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The Annotated Sword of Shannara: 35th Anniversary Edition Hachette UK

The High Druid of Shannara trilogy draws to a thrilling close as a young hero nears completion of his trial by fire, a banished ruler fights for her life in a wilderness of dread, and forces of darkness and light square off in a battle unto death for the right to absolute rule. Prepare to be spellbound by the masterly hand of bestselling legend weaver Terry Brooks, conjuring at the peak of his skills. For reasons known only to himself, the King of the Silver River has charged young Penderrin Ohmsford, barely more than a boy, with the daunting task of rescuing his aunt, Gianne, Ard Rhys of the Druid order, from her forced exile in the terrifying dimension of all things damned: the Forbidding. With the noble dwarf Tagwen and the prodigal elven princess Khyber Elesedil by his side—and with the outcome of the bloody war between the Federation and the Free-born at stake—Pen has accepted his mission without question. But not without risk . . . or sacrifice. Because Shadea a’Ru, the ruthless Druid responsible for imprisoning the true Ard Rhys and usurping leadership at Paranor, has sent her agents and assassins in relentless pursuit of Pen and his comrades. And in securing the talisman he needs to breach the Forbidding, Pen has paid a devastating price. Now if the Free-born forces—already decimated by the Federation’s death-dealing new weapon—should fall, Shadea’s domination of the Four Lands will be assured. Nothing short of Pen’s success can turn the tide. But Pen’s challenge grows greater when he learns that his parents, Bek Ohmsford and Rue Meridian, have fallen into Shadea’s hands. He must try to help them—but once within the walls of Druid’s Keep, where Shadea’s minions and dark magic lurk at every turn, Pen’s survival is far from assured. Yet it will all pale in comparison to the horrors that wait inside the Forbidding—horrors poised to break free upon the Four Lands when the time is right. . . .

Witch Wraith Del Rey

For the first time in one elegant collector’s edition hardcover, and featuring an introduction by New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks, here are the first three novels of that classic series: *The Sword of Shannara*, *The Elfstones of Shannara*, and *The Wishsong of Shannara*—the beginning of a phenomenal epic of good and evil. The Sword of Shannara Long ago, the wars of the ancient Evil ruined the world. In peaceful Shady Vale, half-elfin Shea Ohmsford knows little of such troubles. But the supposedly dead Warlock Lord is plotting to destroy everything in his wake. The sole weapon

against this Power of Darkness is the Sword of Shannara, which can be used only by a true heir of Shannara. On Shea, last of the bloodline, rests the hope of all the races. The Elfstones of Shannara The magical Ellcrys tree is dying, loosening the spell that bars the Demons from enacting vengeance upon the land. Now Wil Ohmsford must guard the Elven girl Amberle on a perilous quest as she carries one of the Ellcrys’ seeds to a mysterious place where it can be quickened into a powerful new force. But dark on their trail comes the Reaper, most fearsome of all Demons, aiming to crush their mission at any cost. The Wishsong of Shannara An ancient Evil is stirring to new life, sending its ghastly Mord Wraiths to destroy Mankind. To win through the vile growth that protects this dark force, the Druid Allanon needs Brin Ohmsford—for she alone holds the magic power of the wishsong. Reluctantly Brin joins the Druid on his dangerous journey. But a prophecy foretells doom, as Evil nurses its plans to trap the unsuspecting Brin into a fate far more horrible than death. Thus begins Terry Brooks’s thrilling Shannara epic, an unforgettable tale of adventure, magic, and myth. **BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks’s *The Measure of the Magic*.

