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THE SPELL OF THE BLACK DAGGER

Hachette UK **Tabaea** was an ordinary thief, sneaking and prowling and stealing for a living. Then one night while burgling a house, she witnessed a wizard teaching his apprentice a spell - the creation of a magic dagger. Tabaea decided to try the magic for herself. But even though she could feel the power rising around her as she went through the steps of the ritual, something had clearly gone wrong. The apprentice's dagger had glowed; it had resisted attempts to pick it up; and there had been a blinding flash at the end of the ceremony. But Tabaea's dagger didn't do any of those things. And it wouldn't free her from bonds, or heal her wounds - it didn't seem to be magical at all. It just turned black. Then, by chance, Tabaea discovered that her dagger indeed had its own kind of unusual magic - a dark, powerful magic that promised invincibility to its bearer. But magic can be dangerous even in the hands of an expert - and for Tabaea, magic and power could spell disaster . . .

SPELL OF THE BLACK DAGGER

A LEGEND OF ETHSHAR

Tabaea the Thief stole something more precious than Dragons' Blood from the enchanted old house: evesdropping on the doddering wizard who owned the place, she stole the secret of wizardry itself.

THE SPRIGGAN MIRROR

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TALES OF ETHSHAR

Hachette UK Ethshar, or "the World" as its inhabitants call it, is the setting for almost a dozen novels by Lawrence Watt-Evans. The dominant nation on the World is the Hegemony of the Three Ethshars, while the largest, richest city, where most of the stories are set, is Ethshar of the Spices. The name itself comes from words meaning "safe harbor." You don't need to have read any of the novels to enjoy the stories herein; each one should stand alone. And if you've read the novels, you will enjoy this return to the world of Ethshar with 11 stories...

THE VONDISH AMBASSADOR

A LEGEND OF ETHSHAR

Wildside Press LLC **Once, not so long ago,** a warlock named Vond built an empire in the southern part of the Small Kingdoms. Vond is gone, but his empire survives under the rule of a seven-person Imperial Council and a young regent named Sterren. The Empire of Vond was hardly trouble-free after Vond's departure. Its neighbors are understandably wary of further expansion, there are questions about how Vond's magic became so potent, and so on. Most of the World, though, doesn't care -- Vond is off there in the southeastern corner of the World, far away from anywhere important. But one day a dockworker named Emmis watches a Vondish ship arrive in Ethshar of the Spices and finds himself hired as native guide and aide to someone who claims to be Vond's ambassador plenipotentiary to the overlords of the Hegemony of the Three Ethshars. But who is the Vondish ambassador, really, and what is his true business in Ethshar? And who has followed him to the city?

THE SORCERER'S WIDOW

Wildside Press LLC **The great sorcerer Nabal's death offers many opportunities, both for those who knew him and those who did not. For young comen Ezak and Kel, it means a chance to loot the sorcerer's estate ... if they can win the confidence of Nabal's widow, Dorna. But Dorna has plans of her own. She means to leave the tiny village for a better life in the city. And all of Nabal's magical artifacts and talismans will pay for that new life -- if she can only get them there intact!**

THE MISENCHANTED SWORD

Hachette UK **Ethshar and the Northern Empire have been at war for hundreds of years. No one remembers why anymore or over what. No one dreams it could ever end until a wizard creates a sword that makes its user unbeatable.**

WITH A SINGLE SPELL

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STONE UNTURNED: A LEGEND OF ETHSHAR

Wildside Press LLC **When Morvash of the Shadows, a journeyman wizard, discovers some of the statues in his uncle's house are real people turned to stone, he sets out to do the right thing. But turning them back is a bigger challenge than he anticipated....**

ONE GOOD KNIGHT

MIRA **Return to the Five Hundred Kingdoms, where a damsel can rescue herself, thank you... Princess Andromeda knows that any problem can be solved with a bit of research. So when a dragon storms the kingdom of Acadia, she decides it's time to hit the books. Despite all her research, the only acceptable answer she can find is sacrificing a fair maiden—for Acadia is governed by "Tradition," a rule that cannot so easily be sundered. Then she is picked as the sacrifice and must take matters into her own hands. With the help of her champion, Sir George, Andromeda sets out in search of the dragon's lair, wanting nothing more than to change her fate. But to do so will take the strongest of wills, knowledge, quick wits and a refusal to give up, no matter what happens along the way... Previously Published. Read the Tale of Five Hundred Kingdoms Series by Mercedes Lackey: Book 1: The Fairy Godmother Book 2: One Good Knight Book 3: Fortune's Fool Book 4: The Snow Queen Book 5: The Sleeping Beauty Book 6: Beauty and the Werewolf**

