea in a faraway land populated by a reclusive and dour race who feel nothing but disdain for both Fhrey and mankind. With time running out, Persephone leads the gifted young seer Suri, the Fhrey sorceress Arion, and a small band of misfits in a desperate search for aid—a quest that will take them into the darkest depths of Elan. There, an ancient adversary waits, as fearsome as it is deadly. Magic, fantasy, and mythology collide in Michael J. Sullivan's *Legends of the First Empire* series: AGE OF MYTH • AGE OF SWORDS • AGE OF WAR

One of fantasy's finest next-generation storytellers continues to break new ground. Michael J. Sullivan's trailblazing career began with the breakout success of his *Riyria* series: full-bodied, spellbinding fantasy adventures whose imaginative scope and sympathetic characters won a devoted readership and comparisons to fantasy masters Brandon Sanderson, Scott Lynch, and J.R.R. Tolkien himself. Now *Age of Myth* inaugurates an original five-book series. Since time immemorial, humans have worshipped the gods they call Fhrey, truly a race apart: invincible in battle, masters of magic, and seemingly immortal. But when a god falls to a human blade, the balance of power between humans and those they thought were gods changes forever. Now only a few stand between humankind and annihilation: Raithe, reluctant to embrace his destiny as the God Killer; Suri, a young seer burdened by signs of impending doom; and Persephone, who must overcome personal tragedy to lead her people. The *Age of Myth* is over. The time of rebellion has begun. Magic, fantasy, and mythology collide in Michael J. Sullivan's *Legends of the First Empire* series: AGE OF MYTH • AGE OF SWORDS • AGE OF WAR

When the Devil needs a rogue demon killed, who does he call? The Player: Necromance-for-hire Dante Valentine is choosy about her jobs. Hot tempered and with nerves of steel, she can raise the dead like nobody's business. But one rainy Monday morning, everything goes straight to hell. The Score: The Devil hires Dante to eliminate a rogue demon: Vardimal Santino. In return, he will let her live. It's an offer she

can't refuse. The Catch: How do you kill something that can't die? Dante Valentine Novels Working for the Devil Dead Man Rising Devil's Right Hand Saint City Sinners To Hell and Back Dante Valentine (omnibus) For more from Lilith Saintcrow, check out: Gallow and Ragged Trailer Park Fae Bannon and Clare The Iron Wyrms Affair The Red Plague Affair The Ripper Affair The Damnation Affair (e-only) Jill Kismet Novels Night Shift Hunter's Prayer Redemption Alley Flesh Circus Heaven's Spite Angel Town Jill Kismet (omnibus) A Romance of Arquiteine Novels The Hedgewitch Queen The Bandit King Blood Call (coming August 2015)

A door opens. An army of dragons advance. And the fate of the living rests with the dead. After obtaining the secret to creating dragons, the leader of the Fhrey has turned the tide of war once more--but gaining the advantage has come at a terrible price. While Imaly plots to overthrow the fane for transgressions against his people, a mystic and a keeper are the only hope for the Rhunes. Time is short, and the future of both races hangs in the balance. In this exciting conclusion to the Legends of the First Empire series, the Great War finally comes to a climactic end, and with it dawns a new era in the Age of Empyre. From the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Michael J. Sullivan comes the concluding installment of his six-book epic fantasy. This series chronicles a pivotal point in Elan's history when humans and those they once saw as gods warred until a new world order was born. Set three thousand years before the Riyria tales, Legends is a standalone fantasy series that is independent of the Riyria novels. But for those who do read both series, Legends will unmask lies and reveal the truth about Elan's history and the men and women who shaped what the world became.

To save the world, first you have to survive it. The second book in the epic and critically-acclaimed Scalussen Chronicles is a blistering story of survival and the highest stakes yet for Farden, Mithrid, and Scalussen.