The Elfstones of Shannara Del Rey

From bestselling author Terry Brooks comes the final thrilling novel in a brand-new trilogy—*The Dark Legacy of Shannara!* **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** For centuries the Four Lands enjoyed freedom from its demon-haunted past, protected by magic-enhanced borders from the dark dimension known as the Forbidding and the profound evil imprisoned there. But now the unthinkable is happening: The ancient wards securing the barrier between order and mayhem have begun to erode—and generations of bloodthirsty, monstrous creatures, fueled by a rage thousands of years in the making, are poised to spill forth, seeking revenge for what was done to them. Young Elf Arling Elesedil possesses the enchanted means to close the breach and once more seal the denizens of the Forbidding in their prison. But when she falls into the hands of the powerful Federation’s diabolical Prime Minister, her efforts may be doomed. Only her determined sister, Aphen, who bears the Elfstones and commands their magic, has any hope of saving Arling from the hideous fate her captor has in store. Meanwhile, Railing Ohmsford—desperate to save his imprisoned brother—seeks to discover if his famed but ill-fated ancestor Gianne is still alive and willing to help him save the world . . . no matter the odds or the consequences. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Terry Brooks’s *The High Druid’s Blade*. Praise for *Witch Wraith* “Terry Brooks has written a slam-bang conclusion to his *The Dark Legacy of Shannara* trilogy with the stellar *Witch Wraith*. . . . He has a keen eye for great world-building as well as unforgettable characters. . . . *The Dark Legacy of*

Shannara trilogy is arguably his best work to date.”—Associated Press “The final chapter in Brooks’s latest trilogy set in his beloved world of Shannara peaks in a bittersweet conclusion that seems to set the stage for future books. A must for the numerous die-hard Shannara fans.”—Library Journal Praise for Terry Brooks “The Sword of Shannara is an unforgettable and wildly entertaining epic, animated by Terry Brooks’s cosmically generative imagination and storytelling joy.”—Karen Russell, New York Times bestselling author of *Swamplandia!* “If Tolkien is the grandfather of modern fantasy, Terry Brooks is its favorite uncle.”—Peter V. Brett, New York Times bestselling author of *The Desert Spear* “I can’t even begin to count how many of Terry Brooks’s books I’ve read (and reread) over the years. From Shannara to *Landover*, his work was a huge part of my childhood.”—Patrick Rothfuss, New York Times bestselling author of *The Name of the Wind* “Terry Brooks is a master of the craft and a trailblazer who established fantasy as a viable genre. He is required reading.”—Brent Weeks, New York Times bestselling author of *The Night Angel Trilogy* “The Shannara books were among the first to really capture my imagination. My daydreams and therefore my stories will always owe a debt to Terry Brooks.”—Brandon Mull, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Beyonders* and *Fablehaven* series

High Druid of Shannara: Straken Ballantine Group

The evil Shadowen have seized control of the Four Lands, and Walker Bok, one of the scions of Shannara, must retrieve the Elfstone from the Stone King

The Elf Queen of Shannara Del Rey

An ancient evil threatens the Elves and the Races of Man. The Ellcrys, the tree of long-lost Elven magic, is dying, unravelling the spell of Forbidding that locks the hordes of Demons away from the world. Already the fearsome Reaper is free. Only by quickening a new seed in the mysterious Bloodfire can the Ellcrys be reborn and the Forbidding made whole. Amberle, a young Elven girl, is chosen to undertake the quest for the Bloodfire. The way is perilous, though. Other demons besides the Reaper stalk the land. Amberle will need a protector if she is to prevail, and Wil Ohmsford, heir to the elven magics of Shannara, is chosen to accompany her. Amberle's quest and the fate of the Four Lands will rest on Wil's ability to unlock the magic of the mysterious Elfstones of Shannara. **THE ELFSTONES OF SHANNARA** is the second volume of the classic series that has become one of the best loved fantasy tales of all time.

The Measure of the Magic Random House Digital, Inc.