THE BLOOD OF A DRAGON

A LEGEND OF ETHSHAR

Wildside Press LLC **Dumery of Shiphaven was a lad with a love of wizardry--and no magic at all. He dreamed of apprenticing himself to a great wizard, but because he had not even a touch of the talent, it was a dream he could never fulfill. He would never apprentice himself to a great wizard, nor even a meager one; no matter how he loved magic and the magical arts, he would never work with wizards or wizardry. That's what Dumery was beginning to think, anyway--until he spied a great wizard humbling himself before a man selling dragon's blood, the precious stuff that made difficult spells work. If Dumery couldn't be a wizard, he could still become a dragon-hunter--and have all those condescending wizards crawling to him. And so Dumery set off on a quest--a quest in search of dragons and dragon-hunters, and ultimately the secret that lay beneath all the wizardry in Ethshar. Before he reached its end, he would uncover the terrible mystery of the dragon-hunters--and scheme a scheme that would change the face of Ethsharitic magic forever.**

THE BLOOD OF A DRAGON

[Wildside Press LLC](#) Originally published: New York: Del Rey Books, 1991.

RELICS OF WAR

[Hachette UK](#) Young Ishta found it in the forest, buried beneath dead leaves: a rounded, flattened stone as black as onyx. One side held a golden oval that glowed with a unnatural light. Of course, it had to be magic. But what did farmers know of magic? It could be dangerous, or it could be some harmless toy. They had to find out. Since Ishta was too young to bring her discovery to the Baron of Varag's stronghold, her older brother, Garander, went instead. Once there, Azlia, a beautiful wizard, recognized the stone immediately as Northern sorcery. She had to call Sammel, the local sorcerer, to find out its nature . . . a relic of the last great war. When the Baron takes the stone for himself, that should have ended things. But it was just the beginning for Garander. Because that magical stone wasn't the only relic left in the woods...

THE MISENCHANTED SWORD

A LEGEND OF ETHSHAR

[Wildside Press LLC](#) The old wizard wasn't exactly happy with Valder, who'd led his enemy to his hut. Now hut and magical supplies were destroyed. But he'd promised the young scout a magic sword to get him safely back to his own lines -- and a much-enchanted sword Valder would get! The resulting sword gave perfect protection -- sometimes! It could kill any man -- or even half demon. In fact, once drawn, it had to kill before it could be put down or sheathed. Army wizards told Valder that the sword would keep him alive until he'd drawn it 100 times; then it would kill him! It wouldn't prevent his being wounded, maimed or cut to pieces, but it wouldn't let him die. If his new job as Chief Assassin for the army didn't make him use up the spell, he'd be practically immortal. Not bad, it seemed. There had to be a catch somewhere. There was -- and it was a lulu!

TALES OF ETHSHAR

[Wildside Press LLC](#) Ethshar? Some readers already recognize the name, but if you aren't one of them, perhaps a brief explanation is in order. "Ethshar" is the invented world that has been the setting for almost a dozen novels from the pen of Lawrence Watt-Evans. Its inhabitants don't call it that; they call it "the World." For readers, though, that's not specific enough. The dominant nation on the World is the Hegemony of the Three Ethshars, while the largest, richest city, where most of the stories are set, is Ethshar of the Spices, so "Ethshar" is close enough. The name itself comes from words meaning "safe harbor." You don't need to have read any of the novels to enjoy the stories herein; each one should stand alone. And if you've read the novels, you will enjoy this return to the world of Ethshar with 11 stories... This is the first time they have all been collected in one book!

THE BLOOD OF A DRAGON

[Hachette UK](#) It was definite - Dumery had no magical talent at all. He could never fulfill his dream to become a wizard's apprentice. Hurt, angry, and mortally disappointed, he despaired of ever choosing a trade. But then Dumery spied a so-called great wizard humbling himself before a man selling dragon's blood - the precious stuff that made difficult spells work. If Dumery couldn't be a wizard, maybe he could become a dragon-hunter and have all those scornful wizards crawling to him. So, leaving his family, city, and comfortable home, Dumery began trailing Kensher, the man in brown - even though Kensher said he didn't need a dragon-hunting apprentice. But when Dumery finally caught up with Kensher, he would discover Kensher's great secret of how the precious fluid was obtained - a secret from which only Kensher's kin could profit. Once again, Dumery would be left without career or future. Unless . . .

