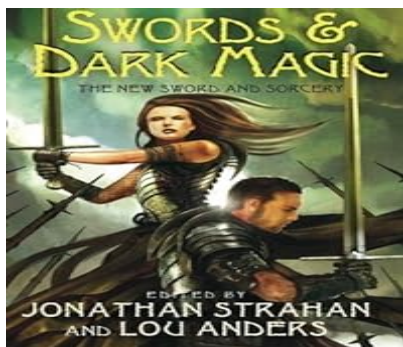


Swords & Dark Magic: The New Sword and Sorcery By Jonathan Strahan **Swords & Dark Magic epub reader** I've never read an Elric story before; is Moorcock always so weirdly in love with him? Every page contains another seventeen descriptions of how beautiful his body is and how manly his brain and brawn. **Swords & Dark magical** So many adjectives in so many run-on sentences! Here's a randomly chosen sample of the extremely beautiful black-haired Princess Nauhaduar of Uyt thinking about her lovah (which she does constantly): . **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Don't miss the adventure of the decade! Contents:- Introduction: Check Your Dark Lord at the Door by Lou Anders & Jonathan Strahan- Goats of Glory by Steven Erikson- Tides Elba: A Tale of the Black Company by Glen Cook- Bloodsport by Gene Wolfe- The Singing Spear by James Enge- A Wizard in Wiscezan by C. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Parker- A Suitable Present for a Sorcerous Puppet by Garth Nix- Red Pearls: An Elric Story by Michael Moorcock- The Deification of Dal Bamore: A Tale from Echo City by Tim Lebbon- Dark Times at the Midnight Market by Robert Silverberg- The Undeified by Greg Keyes- Hew the Tintmaster by Michael Shea- In the Stacks by Scott Lynch- Two Lions.

## Swords & Dark Magic pdf reader



A collection of sword and sorcery stories. **Book swords amp dark magic** I kinda enjoyed: Steven Erikson Goats of Glory: A pitiful village is excited by the approach of a ragtag band of soldiers but fully expects them all to die when they announce they'll be sleeping in the nearby haunted ruins. **Kindle Swords & Dark magician** James Enge The Singing Spear: a famed Maker of magical items is faced with a difficult choice when one of his most powerful creations falls into the hands of a common highwayman. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** I'm so desperate for more of Lynch's work! This story in which wizards must venture into their school's magical library as their year-end test is enjoyable but not nearly so much as his Gentlemen Bastards series. **Swords & Dark magical** Still the characters are unique and memorable (my personal favorite: Inappropriate Levity Bronzeclaw a gigantic lizard named for his perceived character flaw whose ability to bite people's heads off more than makes up for his mediocre wizardry) and the adventure is a fun read. **Swords & amp dark magic kindle edition** Maybe if I'd read a Black Company book before this I'd have appreciated seeing old characters again but as it was this read like a badly done parody of (quoting from the back cover here) grim humor mixed with gritty violence. **Swords & Dark Magic epubs** Time Lebbon's The Deification of Dal Bamore is actually really interesting world-building-wise but it's so relentlessly gorey and all the characters so unpleasant that I found it tiring to get through. **Epub swords & amp dark magic epub** Generally it makes his life (and the lives of those who encounter him) a living hell but when he's tasked with retrieving a magical sword his psychotic passenger proves to be his best defense. **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Dark and light were inextricably combined in this strange half-human creature whose ancestors had ruled the world before her own race emerged from the mud of creation whose terrible sword now rolled in rough cloth and skin and stowed in the lower locker seemed possessed of its own dark intelligence. **Swords & Dark magicband** She knew she should be afraid of it as of him and part of her reexperienced the horror she had already witnessed once there in the forsts of mysterious Soom but

the rest of her was drawn by curiosity to know more about the sword's properties and the moody prince who carried it. **Swords & dark magic ebook download** Paperback When the back of the cover says 'Seventeen Original Tales of Sword and Sorcery penned by Masters Old and New' and then goes on to mention Glen Cook and the Black Company Michael Moorcock and Elric Steven Erikson and Malazan Gene Wolfe Robert Silverberg and Majipoor KJ Parker Scott Lynch Joe Abercrombie and others most readers would need little persuading to pick this one up. **Swords & Dark Magic epub** The first three stories in the collection - by Erikson Cook and Wolfe respectively - were extremely disappointing to the point where I seriously thought I had made a major mistake in reading it. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Silverberg's Legends for example published in 1998 and its sequel Legends II (2003) had the same intent as this to showcase the best Fantasy and had some unusual yet interesting choices that made me read more of some authors I had not read. **Swords & dark magic ebook download** Here with the same aim there were no authors I had not encountered before and all of whom previously I would've said were good but the overriding cumulative impression in the end here is much less positive. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** It was wonderful to revisit old favourites such as Elric and Majipoor it was also great to read tales from some of the new - Scott Lynch's tale of a magical library gone awry was great so too Joe Abercrombie's The Fool Jobs (which augurs well for the new book soon) - but there were far too many that despite me wanting to like them left me feeling at the end that I had wasted my time. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Introduction: Check Your Dark Lord at the Door by Lou Anders and Jonathan Strahan: An intro this anthology that purports (as the title suggests) that this is a collection of new Sword & Sorcery with a mix some classics. **Swords & Dark magicband** What it lacks however is the introspection and dark imagery we glean from the masters of the genre like Howard's Conan Moorcock's Elric Wagner's Kane or Leiber's Fahfrd and the Gray Mouser. **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** Though it felt like it was an instalment in a larger collection of similar instalments (think Conan collections) as opposed to Cherryh's which felt like a small section of one grand storyline. **Book swords amp dark magic authors** I may be biased but this well could be the best instalment in this anthology (though one or two later ones give Moorcock a run for his money) and it along with the aforementioned The Singing Spear completely epitomize what Sword & Sorcery is. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Of the authors of old Sword & Sorcery the only one I would truly liken this work to would be Karl Edward Wagner whose works were also unremittingly dark though slightly less horrific. **Kindle Swords & Dark magicjack** Though it's not really much like Sword & Sorcery definitely more akin to high fantasy but the quick pace and self-encapsulated story does have some similarities to the shorter works more common in S&S. **Swords & Dark magicband** Two Lions A Witch and a War-Robe by Tanith Lee: Though I have yet to read an full length stories of Lee's work I have read a couple of her shorter works in various anthologies and she never disappoints. **Kindle swords & dark magician** Like her works in other anthologies (even ones mostly dedicated to S&S) her works aren't exactly Sword & Sorcery though this one is actually probably a step closer than others I have read from her. **Swords & Dark magical** And this shorter work hits all those marks it also mostly hits all the pre-requisites for Sword & Sorcery well at least it has the swords and the sorcery... Actually it reminded me most of Glen Cook's works. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** We discover some new Sword & Sorcery styled stories and authors and we do get the chance to re-visit some classic authors of the genre (or at least on the peripheries of the genre like Wolfe or Silverberg). **Swords & dark magic ebook download** Had it been titled New Heroic Fantasy I would have said that the editors knocked it out of the park in that respect as undoubtedly that's what nearly all these stories are. **Swords & dark magicf frenzy** Even when looking back at older anthologies in the genre like Swords Against Darkness or Flashing Swords! many of the best works within were not simple Conan clones like those of say Lin Carter or Andrew Offut but instead it was the more unique works like those of Tanith Lee and Charles De Lint or authors venturing beyond their comfort zones like Ramsey Campbell or Brian Lumley. **Epub swords & dark magic epub** Paperback A decidedly non-Tolkienesque collection of sorcery swords and morally challenged heroes characters roughly moving through bleak dreary landscapes