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An epic fantasy of gnomes, trolls, dwarfs and elves in which a simple man, Shea Ohmsford, is pitted against the greatest power of evil the world has ever known. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

The Scions of Shannara Del Rey

Seven years after the conclusion of the High Druid of Shannara trilogy, New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks at last revisits one of the most popular eras in the legendary epic fantasy series that has spellbound readers for more than three decades. Tumultuous times are upon the world now known as the Four Lands. Users of magic are in conflict with proponents of science. The dwindling Druid order is threatened with extinction. A sinister politician has used treachery and murder to rise as prime minister of the mighty Federation. Meanwhile, poring through a long-forgotten diary, the young Druid Aphenglow Elesedil has stumbled upon the secret account of an Elven girl's heartbreak and the shocking truth about the vanished Elfstones, which once warded the lands and kept evil at bay. But never has a little knowledge been so very dangerous—as Aphenglow quickly learns when she's set upon by assassins. Yet there can be no turning back from the road to which fate has steered her. Whoever captures the Elfstones and their untold powers will surely hold the advantage in the devastating clash to come. “I can’t even begin to count how many of Terry Brooks’s books I’ve read (and reread) over the years. From Shannara to *Landover*, his work was a huge part of my childhood.”—Patrick Rothfuss, New York Times bestselling author of *The Name of the Wind* “Shannara was one of my favorite fictional worlds growing up, and I look forward to many return trips.”—Karen Russell, New York Times bestselling author of *Swamplandia!* “If Tolkien is the grandfather of modern fantasy, Terry Brooks is its favorite uncle.”—Peter V. Brett, New York Times bestselling author of the *Demon Cycle* series

The Sword of Shannara Trilogy Del Rey

Long ago, the world of Shea Ohmsford was torn apart by the wars of ancient Evil. But in the Vale, the half-human, half-elfin Shea now lives in peace - until the mysterious, forbidding figure of Alanon appears, to reveal that the supposedly long dead Warlock Lord lives again, and will destroy the world... Shea, the sole true descendant of Jerle Shannara, must embark upon the elemental quest to find the sword, the only weapon powerful enough to keep the creatures of darkness at bay.

Witch Wraith Del Rey

After New York Times bestselling author Terry Brooks completed *The Sword of Shannara* trilogy, millions of fans around the world clamored to immerse themselves again in his dazzling world. Brooks answered with a quartet of beloved novels—*The Heritage of Shannara*. Now, for the first time in one handsome collector's edition hardcover, here are: *The Scions of Shannara*, *The Druid of Shannara*, *The Elf Queen of Shannara*, and *The Talismans of Shannara*—the thrilling continuation of the saga that has become one of the most enduring fantasy epics of all time. *The Scions of Shannara* Since the death of the Druid Allanon, magic has been strictly forbidden in the Four Lands. Yet Par still has limited use of the *Wishsong*. Then a dire message from Allanon sends Par and his brother Coll on an impossible task: to recover the long-lost *Sword of Shannara*—or all life in the Four Lands will be destroyed. *The Druid of Shannara* Evil forces remain in control of the Four Lands. To restore the *Keep of the Druid Allanon*, Walker Boh sets out on a journey to find the black Elfstone. He must venture into perilous, unknown lands with a strange band of fellow travelers—one of whom is

hatching his own sinister plot. The Elf Queen of Shannara Ordered by the Druid Allanon to find the Elves and return them to the world of Men, Wren is carried away to an island where Elves might still exist. Even if by some miracle she locates the Elves, can she convince them to follow her back through a demon-haunted jungle to the safety of the shore? The Talismans of Shannara The Shadowen still swarm over the Four Lands, poisoning everything with their dark magic. Their leader is determined to destroy all the Scions of Shannara. With traps cleverly laid, the charges are doomed to failure—unless Par can discover a way to harness the power of the Sword of Shannara. So continues Terry Brooks's enthralling Heritage of Shannara epic, a spellbinding saga that chronicles the ultimate battle of good vs. evil. BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks's The Measure of the Magic.