ITHANALIN'S RESTORATION

[Hachette UK](#) When Magic Goes Awry . . . What is an aspiring apprentice wizard to do when she finds her mentor and master frozen in his tracks by mysterious magics? Kilisha of Eastgate, a promising young student of wizardry in the city of Ethshar of the Rocks, still has much to learn before she can assume the robes of a journeyman enchanter. But when her teacher, the venerable Ithanalin the Wise, is overcome by a peculiar spell that scatters his soul amongst a collection of runaway household furnishings, it is up to Kilisha to find the cause and restore him to his former self. Adventure and mayhem abound.

ST. JAMES GUIDE TO FANTASY WRITERS

[Saint James Press](#) Concise discussions of the lives and principal works of writers of various forms of fantasy, including heroic fantasy, sword and sorcery, humorous fantasy, adult fairy tales and fables, and children's fantasies still popular with adults. Written by subject experts.

WITH A SINGLE SPELL

[Hachette UK](#) A SINGLE SPELL Tobas had been lucky to find a wizard to take him on as apprentice. But then the wizard died suddenly and unexpectedly after teaching Tobas only a solitary spell, and the youth was too old to find a new master. How could he earn a living when all the magic he could do was light fires? A DESTINY UNFOLDING In the Small Kingdoms there were dragons to be slain, princesses and gold to be won, magic castles, witches who knew the secret of immortality, and other treasures. But how could a wizard with a single, simple spell hope to find them and win them?

THE SORCERER'S WIDOW

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THE DRAGON SOCIETY

[Macmillan](#) In this second installment in the Obsidian Chronicles, Arlian returns to Manfort to heal and soon discovers, to his utter amazement, that he has been named heir to Lord Enzient's secret knowledge of destroying the dragons, and he is forced to confront the consequences of his actions if he annihilates the entire Dragon Society. Reprint.

THE SPRIGGAN MIRROR

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NIGHT OF MADNESS

[Macmillan](#) Lawrence Watt-Evans's tales of the magical land of Ethshar of the Spices had a large and devoted following in the late eighties and early nineties. Now, after nearly ten years, he brings us a new tale of mystery, magic, and madness. Warlockry has been rare in Ethshar . . . until The Night of Madness, when a mysterious object falls from the heavens, sending out a wave of magic in the form of a dream. All who have the dream awaken in panic. But some of them also awaken to the power of Warlockry. Throughout the land these newly made warlocks wreak havoc; looting and rioting, petty personal revenge, and uncontrollable madness run rampant. Worse, people are hearing a mysterious, irresistible call from which they never return. Into this chaos steps the power-hungry Lord Faran, who seeks to use his new warlock powers to overthrow the government and take possession of the throne. Who will dare to oppose him? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

TAKING FLIGHT

[Del Rey Books](#) Kelder's dreams of life on the road fall short of the sometimes drab realities, that is until he meets Irith, a beautiful woman who introduces him to a life of adventure, romance, sorcery, and danger. Original.

TOUCHED BY THE GODS

[Misenchanted Press](#) The gods had chosen the Domdur to rule the world, and had chosen Malledd to be their champion among the Domdur. They had not asked Malledd whether he wanted the job. Now a wizard has raised an army of the undead to overthrow the Domdur Empire, and the world awaits the divine champion who is to save them -- but will Malledd come? And if he does, can he be the savior the Domdur expect, or has the gods' favor turned elsewhere?

ONE-EYED JACK

[Misenchanted Press](#) Gregory Kraft was cursed. At night he could see the ghosts and monsters ordinary people could not, and when he slept, he suffered prophetic dreams. He could see these things -- but he couldn't stop them.

TOM DERRINGER AND THE STEAM-POWERED SAURIANS

[Misenchanted Press](#) In 1884 the "Bone Wars" between rival paleontologists were in full swing, driving fossil hunters to outrageous lengths in pursuit of the latest finds, when reports came out of the Wasatch Mountains in the Utah Territory of the most amazing discovery yet. An adventurer went into the mountains to investigate - and he didn't come back. Fresh from his adventures in the tunnels under Los Angeles, Tom Derringer is hired to find the missing man. With his assistant Betsy Vanderhart he sets out into the wilderness, where he finds more than he bargained for...