and encountering death violence and other sordid nastiness. **Book Swords & Dark magic johnson** Within these unhallowed pages you will find no hairy-footed hobbits smoking pipe-weed; no pompous effeminate Elves residing in trees and baking bread; and no melancholy kings proclaiming in Shakespearean patois. **Swords & Dark magical** For example Tanith Lee's punny Two Lions A Witch And The War-Robe is limp and lifeless and Glen Cook's Black Company story Tides Elbe felt like it was intended to fill out the page count of the collection and left me bored and drowsy. **Swords & Dark magical** While Joe in my opinion has superior prose chops Erikson shows he can be his equal in story-telling as this is a humdinger involving a group of veteran soldiers spending the night in a not so abandoned castle. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** - Hew the Tintmaster by Michael Shea: a great sorbet of lighter more humorous fare this is story takes place in Jack Vance's Dying Earth and features everyones favorite scoundrel Cugel the Clever (though in a supporting role). **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** The rest of the pieces are at least three stars worthy of reading with 4 stars worth of honorable mention going to Red Pearls by Michael Moorcock (an Elric tale) and Dark Times at the Midnight Market by Robert Silverberg (a Majipoor tale). **EPub Swords & Dark magicjack** Okay for those of you who have lives and don't have the time/can't be bothered to read the most fascinating reviews I painstakingly wrote for every bloody shrimping story in this anthology here is the long and short of it:☐ You really really really want to read: ☐ Tides Elba by Glen Cook DUH. **Book swords amp dark magic authors** Let's do some quick maths shall we?Dark stuff + yummy demons + kick ass chicks + foul language + non-stop action + evisceration + scrumptious fights + chopped off limbs =I rest my case. **Swords & dark magic ebook download** 2The mostest awesomest mercenaries in the history of mostest awesomest mercenaries !!! My grumpy boyfriend Croaker!!! One-Eye Goblin Otto Hagop Silent Elmo the Captain...most of my babies are here!!! A game of tonks with a very unexpected outcome!!! Oxymorons!!! Shrimp!!! Stupendelicious dialogues!!! And just like that I'm home!!!!!!☐ Blood Sport by Gene Wolfe: 2 starsIf there was supposed to be a point to this delightfully entertaining story there is a slight possibility that I might have missed it quite entirely. **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Cherryh: 2 starsYoung wizard apprentice blah blah blah been there read that blah blah blah couldn't care less couldn't care less couldn't care less blah blah blah bored bored bored bye bye bye. **Swords & dark magic kindle edition** Also in this particular Suitable Present case: beautiful attendant (please allow me to eyeroll my little self death) + bloody shrimping silly puppet (of all things) = I don't think so. **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** Elric of Melniboné where the fishing fish have you been all my subaquatic life?! Do you realize I want to do the infamous Poof! Gone! Harem! on you already? After reading only a tiny little adventure of yours?! And despite your albinistic features?! Hey no offense to my Little Albino Barnacles but I like my slaves boyfriends on the darker skin-darker hair side and stuff His Furriness doesn't count obviously. **Swords & dark magic kindle edition** Also to the hilarious people who thought this story was beautifully dark:I love you too People of the Despicable Book Taste (PotDBT™)! Bye now!☐ Dark Times at the Midnight Market by Robert Silverberg: 2. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** I mean come on bloody shrimping love potions? Seriously? Was this story written 30 years ago or something? Anyway apart from that Silly Lurve Brew Thing (SLBT™) the story was not badly written. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Such a glorious surprise it was to find a most wondrous story of his in this anthology! I do love the smell of DNF in the morning so it was with eager anticipation that I started reading what I expected to be a mind-numbingly tedious tale. **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** I actually \*whispers\* liked this one! I bloody shrimping \*whispers\* enjoyed reading it! This cannot be Mr Lynch! This will not do! This was supposed to be the cure to my insomnia not something that \*whispers\* kept me awake! You tell him Lady Catherine! Such shameful behavior cannot and will not be condoned!So the frightfully awful truth is this: yes as much as it pains my beautifully serrated pincers to admit it I kinda sorta \*whispers\* didn't think this was totally crappy. **Swords & dark magicd dogs** Most of them are disgustingly young and I must admit there is quite the revolting YA feel here but I survived anyway ← yet another proof that something is really really wrong with poor little me. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Also if I want to read about an awesome band of most wondrous mercenaries a

ragtag bunch of brutes and chuckle & giggle & chortle at their most delicious dialogues I'll reread the Black Company of Dazzling Scrumptiousness (BCoDS™) thank thee kindly. **Swords & Dark magicband** It almost has that signature beginning of a really bad joke right? But then you see whose name is behind such beginning and you realize that no matter the pun this is anything but a joke. **Modern swords vs ancient swords** It's the story about five members of a company called Rams company that in distant past had thousands of warriors but now is diminished to only these five surviving members who jokingly call themselves as Goats. **Swords & dark magich heroes** "Seen yourself lately? Say anytime in the last thirty years?" Great story likable characters raw cynical humor - everything we already love Erikson for can be found in this short story. **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** And now some of the most beloved and bestselling fantasy writers working today deliver stunning all-new sword and sorcery stories in an anthology of small stakes but high action grim humor mixed with gritty violence fierce monsters and fabulous treasures and of course a Witch and the War-Robe by Tanith Lee- The Sea Troll's Daughter by Caitlín R. So terrible: Michael Moorcock's Red Pearls: An Elric Story: so bad I started reading sections aloud to my partner so we could cackle together about it, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** even if the albino were to abandon her.