The Sword of Shannara Del Rey

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER For five hundred years, the survivors of the Great Wars lived peacefully in a valley sanctuary shielded by powerful magic from the dangerous outside world. But the enchanted barriers have crumbled, and the threat of annihilation looms large once more. As he lay dying, Sider Ament, bearer of the last black staff and protector of the valley, gave stewardship of the powerful talisman to the young Tracker Panterra Qu. Now the newly anointed Knight of the Word must take up the battle against evil wherever it threatens: from without, where an army of bloodthirsty Trolls is massing for invasion; and from within, where the Elf king of Arborlon has been murdered, his daughter stands accused, and a heinous conspiracy is poised to subjugate the kingdom. But even these affairs will pale beside the most harrowing menace Panterra is destined to confront—a nameless, merciless agent of darkness on a relentless mission: to claim the last black staff . . . and the life of whoever wields it.

Dark Wraith of Shannara Del Rey

The New York Times bestselling author of the classic Shannara epic, Terry Brooks, has proven himself one of the modern masters of fantasy, brilliantly creating breathtaking worlds of magic, adventure, and intrigue. Now, for the first time in one marvelous collector's edition hardcover, here's the complete trilogy of the Voyage of the Jerle Shannara: Ilse Witch, Antrax, and Morgawr. In these enchanting novels, a colorful contingent of characters takes to the skies aboard a magnificent airship—the Jerle Shannara—on a quest fraught with wonder and danger. Ilse Witch A half-drowned elf carries a map covered with cryptic symbols—and Walker Boh, the last of the Druids, has the skill to decipher them. But someone else understands the map's significance: the ruthless Ilse Witch, who will stop at nothing to possess it—and the powerful magic it leads to. Antrax While in search of the elusive magic, Walker Boh is lured into a trap—caught in a dark maze beneath a ruined city, stalked by a hungry, unseen enemy. It is Antrax: a spirit that feeds off enchantment and traps the souls of men. Now the fate of the Four Lands hangs in the balance. Morgawr The intrepid heroes aboard the Jerle Shannara have reached their breaking point. A centuries-old sorcerer, the Morgawr, vows to find and control the fabled ancient books of magic—and he is an adversary of awesome might with a fleet of airships and a crew of walking dead men at his command. In The Voyage of the Jerle Shannara, Terry Brooks weaves together high adventure, vividly wrought characters, and a spellbinding world into an irresistible story of heroism and sacrifice, love and honor.

The Elfstones of Shannara (The Shannara Chronicles) (TV Tie-in Edition) Del Rey

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The Voyage of the Jerle Shannara Trilogy Del Rey

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The Stiehl Assassin Orbit Books

A must for fans of epic fantasy fiction—this exclusive eBook package includes the inaugural novels of four monumental series by bestselling author Terry Brooks! **THE SWORD OF SHANNARA** The original breakout bestseller that began the classic Shannara series! Long ago, wars of the ancient evil ruined the world. Now the dreaded Warlock Lord is returning to destroy all he sees. And half-elfin Shea Ohmsford, the last of his bloodline, must stand against the power of darkness—with the only weapon that can stop it. **MAGIC KINGDOM FOR SALE—SOLD!** Mere mortal Ben Holiday gets far more than expected when he buys a genuine kingdom and topples into an enchanted world of wizards, demons, dragons, and palace intrigue. Now he must prove his mettle against mishaps and monsters alike in order to claim his place as king. The first novel in the beloved, bestselling Kingdom of Landover series. **RUNNING WITH THE DEMON** In book one of the Word and the Void series, a teenage girl with untold powers and a wandering man with an uncanny destiny must join together to save an American town—and all the world—from a force of evil bent upon a reign of damnation. **ARMAGEDDON'S CHILDREN** The stunning Genesis of Shannara series debuts with this novel set in the ruins of the once modern world, laid to waste by a demon apocalypse. Battling to survive against a host of horrors, humanity's remnants rally behind a lone agent of good and his powerful talisman—to stand or die against a hellish enemy. Includes excerpts of the second book in each series, as well as a special preview of Terry Brooks's new novel, *The Wards of Faerie!* "A great storyteller, Terry Brooks creates rich epics filled with mystery, magic, and memorable characters. If you haven't read Terry Brooks, you haven't read fantasy."—Christopher Paolini, author of *Eragon* and *Brisingsr* "Terry's place is at the head of the fantasy world."—Philip Pullman, author of *The Golden Compass*