The adventure continues as Royce and Hadrian aid the struggling kingdom of Melengar as it alone stands in defiance against the newly formed empire. War approaches and a desperate gamble behind enemy lines is their only chance at forming an alliance with the Nationalists to the south. But Royce has plans of his own as he uses this opportunity to discover if an ancient wizard is using Riyria as pawns in his own bid for power. To find the truth, Royce must unravel Hadrian's hidden past. What he discovers will lead them to the end of the known world, on a journey rife with treachery and intrigue. When author Michael J. Sullivan self-published the first books of his Riyria Revelations, they rapidly became ebook bestsellers. Now, Orbit is pleased to present the complete series for the first time in bookstores everywhere. Rise of Empire was originally published as: Nyphron Rising and The Emerald Storm. BOOKS IN THE RIYRIA REVELATIONS Theft of Swords (The Crown Conspiracy & Avempartha) Rise of Empire (Nyphron Rising & The Emerald Storm) Heir of Novron (Wintertide & Percepliquis)

When Gabriel Winter's daughter mysteriously disappears and is presumed dead, the wealthy whiskey baron seeks revenge. Having lived in Colnora during the infamous Year of Fear, he hires the one man he knows can deliver a bloody retribution - the notorious Duster. Riyria's job appears easy: discover what happened to the missing duchess and, if she lives, bring her home...if not, punish those responsible. But nothing is simple in the crowded, narrow, mist-filled streets of Rochelle where more than one ancient legend lurks.

A PUPPET IS CROWNED. THE TRUE HEIR REMAINS HIDDEN. A ROGUE'S SECRET COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING. War has come to Melengar. To save her kingdom, Princess Arista runs a desperate gamble when she defies her brother and hires Royce and Hadrian for a dangerous mission. As the power of the Nyphron Empire grows, so does Royce's suspicion that the wizard Esrahaddon is using the thieves as pawns in his own game. To find the truth, he must unravel the secret of Hadrian's past-what he discovers could change the future for all of Elan. The Riyria Revelations is shaping up to be one of the most original and entertaining fantasy series I've seen in years. King of the Nerds Fantasy Reviews Another absolutely riveting installment in The Riyria Revelations series! Once again, Michael J. Sullivan did not disappoint. There was suspense, humor, action, treachery, and even a tiny bit of love thrown in. Ramblings & More Mr. Sullivan continues to impress. In Royce and Hadrian he has created some of the best characters the genre has seen in some time, and in Avempartha he shows that he knows what to do with them. Speculative Fiction Junkie

From the bestselling author of the Legends of the First Empire: New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post After two hundred years of service, the heir to the empire is suspicious about his reassignment to active duty on the front lines of the Goblin War. His first assignment to rescue an outpost leads to a dead-end canyon deep inside enemy territory. Suspicion turns to dread and then sinks to despair when it's discovered no such outpost exists. But whoever went to the trouble of making his death look like an accident didn't know anything about the Seventh Sikaria Auxiliary Squadron he was assigned to. In the depths of an unforgiving jungle, a legend is about to be born, and the world of Elan will never be the same. From Michael J. Sullivan, the New York Times, USA Today, and Washington Post bestselling author, a new adventure begins with the first book of the Rise and Fall trilogy. While set in the same world as Riyria and Legends of the First Empire, this is a standalone series, so no prior knowledge of the other books is required to enjoy it to its fullest.

The epic battle between humankind and their godlike rulers finally ignites in the masterful follow-up to Age of Myth and Age of Swords. The alliance of humans and renegade Fhrey is fragile—and about to be tested as never before. Persephone keeps the human clans from turning on one another through her iron will and a compassionate heart. The arrogant Fhrey are barely held in check by their leader, Nyphron, who seeks to advance his own nefarious agenda through a loveless marriage that will result in the betrayal of the person Persephone loves most: Raithe, the God Killer. As the Fhrey overlords marshal their army and sorcerers to crush the rebellion, old loyalties will be challenged while fresh conspiracies will threaten to undo all that Persephone has accomplished. In the darkest hour, when hope is all but lost, new heroes will rise . . . but at what terrible cost? Magic, fantasy, and mythology collide in Michael J. Sullivan's Legends of the First Empire series: AGE OF MYTH • AGE OF SWORDS • AGE OF WAR

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