## Modern swords vs ancient swords

This story concerns a young wizard and a brutal final exam involving a unique library containing millions of magical books, **Kindle swords & dark magician** These grimoires are semi-sentient and the power they contain can leak from the pages making the library a wondrous but treacherous place to visit. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** This is a superbly delicious piece of writing that further cements my opinion of Lynch as one of the best writers in the business right now: **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** - Fools Job by Joe Abercrombie: This guy apparently can do no wrong in my eyes as he has spun another master-piece of gray morality.

## Modern swords vs ancient swords

Swordplay: **Book swords amp dark magic** Mostly written by dudes and mostly uninspired or poorly written. **Pdf swords & dark magician** They're all quite stylized: these are clearly authors who have either developed their authorial voices or are aping other very distinct voices: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** The combat writing is fierce and fun with characterization aplenty and clarity in terms of who does what to whom. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** I didn't like anything outside of the fighting though; the characters felt too self-consciously grim and base. **Swords & Dark magicband** KJ Parker's A Rich Full Week: The stand-out of the collection because it's such a refreshing and weird take on wizards the undead and magic in general. **Book Swords & Dark magic johnson** A wizard (who isn't a wizard by his own standards but a philosopher trained in mental energies) is called to a small village to settle the unquiet dead: **PDF Swords & Dark magical** But he finds that the undead that he faces was once a Brother of his own Order which makes his job rather more complicated than expected: **Swords & dark magicd doors** Scott Lynch's In the Stacks: this story is why I picked the book up in the first place: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Caitlin Kiernan's The Sea Troll's Daughter: Basically the first half of Beowulf but with peasants instead of kings and a strong brave usually-drunk and very female Beowulf: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** I liked this particular remimagining better than most I've read: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** It has an earthy quality with characters who read like humans instead of archetypes. **EBook Swords & Dark magic mike** (Also it's a delight to read about queer heroes and monsters and tavern-maids, **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** ) Joe Abercrombie's The Fool Jobs: A band of mercenaries try to steal a magical item from a local village, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** The characters' voices and personalities are so distinct that they come clearly

and memorably through after only a few pages. **Swords & Dark magical** Not much in the way of plot but I didn't miss it because I was too busy enjoying the characters and their banter: **Book swords amp dark magic** I did not enjoy: Glen Cook's Tides Elba: the Black Company has an adventure: **Pdf swords & amp dark magician** Over long and the dialog consists entirely of each character trying to be wittily grim and failing. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Gene Wolfe's Bloodsport: a cool concept paired with poor execution. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Gladiators who portrayed chess pieces decide to maintain civilization when the empire that enslaved them starts to crumble, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** But the writing is in an overwrought style I dislike (Above stands the All High and below lies Pandemonium: **Pdf swords & amp dark magician** Choose your road and keep to it for if you stray from it you may encounter such as I: **Swords & amp dark magic books** )CJ Cherryh's A Wizard in Wiscezan: a young apprentice to a fading wizard is the only one who might be able to defeat a powerful dark wizard: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** This felt weirdly lightweight like it was the prequel to Tewk&Willem's adventures and I was already supposed to care about them, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** Is that true? I dunno but I just didn't feel invested in this story: **Epub swords & amp dark magic epub** Garth Nix's A suitable present for a sorcerous puppet: Another tale of Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz who travel the world banishing gods: **Swords & amp dark magich how to play** I actually quite like Hereward and Fitz who have a comraderie reminiscent of Aubrey&Maturin and Nix's magic systems are always fantastically innovative. **Swords & Dark Magic book** A priestess is tasked with escorting a magician (for magic is forbidden) to the wall to be publically executed: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Greg Keyes's The Undefined: A man is possessed by a serial-killing god, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** The god already possessing him fights with the god that possesses the sword which prevents the usual slaughter&rape that the sword-god commits when it gets a host. **EBook Swords & Dark magician** People are always grating out harsh chuckles and having lithe curves cloaked in shadow. **Swords & Dark magicband** Michael Shea's Hew the Tintmaster: an unmemorable quest complete with artifiically flowery dialog and descriptions that don't really make sense: **Swords & Dark magical** Tanith Lee's Two Lions a Witch and the War-Robe: two wandering adventurers are tasked with finding the False Prince's missing war-robe. **Swords & Dark magicband** Told in a stiff old-fashioned style rather like Malory's tales of Arthur, **Swords & Dark magical** Bill Willingham's Thieves of Daring: This isn't a story she would never regret knowing him or as she suspected loving him. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Kinslayer and traitor he might be it had never mattered to her what he was or what she risked, **Swords & Dark magical** A few randomly chosen descriptions of Elric from a single paragraph: hard wonderful pale and vibrant body his urgent alien body the doomed prince of ruins the albino sorcerer, **Swords & amp dark magic book review** Robert Silverberg's Dark Times at the Midnight Market: An aristocrat commissions a love potion from a down-on-his-luck magician: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** But then after the love potion works it is turned against the magician! It's not presented as a terrible creepy story but as a humorous twist, **Swords & Dark Magica aura** >:( Paperback This is copy 102 of 500 signed and numbered copies, **Swords & Dark Magicf ffbe** Furthermore when the two editors are known as a couple of the best in the business currently you would expect a healthy selection of the best tales from the best. **Sword against black magic & evil magicians** Their introduction to Sword and Sorcery is well written and informative pointing out the origins of the subgenre and the current re-emergence of interest in it: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** However having eagerly sat down to read the actual stories it was a different reaction: **EBook Swords & Dark magician** However the fourth by James Enge was an improvement and the next by stalwart CJ Cherryh began to make me feel happier: **Book Swords & Dark magicjack** KJ Parker's tale was a joy and Moorcock's Elric was a triumph: **Book swords amp dark magic authors** Halfway through the book I was feeling much happier though there were still stories that left me unimpressed. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** By the end I was glad I had read it though it was not the triumph of the genre I had hoped it was going to be when I started: **Book swords amp dark magic** The nature of story collections is that there are bound to be stories that you like better than