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The Talismans of Shannara Del Rey

Horror stalks the Four Lands. The *Ildatch*, immemorial book of evil spells, has stirred to eldritch life, sending its foul Mord wraiths to accomplish at last mankind's destruction. Only Jair and Brin can attempt to halt the resulting evil

The Black Elfstone Del Rey

THE PHENOMENAL EPIC OF GOOD AND EVIL LIKE IT'S NEVER BEEN EXPERIENCED BEFORE Thirty-five years ago, Terry Brooks brought to life a dazzling world in *The Sword of Shannara*. Nineteen more Shannara volumes would follow, making the series one of the most popular fantasy epics of all time. Now comes a fully annotated collector's edition of the novel that started it all—featuring never-

before-shared insights into the classic tale, an all-new introduction by the New York Times bestselling author, and replicas of the original sketches for some of the long-lost, black-and-white paintings by the Brothers Hildebrandt that decorated the original edition, and a replica of the original Hildebrandt central color plate on the back of the jacket.. Long ago, wars ravaged the world. In peaceful Shady Vale, half-elfin Shea Ohmsford knows little of such troubles. Then the giant, forbidding Allanon reveals that the supposedly dead Warlock Lord is plotting to destroy everything in his wake. The sole weapon against this Power of Darkness is the Sword of Shannara, which can be used only by a true heir of Shannara. On Shea, last of the bloodline, rests the hope of all the races. Soon a Skull Bearer, dread minion of a mighty evil, flies into the Vale, seeking to destroy Shea. To save his home, Shea must flee, drawing the Skull Bearer after him in menacing pursuit. Thus begins the enthralling Shannara epic, a spellbinding tale of adventure, magic, and myth. **PRAISE FOR TERRY BROOKS** "The Sword of Shannara is an unforgettable and wildly entertaining epic, animated by Terry Brooks's cosmically generative imagination and storytelling joy. This was one of my favorite fictional worlds growing up, and I look forward to many return trips."—Karen Russell, New York Times bestselling author of *Swamplandia!* "Terry Brooks has been my constant companion over a lifetime of exploring my beloved fantasy genre. I say with all honesty I would not be writing epic fantasy today if not for Shannara. If Tolkien is the grandfather of modern fantasy, Terry Brooks is its favorite uncle."—Peter V. Brett, New York Times bestselling author of *The Desert Spear* "I can't even begin to count how many of Terry Brooks's books I've read (and reread) over the years. From Shannara to Landover, his work was a huge part of my childhood."—Patrick Rothfuss, New York Times bestselling author of *The Name of the Wind* "Terry Brooks is a master of the craft and a trailblazer who established fantasy as a viable genre. Not only do I owe him for many hours of reading pleasure, I owe him my job. He is required reading."—Brent Weeks, New York Times bestselling author of *The Night Angel Trilogy* "The Shannara books were among the first to really capture my imagination. I didn't just enjoy reading the novels—the world became so real that I would spend hours creating Shannara fan-fiction in my mind. My daydreams and therefore my stories will always owe a debt to Terry Brooks."—Brandon Mull, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Beyonders* and *Fablehaven* series

Child of Light Del Rey

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Legend has it that Paxon Leah is descended from the royals and warriors who once ruled the Highlands and waged war with magical weapons. But those kings, queens, and heroes are long gone, and there is nothing enchanted about the antique sword that hangs above Paxon's fireplace. Running his family's modest shipping business, Paxon leads a quiet life—until extraordinary circumstances overturn his simple world . . . and rewrite his destiny. When his brash young sister is abducted by a menacing stranger, Paxon races to her rescue with the only weapon he can find. And in a harrowing duel, he is stunned to discover powerful magic unleashed within him—and within his ancestors' ancient blade. But his formidable new ability is dangerous in untrained hands, and Paxon must master it quickly because his nearly fatal clash with the dark sorcerer Arcannen won't be his last. Leaving behind home and hearth, he journeys to the keep of the fabled Druid order to learn the secrets of magic and earn the right to become their sworn protector. But treachery is afoot deep in the Druids' ranks. And the blackest of sorcery is twisting a helpless