TOM DERRINGER IN THE TUNNELS OF TERROR

[Misenchanted Press](#) A would-be conqueror had accused Tom Derringer of being a part of Gabriel Trask's cabal of spies and assassins. Tom had never heard of Gabriel Trask. The experts of the Pierce Archives knew only that Mr. Trask had some connection with the late Emperor Norton, self-proclaimed Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, so Tom set out across the continent in pursuit of the truth. Did Trask truly control spies and assassins? And if so, had Tom made himself their target? Someone was certainly taking an unwelcome interest in Tom's activities...

THE UNWELCOME WARLOCK

[Hachette UK](#) **The Calling.** Sooner or later, it claimed every powerful warlock ... a growing magical compulsion to go north to the mysterious land of Aldagmor that nothing could stop. None ever returned. Hanner the Warlock knew his days were numbered. The Calling pulled at him ceaselessly now, and his ability to resist had begun to crumble. So he determined to find a place where the Calling couldn't reach him . . . another world, located through a magic tapestry. Every warlock knew that the farther he was from Aldagmor, the weaker the Calling was - and the weaker his magic was, as well, but that was only a secondary consideration. That weakening had given Hanner the idea to find, or make, a place so distant from Aldagmor that the Call couldn't reach it at all. Unfortunately, the Call took him anyway. And that's where his story really gets interesting. Because the Calling wasn't what everyone believed. And when the warlocks who had been Called over the decades suddenly woke up again beside the object doing the calling - and found themselves without their powers - their world may never be the same!

TAKING FLIGHT

[Hachette UK](#) Kelder had always dreamed of a life more exciting than what waited for him on the family farm. So when a fortune-teller predicted a glorious future, that he'd roam free and unfettered and be a champion of the lost and forlorn, he immediately set out on the fabled Great Highway to Shan in search of adventure. But once he was on the road, life was hardly as exciting as he'd hoped - until he met Irith. She was the most beautiful girl, and the only girl with wings, Kelder had ever seen. They teamed up to see the world, and then Kelder found adventures aplenty: there were bandits and demons, and there were curses to lift, wizards to seek spells from, orphans to champion, and legendary cities to visit. For the young and carefree, life on the Great Highway was filled with fun, action, and magic. But Kelder began to wonder about his beautiful companion. Irith certainly had seen a lot of the world for one so young - and everyone along the highway seemed to know her . . . Soon, discovering Irith's secrets became Kelder's greatest adventure of all . . .

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THE WHOLE STORY

3000 YEARS OF SEQUELS AND SEQUENCES

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VAMPIRES, WEREWOLVES, ZOMBIES

COMPENDIUM MONSTRUM

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THE SWORD OF BHELEU

[Hachette UK](#) The sword that Garth had stolen from Dusarra marked him as the chosen of Bheleu, god of destruction, and gave him immense power. This power could only be used to destroy, and Garth wanted to build. He chose to refuse the god's gift. Bheleu did not intend to allow that.

THE REIGN OF THE BROWN MAGICIAN

[Wildside Press LLC](#) The dark force known as Shadow had been defeated, but its world-spanning web of power had survived. This incredible magical weapon was now held not by a prince or wizard, but by Pellinore Brown, a marketing consultant from Germantown, Maryland. Pel Brown wished no one ill; he merely wanted his family back. But the Galactic Empire that had seen Shadow as a threat saw him as Shadow's heir, a menace to be destroyed as Shadow had been. And when the awesome magical might of Shadow's legacy was turned against the rayguns and spaceships of the Empire, entire planets were caught in the middle. Pel Brown wished no one ill -- but hundreds would die to put an end to . . . **THE REIGN OF THE BROWN MAGICIAN** -- "Few authors could collapse the walls between genres with the skill and inventiveness that Lawrence Watt-Evans does here. *Worlds of Shadow* is an ambitious work that succeeds on all levels -- and not least as pure masterly storytelling. Light a candle and buckle your seat belt. This is like no other ride you've ever been on." -- Erin Patrick, author of *MOONTIDE*

THE LURE OF THE BASILISK

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THE NIGHTMARE PEOPLE

THE NEXT STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF EVIL...

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MIND CANDY

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