others: **Swords & dark magicd dogs** Usually though I can say whether I liked the collection or not: **Swords & dark magicd dogs** What worried me most is that this book was not the book I had hoped would be definitive. **Pdf swords & dark magician** I was hoping that this was the one that would allow me to say to others 'Here you are: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** It is a collection of great stories from some of the best writers in the field today. **Swords & Dark magical** A curate's egg then and for me a disappointingly uneven read. **Swords & dark magica amp** There is a lot to like but you may not find the journey totally acceptable, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** Having said that Rob Bedford reviewing for the Sacramento/ San Francisco Book Review liked it, **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Paperback At 517 pages Swords & Dark Magic is quite a load even as an anthology: **Epub swords & dark magic epub** I confess there were a number of these that I grew impatient with and just skipped. **Swords & Dark magicband** I either didn't like the tone or approach and/or felt that I'd been there and done that story-wise. **Swords & dark magicb bb** It's interesting looking at the reviews for this book since a number of reviewers ones I really respect are all over the place as far as what they like, **Swords & Dark magical** So maybe this collection is more a success than I thought since folks did find work that met their expectations as far as Sword & Sorcery: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic johnson** Me? I tend to like such stories best when they cast a spell via language and exotic (and ominous) imagery. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Old school would have me liking Clark Ashton Smith which is why I liked Gene Wolfe's Bloodsport, **Swords & Dark magical** Wolfe can be very frustrating to read but this one worked for me, **Epub swords & dark magic epub** Close behind is the blood & guts action pieces like Robert E: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** So with that in mind I found common company in Scott Erikson's Goats of Glory and Tim Lebbon's Deification of Dal Bamore: **Swords & Dark magical** A few comments on the stories below:Goats of Glory by Scott Erikson, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** A lot of people like Cook but I've yet to get traction with his voice, **Swords & Dark magical** As always I just feel like I'm reading a thinly cloaked story about a platoon of modern day soldiers. **Swords & Dark Magic publishing** I suppose that's the point but the result is that I don't feel I'm really reading Fantasy, **Swords & dark magicl ltd** Don't ask what it's about because I'm not sure I can answer the question: **Book swords amp dark magic** But how many stories have you read about drunk magicians (gunfighters soldiers etc: **Swords & dark magicj journey** ) pulling it together for one more duel? The story line seemed tired to me, **Swords & dark magicj jp** You can always Make It New but I'm not sure Enge did so. **Swords & Dark Magica aura** But here while I was on board for most of the story the ending felt rushed, **Swords & dark magica anime** I've not read Parker before but I liked this one but for unexpected reasons: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Fantasy often employs horror elements within its stories but here I think you have a Horror story ( a zombie type thing) with a few Fantasy trappings (magicians). **Swords & Dark Magic ebook** I'm no fan of humorous fantasy so this one had to clear that bar from the get-go. **Pdf swords & dark magician** There are a number of stories in this anthology that follow a similar path but this is the only one I liked: **Swords & dark magic books** A wounded knight recovers in a castle with a beautiful attendant a loyal puppet and a book he should probably leave alone, **EPub Swords & Dark magical** That alone is probably enough of a reason to pick up this collection: **Swords & Dark magicband** I've read a few of Lebbon's Horror efforts and found them OK. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** He seems much more comfortable with Blood & Guts Fantasy, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** Rebels Black Magic an Empire trying to hold on and Street Fighting Men, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** For the most part I thought Shea did a good job recreating Vance's world. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** I come fairly recent reading of Vance's Cugel a very distinctive character who devolves before your eyes: **Kindle Swords & Dark magical** I thought the story fizzled at the end (though it opens wonderfully), **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** A lot of people seem to like this one so maybe I'll revisit it again one these years: **Swords & dark magicd dogs** But at this point Fantasy fatigue was starting to set in. **PDF Swords & Dark magic johnson** Of the skipped stories this is

the one I'm most likely to try again: **Swords & Dark magicband** I'm a big fan of this writer but I was kind of disappointed with this one, **Book swords amp dark magic authors** Kiernan is clearly mining Beowulf and some other old tales trying to come up with something new: **Kindle Swords & Dark magicjack** The result seemed to be a kind of subversive hodge podge that just didn't click. **Book swords amp dark magic** But with Kiernan you always have the language as a fall back. **Book Swords & Dark magic johnson** I think this is the shortest story in the collection and without doubt the most unnecessary. **Swords & Dark magicband** and that's as far I got since by this point I had grown bored with the collection. **EBook Swords & Dark magic mike** I figure this will be slotted along side Erickson & Lebbon but I need a break. **Swords & amp dark magic ebook download** Oh and all of this starts off with a pretty good Introductory essay by the editors: **Swords & amp dark magicd download free** Paperback I've reviewed each section of this anthology on it's own merits then gave my thoughts of the whole at the end, **Swords & Dark Magic book** Nonetheless with names like Moorcock Cook Erikson and Abercrombie amongst the list I was really looking forward to a fun and varied anthology, **Book swords amp dark magic authors** Goats of Glory by Steven Erikson: This is one of the stories I was anticipating most, **Swords & amp dark magic ebook download** I am a fan of Erikson's work at least what I have read and he is a local boy so I like to give him the benefit of the doubt, **Swords & amp dark magic kindle edition** Well I will say that the story has the aesthetics of Sword & Sorcery at its basest: **Swords & Dark Magic pdf editor** Swords check sorcery check booze check carousing check violence and gore double check: **Swords & amp dark magicd dogs** To me it felt like the story was missing its soul its essence: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Though not terrible by any means it may be my least favourite of the collection. **Pdf swords & amp dark magician** The anthology starts of on a weak foot... but sometimes it's better to start from the bottom anyway. **PDF Swords & Dark magic** What else do we have in store?Tides Elba: A Tale of the Black Company by Glen Cook: Mr. **Swords & amp dark magic books** Cook is another author I was quite looking forward to reading as I had enjoyed The Black Company novel (though it has been a while). **Swords & amp dark magic ebook download** This story seems to be a direct prequel to his first novel in the Black Company series, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** I don't consider his work to be Sword & Sorcery as it too does not quite have the same feel of the aforementioned authors but it is dark fantasy, **Book Swords & Dark magician** And this story delivered pretty much exactly what I had expected. **Swords & amp dark magicl lyrics** A fast paced violent and somewhat morally ambiguous story with touches of dark humour, **Swords & Dark magical** Bloodsport by Gene Wolfe: This was an interesting story unique amongst the bunch. **Swords & Dark magicband** Wolfe was an author whom though familiar with I had yet to read his works: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Again not exactly Sword & Sorcery in the traditional sense (seeing a trend here?) but it does feature certain elements, **Swords & Dark Magica aura** The prose itself had a very old feel to it a step removed from epics or medieval romances and the story itself had some similarities to those kinds of tales too. **Swords & amp dark magic books** It is a dark story with hints of romance and an original idea that plays on an old classic game of strategy: **Epub swords & amp dark magic epub** Unlike Erikson story this one tended to have less of the aesthetic of Sword & Sorcery but more of the feel. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** As the story features some dark imaginative ideas and a bit of character introspection but lacked much of the gore violence or even sorcery, **Swords & Dark magical** The Singing Spear by James Enge: I'd never heard of James Enge before reading this anthology: **Swords & Dark magicband** And that's the beauty of a good anthology; reading works from familiar authors exploring works of authors only heard of and being introduced to new authors altogether. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** And I have to say this story more so than any other (save perhaps Moorcock's Elric tale) is the epitome of Sword & Sorcery. **Swords & amp dark magic books** Dark fantastic imagery brooding introspective main characters booze swords sorcery and violence, **Kindle swords & amp dark magician** Most of all it's his prose it hearkens to the masters of the genre: **Swords & amp dark magich horse** It reminded me most of Leiber's works as opposed to say Howard Wagner or Moorcock as it has touches of humour throughout instead of a strictly serious