innocent into a murderous agent of evil. To halt an insidious plot that threatens not only the Druid order but all the Four Lands, Paxon Leah must summon the profound magic in his blood and the legendary mettle of his elders in the battle fate has chosen him to fight. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Terry Brooks's *The Darkling Child*. Praise for *The High Druid's Blade* "High adventure, lots of action, and appealing [characters] . . . a good place for new readers to jump into the author's world."—*Library Journal* "Terry Brooks is a grandmaster of the fantasy genre, and his latest will both captivate and surprise readers. . . . It's truly magical."—*Associated Press* "Brooks once again gifts readers with a breathless adventure in this new Shannara trilogy, the *Defenders of Shannara*. The action begins in the first chapter and doesn't end until the last page."—*RT Book Reviews* "A great place to introduce yourself to all of Brooks's novels . . . [*The High Druid's Blade*] is a great stand-alone book and will definitely throw you headfirst into the world of Shannara."—*Whedonopolis* "The High Druid's Blade is an intriguing, action-filled novel that you are sure to love."—*Faire's Fair Book Reviews* "Readers both new [and old] will enjoy reading *The High Druid's Blade*."—*The Arched Doorway* "An enjoyable read . . . I will definitely be picking up the next book when it comes out."—*Jessie Reads Everything* Praise for Terry Brooks "The *Sword of Shannara* is an unforgettable and wildly entertaining epic, animated by Terry Brooks's cosmically generative imagination and storytelling joy."—Karen Russell, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Swamplandia!* "If Tolkien is the grandfather of modern fantasy, Terry Brooks is its favorite uncle."—Peter V. Brett, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Desert Spear* "I can't even begin to count how many of Terry Brooks's books I've read (and reread) over the years. From *Shannara* to *Landover*, his work was a huge part of my childhood."—Patrick Rothfuss, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Name of the Wind*

The Sword of Shannara Del Rey

An epilogue to *The Wishsong of Shannara* The time of the Shannara follows in the wake of an apocalypse that has destroyed the old world and very nearly annihilated its people as well. A thousand years of savagery and barbarism have concluded at the start the series with the emergence of a new civilization in which magic has replaced science as the dominant source of power. A Druid Council comprised of the most talented of the new races—Men, Dwarves, Trolls, Gnomes, and Elves, names taken from the old legends—has begun the arduous task of rebuilding the world and putting an end to the racial warfare that has consumed the survivors of the so-called Great Wars since their conclusion. But the wars continue, albeit in a different form. Magic, like science, is often mercurial, can be used for good or evil, and can have a positive or negative effect on those who come in contact with it. In *The Sword of Shannara*, a Druid subverted by his craving for magic's power manipulated Trolls and Gnomes in his effort to gain mastery over the other races. He failed because of Shea Ohmsford, the last of an Elven family with the Shannara surname. Shea, with the help of his brother and a small band of companions, was able to wield the fabled *Sword of Shannara* to destroy the Dark Lord. Subsequently, in *The Elfstones of the Shannara*, his grandson Wil was faced with another sort of challenge, one that required the use of a magic contained in a set of Elfstones. But use of the Stones altered Wil's genetic makeup, so that his own children were born with magic in their blood. As a result, in the third book of the series, the *Wishsong of Shannara*, Brin and her brother Jair were recruited by the Druid Allanon to seek out and destroy the Ildatch, the book of dark magic that had subverted the Warlock Lord, and was now doing the same with the Mord wraiths. The story that follows takes place several years after the conclusion of *The Wishsong* and again features Jair Ohmsford, who must come to terms with his obsession with the past and his use of his magic that his sister has warned him not to trust **BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from Terry Brooks's *The Measure of the Magic*.