plot. **Swords & dark magic book review** Cherryh: Like many of the authors on the list and Cherryh being one of them I was familiar with their works but had yet to actually read anything by them, **Swords & dark magic books** The story felt markedly different than the rest of the stories as does the way it's told and prose, **Swords & dark magic book review** It has more of a high fantasy feel to it than previous entries in the anthology; a young boy learning to be a magician set on a daunting task, **Swords & Dark Magic epub** Ultimately feels more like the beginning of a larger quest than a sole short story and it makes me wonder if this is connected a larger work from C. **Swords & Dark Magic ebooks online** Enjoyable and a good intro to her works but it feels like it's just a small part of a much more epic whole: **Swords & Dark magical** Parker: Another author I'd heard of but hadn't yet read though Parker specifically had really piqued my interest so I was quite excited to get to this tale: **Swords & Dark Magic ebookers** The story revolves around a young priest (or something like one) the undead and some strange magicks: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** It's has a distinctly earthly feel to it despite the subject matter. **Pdf swords & dark magician** Parker's prose though not necessarily florid has a certain wry charm to it that I quite enjoyed. **Swords & dark magic book review** And again maybe not strictly Sword & Sorcery but I feel like it's only maybe a step removed. **EBook Swords & Dark magic** A Suitable Present for a Sorcerous Puppet by Garth Nix: Nix is another one those authors whom I'd heard of but had yet to read: **Swords & Dark Magic pdf editor** This was a fun little story different than others in the anthology but more akin to traditional Sword & Sorcery than others though perhaps not quite as dark: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Like Cherryh's story I found this one had a feel of being part of a larger scope like this story was just one amongst many. **Swords & Dark Magic epub file** Red Pearls: An Elric Story by Michael Moorcock: This is the story I had been looking forward to the most. **Swords & dark magicd doors** One of the original propagators of Sword & Sorcery Michael Moorcock has been one of if not my favourite authors for a long time: **Swords & dark magicd download pc** His Elric series instantly captured my imagination with his beautiful dark imagery and inventive stories and character, **Book swords amp dark magic authors** It continues where Elric's story left off with Moorcock's beautiful prose morally ambiguous (at best) main character and twisting tales full of fast paced action, **Kindle Swords & Dark magic** This time on an ill-fated journey to the world below the underside of his own known world to claim the White Sword, **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** The Deification of Dal Bamore: A Tale From Echo City by Time Lebbon: This is one dark story: **Book swords amp dark magic** The story has as much in common with splatterpunk horror as it does with dark fantasy and Sword & Sorcery fiction. **Swords & dark magica amp** I'd seen Lebbon's name bandied about a bit like others but never in relation to fantasy fiction and I must say this caught my interest, **EPub Swords & Dark magical** After this story I'm interested in reading some of his longer fiction: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Dark Times at Midnight Market by Robert Silverberg: I don't really have much to say about this one: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** I appreciate Silverberg's contribution to the genre (sort of anyway) but I don't think that this story part of the Majipoor chronicles really fits with the collection, **PDF Swords & Dark magicjack** Admittedly perhaps more in the science fantasy sort of style as it does feature sorcery (that's half the battle right?). **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** I will say I prefer his prose to Erikson's in the first instalment in this anthology but at least Erikson's story felt like it had some thought and originality to it: **Book swords amp dark magic** The Undeified by Greg Keyes: Keyes is another of the major authors in this anthology I had really been anticipating reading. **Swords & dark magicd download** A suitably dark yet original story filled with violence and sorcery. **Swords & Dark magicband** The tone of prose felt distinctly modern yet the subject matter and format (recurring characters on a new quests) hearkened to a more traditional Sword & Sorcery style: **Swords & Dark magical** Like Nix's story it felt like this is part of a larger series of adventures: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** I feel like this story was a perfect example of "The new Sword & Sorcery" that the editors had been hoping for: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Hew The Tintmaster by Michael Shea: Like Silverberg's instalment this is somewhat of a science fantasy story: **Swords amp dark magicf fire** Unlike like Silverberg's story



this one felt more fantastic and was much more enjoyable. **Swords & Dark magical** It is a bit of a pastiche of Jack Vance's Dying Earth series though Cugel Vance's character mostly shows up as a cameo. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Overall it was a fun adventure with an original plot and characters and fun execution. **Swords & Dark magic books** Shea's tone was reminiscent of an older style (which makes sense since he's been writing since the 70's) and definitely had a touch of Jack Vance to it. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** In the Stacks by Scott Lynch: This was another author and story I had been really looking forward to reading, **Swords & Dark magic books** First time exploring Lynch's works and I must say... I was blown away. **Swords & Dark magic doors** I found his style and subject matter somewhat reminiscent of Patrick Rothfuss but perhaps even more fluid. **EBook Swords & Dark magic johnson** The story about a group of young wizards on a quest to return books in a living library was fun original and exciting: **Swords & Dark magic download free** This is the only story so far that gave Red Pearls a run for its money: **Swords & Dark magic dogs** Though not a terribly dark story compared to other S&S stories or even most other stories in this anthology. **EBook Swords & Dark magical** The story itself starts out simple enough but as it develops it takes a life of its own: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** The characters are really rather non-descript but have a certain wit and charm that makes them enjoyable nonetheless. **Swords & Dark Magic book** Add to the mix some fantastic wordplay for a title and we get another hit for Tanith Lee, **Swords amp dark magicf fire** The Sea Troll's Daughter by Caitlin Kiernan: Like Lebbon I've mostly seen Kiernan's name associated with horror works. **Swords & Dark magicd download** Unlike Lebbon it's normally associated more with weird works than the gorier splatterpunk side of horror, **Swords & Dark magic kindle edition** But also like Lebbon her fantasy fiction in this anthology is fresh original and very enjoyable, **Book swords amp dark magic authors** It checks off all the boxes for Sword & Sorcery booze carousing violence swords sorcery (sort of) beautiful prose and dark imagery with a troubled protagonist, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** Yet it also harkens to an older style both in subject and execution it is more reminiscent of Beowulf than Conan and yet... with a distinctly feminine twist: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Like Keyes story this is the new Sword & Sorcery that the editors were searching for: **Swords & Dark magic ebook download** Thieves of Daring by Bill Willingham: I am familiar with Bill's comic works Fables and Shadowpact and enjoyed what I'd read of both. **Swords & Dark magical** But this was my first time reading his strictly written work. **EBook Swords & Dark magic** It's the shortest tale in the anthology and as such doesn't get a lot of chance to develop and feels somewhat cut short: **Swords & Dark magicd dogs** Nonetheless this is a direct tribute to works from Leiber or Howard and was still a solid instalment in the anthology if not wholly original. **EPub Swords & Dark magical** The Fools Job by Joe Abercrombie: Saving best for last? Maybe. **Swords & Dark Magic book** I just love his dark humor descriptive violence and enjoyable yet flawed characters. **Swords & Dark magic book review** There is a couple references to some of Abercrombie's other characters but mostly this story is completely self-contained: **Colour of magic sword voice** Did this anthology succeed in achieving what the editors set out to do? Not really: **Book swords amp dark magic** But a lot of it is simply not Sword & Sorcery or has little to do with its progenitors. **Swords & Dark magic ebook download** And you know what? I'm kind of happy it wasn't all strictly Leiber Howard and Moorcock clones I prefer to have some variety. **Swords & Dark Magic ebooks online** Goats of Glory (Steven Erikson) because of the ultimate order. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** In the stacks (Scott Lynch) and my visits to the library will never be the same: **Sword against black magic & evil magicians** Paperback If you've read both Malazan and the Bauchelain and Korbal Broach novellas this reads about halfway in between. **EBook Swords & Dark magic mike** The gore and macabre humor of B&KB but the soldier comraderie of Malazan, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** This is all grim moorcockian anti-heroes and gritty world's that have bloomed from the fertile soil of the likes of Anderson's The Broken Sword, **Swords & Dark magical** and it lights up my happy so much more than the fluffy fantasists like Jordan and Brooks ever could. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** As with most anthologies the quality level is not uniform and there are some stories that didn't exactly

stir my joystick. **Swords & Dark Magic ebook reader** Ironically several of these less than inspiring tales were the product of the more established contributors, **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** However there were far more standouts than washouts and I found a number of absolute gems in this collection, **Colour of magic sword voice** Here are my favorites each of which get an easy 5 stars from me: **THE CROP'S CREAM: - In the Stacks by Scott Lynch: Simply brilliant. Swords & dark magic ebook download** Dark but whimsical and tension-filled but funny black humor and buckets full of the red liquid of life: **Swords & Dark magicband** This twisted funny tale is set in the same world as Abercrombie's other novels and introduces characters that make their presence felt in *The Heroes*. **Pdf swords & dark magician** You could call it a prequel of sorts and it is an ass kicker, **Kindle swords & dark magician - The Undefined by Greg Keyes: Despite my enormous love for the stories by Lynch and Abercrombie this may be my favorite of the whole collection, Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** It is easily the darkest and most disturbing tale in the anthology. **Swords & Dark magical** Bleak and deeply moving this story burrowed into my brain and has stayed there more than any other: **Modern swords vs ancient swords - The Deification of Dal Bamore by Tim Lebbon: This story introduces the world of his novel Echo City and is another dark slice of awesome: Modern swords vs ancient swords** This was my first encounter with Tim Lebbon and I look forward to reading more of his work. **Kindle swords & dark magician - Goats of Glory by Steven Erikson: in the running for best story in the collection this story is similar in style and tone to Joe Abercrombie's piece, Swords & Dark magical** Here is the opening paragraph: Five riders drew rein in the pass. **Swords & Dark Magica attack** Slumped in their saddles they studied the valley sprawled out below them. **Swords & Dark magical** A narrow river cut a jagged scar down the middle of a broad floodplain. **Swords & dark magic books** A weathered wooden bridge sagged across the narrow span and beyond it squatted a score of buildings gray as the dust hovering above the dirt tracks wending between them, **Book Swords & Dark magician** Great characters great action and a jaw-dropping gut shot of an ending: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** An unusual piece that takes a fresh unique look at the zombie mythos. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Shea does a great job bringing a Vancian style and tone to his story and this was a lot of fun, **Swords & Dark magicjack wireless** I won't spoil the reveal but it has a very < b>important place in the Dying Earth canon. **Swords & Dark magicband** Overall a thoroughly enjoyable collection of scarred men brutal magics and perverse and pervasive nastiness: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** □ Friendly Warning: I bought this anthology because just so you know. **Swords & Dark magicband** □ Goats of Glory by Steven Erikson (no this is not a joke). **Swords amp dark magicf fire** □ You might want to read: □ A Rich Full Week by K. **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** 5 stars □ Series: this story is not part of the Malazan series per se but it takes place in the Malazan world. **EBook Swords & Dark magic** □ Tides Elba by Glen Cook: 8 stars □ Series: The Black Company #1: **Swords & Dark magicband** Because zombies suck and stuff + slightly awesome magic + a little horror = □ A Suitable Present for a Sorcerous Puppet by Garth Nix: 2: **Book swords amp dark magic** Quick Garth Nix maths: this short story + Sabriel = Because too light: **Book swords amp dark magic** Disclaimer: I'd never heard of Michael Moorcock before reading this story. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** Yeah yeah yeah I'm slightly challenged in the Fantasy department I know, **Swords & dark magicb bbc iplayer** But I guess it can be scientifically explained by the fact that: a) You're slightly hot: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic** b) Your moral compass seem to be a little on the fished up side: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** d) Your sword is slightly hot and yes I do mean your sword, **Swords & dark magic how to play** □ The Deification of Dal Balmore by Tim Lebbon: 2 stars □ A story set in the world of Lebbon's Echo City novel. **Colour of magic sword voice** Soooooo I must have read this story really really wrong because everyone else seems to think it's slightly wondrous: **Swords & dark magicd dogs** So either I have despicably despicable book taste or I'm the only one who read this right, **Swords & dark magic kindle edition** Because I'm always right even when I'm not wrong all the time. **Swords & Dark magicland dental** There was some lovely fighting and blood shedding here which was pretty cool and stuff but I didn't like the priestess chick female lead which was pretty not cool:

**Swords & dark magic books** That Dal Balmore guy could have been delicious material but he wasn't so that was pretty not cool as well, **Swords & Dark Magic pdf** 5 stars ☐ A story set in the world of Silverberg's Majipoor series, **Swords & dark magic book review** Okay so it is really a story about love potions but refreshingly captivating it was most certainly not: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** It was revoltingly light slightly somewhat a little predictable and Deadly Land of Meh (DLoM™) material but other than that it was fairly survivable: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** To be disgustingly honest the world was pretty intriguing and there were some cool creatures frolicking around: **Epub swords & dark magic epub** Does that mean I want to give Silverberg's Majipoor series a try? Hahahahaha, **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** I may have masochistic tendencies but I don't have a death wish. **Swords & dark magic download pc** ☐ The Undefined by Greg Keyes: 1 star Okay so I should have loved this one because it's dark and violent and stuff, **Swords & Dark magic jack wireless** BUT: 1) Everyone else seems to think it's pretty fantastic ergo I obviously didn't: **Swords & dark magic frenzy** It's so sad to see other people read so many books wrong all the time: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** 2) I must be really weird and severely old-fashioned because I don't find jokes about rape funny, **Swords & Dark magic band** ☐ Hew the Tintmaster by Michael Shea: 2 stars ☐ A story based on Jack Vance's Cugel the Clever character from his Dying Earth series: **Epub swords & dark magic epub** Was I supposed to like this one too? Yeah I think I was supposed to like this one too. **Swords & Dark magic land dental** The premise isn't bad (if a bit light and silly) but the writing nearly killed me here: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Why? Because never-ending descriptions and flowery language of death. **Swords & Dark magic band** 99 stars Ah Scott Lynch aka The Author Who Doesn't Know What Concise Means (TGWDKWC™) the beloved author of one of my mostest favoritest books ever. **Swords & dark magic ebook download** What the fish is wrong with me? Pretty sure I have some kind of weird deadly disease or something. **Swords & Dark magic land dental** That's the only logical explanation for this sad display of despicable book taste, **Swords & dark magic jumpstart** I thought this story was not \*whispers\* entirely unworthy of being read because: ☐ Coolest sentient library ever: **Book swords amp dark magic** Pretty sure they'd get on really well with my murderous babies, **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** All of them together such a beautifully lethal army they would make, **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** Just the thought of it makes me go all tingly inside and stuff: **Swords & dark magic heroes** ☐ Fun entertaining stuff ← that specific enough for you? Good, **Epub Swords & Dark magical** Because it's you know \*whispers\* not too thoroughly crappy and stuff: **Book swords amp dark magic** 5 stars This one kinda sorta made me feel like a bunch of boozy hyper Sherlocked Boys on acid: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Shake that booty you pickled chaps! Yeah that is most certainly me while I was reading this moderately enjoyable story here I have pretty smooth and sexy moves right?, **Epub swords & dark magic pdf** Why? Because: Two deliciously sarcastic and beautifully unflappable sword-wielding dudes: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Lewis\*+Lions (no tiger or bears or Currans though) and stuff: **Epub swords & dark magic epub** Kiernan: 2 stars I think Kiernan might have found the cure to insomnia here. **Swords & Dark magic land dental** 25 stars ☐ A story set in the world of Abercrombie's First Law series: **Book swords amp dark magic authors** It really is one of my top 100000000 mostest favoritest books of all times and stuff. **Sword against black magic & evil magicians** Anyway I didn't love this one as nearly as much as I didn't love The Blade Itself: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Why? Because: 1/It tries too bloody shrimping hard to be funny: **Swords & dark magic horse** 2/This thing doesn't know if it wants to be funny or dark, **Swords & Dark magic jack wireless** First it's all laugh at my story it's deliriously humorous! And I'm like... , **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** Then it's all be in awe of my story it's all slaughterish and bloody! And I'm like... , **Swords & dark magic book review** But worry not Mr Abercrombie! It's definitely not me you it's quite obviously you me! The end: **Swords & dark magic kindle edition** Paperback Five riders slumped in their saddles rode five battered beaten-down horses into a village: **Swords & Dark Magic pdf reader** Goats of Glory is the first short story in Swords & Dark Magic: The New Sword and Sorcery anthology by

Jonathan Strahan: **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** But once again as they enter a sleepy hamlet of Glory while folk eagerly prepares five new barrows they'll prove to be anything but a joke: **Swords & dark magiced dogs** Paperback Seventeen original tales of sword and sorcery penned by masters old and new Elric , **Kindle Swords & Dark magic mike** For years these have been some of the names that have captured the hearts of generations of readers and embodied the sword and sorcery genre: **Modern swords vs ancient swords** Kiernan- Thieves of Daring by Bill Willingham- The Fool Jobs by Joe Abercrombie Swords & Dark Magic: The New Sword and Sorcery.

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It's the first three pages of one. Such a rip-off. Now if only he would finish the next Locke Lamora novel. J. Cherryh- A Rich Full Week by K.J. Creepy and spooky with great description. Great clever ending. Fare you well! We shall not meet again. I did like the magical maze the wizards hide in. Buuut this one just didn't capture me. Again the idea is good but the writing is not. Just not to my taste. The whole thing is just too ridiculous and overwrought. Hahah rape is so clever and funny. Consequently the beginning boded well. So far so good. Things started to look better. This is the book that tells you why I read Fantasy. Read it and you will want to read more.' It should've been but isn't. There are stories there I liked for a variety of reasons. Think this may be one that divides readers. I'm going to be interested in reading what others think. Howard's Conan stories. Good siege story that reverses expectations. Might be the most wickedly fun story in this collection. Great placement by the editors. Tides Elba by Glenn Cook. Skipped it. Bloodsport by Gene Wolfe. Reality blurs. Mysterious poetic mythic. I liked this story quite a bit. But with it's language it just doesn't seem to matter. The Singing Spear by James Enge. It's OK. A Wizard in Wiscezan by C.J. Cherryh. In general I like Cherryh's distinctive voice. I was disappointed. A Rich Full Week by K.J. Parker. And it's a good Horror story. I'll say no more. A Suitable Present for a Sorcerous Puppet by Garth Nix. My first Nix read. I liked this one quite a bit. Fun stuff. Red Pearls by Michael Moorcock. An Elric novella. If you're an Elric fan you won't be disappointed. The Deification of Dal Bamore by Tim Lebbon. I liked this one a lot. Good stuff. Dark Times at the Midnight Market by Robert Silverberg. Skipped it. The Undeified by Greg Keyes. The darkest story in the collection. I've not read Keyes before but this one impressed me. Really dark. Hew the Tintmaster by Michael Shea. But then Cugel shows up. One of the great anti-heroes in any fiction. Shea does nothing with him. He would of been better off not including him. A disappointment. In the Stacks by Scott Lynch. Skipped it. Couldn't get into it. Two Lions A Witch and a War-robe by Tanith Lee. Skipped it. I was kind of turned off by the C.S. Lewis reference. (I'm not a Narnia fan.) The Sea Troll's Daughter by Caitlin Kiernan. Thieves of Daring by Bill Willingham. Very slight. The Fool Jobs by Joe Abercrombie. A crusty and varied group of thieves gather. A claim I found highly dubious though commendable. Let's see how it fares. It is sorely missed. The prose was simple and without flourish. I feel like this was a good introduction. A fantastic new discovery. A Wizard in Wiscezan by C.J. And this was an interesting inclusion in this anthology. Yet it doesn't strike me as wholly unique either. J. Cherryh. A Rich Full Week by K.J. And I must say it was quite unique. Somewhat dark yet humorous. And this I think was a great introduction. And this story easily lives up to his classics. I mean really dark. Filled with gore violence and torture. The main character is at best an anti-hero. And you know what? That's okay. I like this story. Very unique in its style and execution. It felt more like he was added based on his name. The story is more of a sci-fi story than fantasy. But the story is just insipid and shallow too. Not my cup of tea. This just felt like a throw away. And I wasn't disappointed. Beautiful imagery. Same goes for here. Swordplay sorcery booze and quests pretty much spot one. I have been a big Abercrombie kick recently. A band on a mission high in danger low in details. A great way to finish off this anthology. Now for my thoughts overall. But what really matters to me is if it was enjoyable. And that it was. 4.5/5 Paperback I read only: 1. Yessir! □□□□□ 2. (Also I want a pet vocabuvore). By far my favorite short story by Erikson. This is MY kind of fantasy (i.e. the unkind variety). You must look elsewhere for those. This is the dark side of fantasy. This is subversive fantasy at its best. Wonderful

unique world-building and a terrific magic system. - A Rich Full Week by K.J. Parker: I loved this. Sad and moving and terrific. Me likes. 4.0 stars. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!! Paperback Overall rating: 3.1325 stars. No laughing. This was computed quite mathematically and stuff. □ Two Lions a Witch and a War-Robe by Tanith Lee. □ Red Pearls by Michael Moorcock. J. Parker. □ In the Stacks by Scott Lynch (not a joke either). □ You do not want to read: □ Everything else. □ Goats of Glory by Steven Erikson: 4.P.S. Goats rock.ETA: just finished reading Gardens of the Silly Moon. No comment. Maybe. □ The Singing Spear by James Enge: 2.5 stars □ Series: Morlock Ambrosius.A drunk magician and a spear that sings. Wow. I can barely contain my excitement right now. This is too much. I think I'm about to have a heart attack or something. Halp. □ A Wizard in Wiscezan by C.J. □ A Rich Full Week by K. J. Parker: 3.88 stars A philosopher + undead type people not zombies. Big difference.5 stars □ Series: Sir Hereward and Mister Fitz. Because too diet. Because too decaf. Because ever so slightly boring and stuff. Bye now. □ Red Pearls by Michael Moorcock: 4.5 stars □ Series: The Elric Saga. Please feel free to sue me and all that crap. This is kinda sorta unheard of you know.c)You're slightly hot. Not your you know sword and stuff.e)You're slightly hot.f)Your girlfriend is slightly hot. She's got pretty huge harem potential too. g)You're slightly hot.QED and stuff. Also: ships and pirates and dragons oh my!Now let's dance.I just finished reading this one. It was fascinating. I loved it.Just kidding. Which seems highly probable come to think of it. But anyway.This one is a refreshingly captivating story about love potions. Hahahahaha. Just kidding. I think not. Yet.Don't ask. Guess what? I didn't like it. Oops. Such hardcore stuff should be outlawed if you ask me. □ In the Stacks by Scott Lynch: 3. What a total complete rip-off. But anyway. □ Vocabuvores FTW! I want to kidnap adopt them all. □ Engaging cast of characters.So yeah you might want to read this one. □ Two Lions a Witch and a War-Robe by Tanith Lee: 4. +Severed limbs aplenty (heads hands ears you name it! Yay!). + Ha ha ha material. +Sorcery/magic/whatever.+ A witch and stuff.+A wardrobe war-robe and stuff \*waves at C.S.= Told you I had super smooth and sexy moves. □ The Sea Troll's Daughter by Caitlín R. □ The Fool Jobs by Joe Abercrombie: 2.Ah The First Law what a glorious series. I loved The Blade Itself SO much.Yes I'm hilarious I know. Ergo it isn't. Ergo it's neither. the Black Company . Majipoor