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Mythago Wood - Robert Holdstock 2003-09-01
Myth and Terror in the Forest Deeps The mystery of Ryhope Wood, Britain's last fragment of primeval forest, consumed George Huxley's entire long life. Now, after his death, his sons have taken up his work. But what they discover is numinous and perilous beyond

all expectation. For the Wood, larger inside than out, is a labyrinth full of myths come to life, "mythagos" that can change you forever. A labyrinth where love and beauty haunt your dreams. . . and may drive you insane. "Utterly enthralling." --Times Literary Supplement "Robert Holdstock's is one of the voices

at the very heart of modern fantasy." -Guy Gavriel Kay "One of the strangest, most beautiful and most compelling fantasies I have ever read. A marvel of a book." --Keith Roberts At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Forest - Edward Rutherfurd 2010-12-23

A remarkable and ambitious novel whose central character is not a man or a woman, but the ancient New Forest of England. Few places lie closer to the heart of the nation's heritage than the New Forest. Now Edward Rutherfurd weaves its history and legends into compelling fiction, from the mysterious killing of King William Rufus to treachery and witchcraft, smuggling and poaching: this is an epic tale of well-born ladies, lowly woodsmen, sailors, merchants and Cistercian monks. The feuds, wars, loyalties and passions of generations reach their climax in a crime that shatters the decorous society of Jane Austen's Bath, and

whose ramifications continue through the age of the Victorian railway builders to the ecologists of the present day.

Robert Holdstock's Mythago Wood - Paul Kincaid
2022-09-25

This book is a detailed examination of one of the most important works of fantasy literature from the twentieth century. It goes through Mythago Wood by Robert Holdstock considering how it engages with war on a personal and family level, how it plays with ideas of time as something fluid and disturbing, and how it presents mythology as something crude and dangerous. The book places Mythago Wood in the context of Holdstock's other works, noting in part how complex ideas of time have been a consistent element in his fiction. The book also briefly examines how the themes laid out in Mythago Wood are carried through into later books in the sequence as well as the Merlin Codex

The Silent Boy - Andrew Taylor

2015-10-20

From the No. 1 bestselling author of *THE AMERICAN BOY* comes a brilliant new historical thriller set during the French Revolution.

Celtika - Robert Holdstock
2004-01-05

Having participated in Jason's search for the Golden Fleece centuries earlier, Merlin encounters a haunted ship and realizes that Jason still seeks the sons who were stolen by the enchantress Medea.

Reprint.

Necromancer - Robert Holdstock 1990-01

A horror novel set in a quiet English town where a church font is surrounded by legend and stories of suicide and madness. To June Hunter it is a prison, holding the soul of her son - and for all it is a deadly danger.

Lavondyss - Robert Holdstock
2004-07

A sequel to *Mythago Wood* finds thirteen-year-old Tallis searching for a realm in the heart of the forest, hoping to assist an older brother who disappeared in her infancy and

who has appealed to her from the Otherworld. Reprint.

15,000 first printing.

Bones & All - Camille

DeAngelis 2015-03-10

SOON TO BE A MAJOR

MOTION PICTURE 2015 Alex

Award Recipient! Maren Yearly

is a young woman who wants

the same things we all do. She

wants to be someone people

admire and respect. She wants

to be loved. But her secret,

shameful needs have forced

her into exile. She hates herself

for the bad thing she does, for

what it's done to her family and

her sense of identity; for how it

dictates her place in the world

and how people see her--how

they judge her. She didn't

choose to be this way. Because

Maren Yearly doesn't just

break hearts, she devours

them. Ever since her mother

found Penny Wilson's eardrum

in her mouth when Maren was

just two years old, she knew

life would never be normal for

either of them. Love may come

in many shapes and sizes, but

for Maren, it always ends the

same-with her hiding the

evidence and her mother

packing up the car. But when her mother abandons her the day after her sixteenth birthday, Maren goes looking for the father she has never known, and finds much more than she bargained for along the way. Faced with a world of fellow eaters, potential enemies, and the prospect of love, Maren realizes she isn't only looking for her father, she's looking for herself.

Camille DeAngelis' *Bones & All* is an astonishingly original coming-of-age tale that is at once a gorgeously written horror story as well as a mesmerizing meditation on female power and sexuality.

[The Emerald Forest](#) - Robert Holdstock 2013-02-18

Deep in the sounds, scents and shifting rhythms of the Amazon forest, a family have lost their seven-year-old child, stolen by the mysterious 'Invisible People', the tribe which has never been seen. Through ten years their agonised search for him takes them beyond the world's last great natural frontier into the cruel beauty of the Brazilian jungle. When at

last father and son do meet - in a dramatic and terrifying encounter - it is in the emerald forest, a place where the mythical and magical powers of primal existence must clash with the cold-hearted greed of modern man.

The Hollowing - Robert Holdstock 2005-05

Left damaged and capable of seeing visions after a violent attack, young Alex Bradley is claimed by the mythological forces of a nearby forest, prompting his father to lead a scientific expedition in the hopes of recovering the boy by discovering the secret to "mythago-genesis." By the author of *The Iron Grail*. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

The Stolen Lady - Laura Morelli 2021-09-21

From the acclaimed author of *The Night Portrait* comes a stunning historical novel about two women, separated by five hundred years, who each hide Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*—with unintended consequences. France, 1939 At the dawn of World War II, Anne Guichard, a young archivist

employed at the Louvre, arrives home to find her brother missing. While she works to discover his whereabouts, refugees begin flooding into Paris and German artillery fire rattles the city. Once they reach the city, the Nazis will stop at nothing to get their hands on the Louvre's art collection. Anne is quickly sent to the Castle of Chambord, where the Louvre's most precious artworks—including the Mona Lisa—are being transferred to ensure their safety. With the Germans hard on their heels, Anne frantically moves the Mona Lisa and other treasures again and again in an elaborate game of hide and seek. As the threat to the masterpieces and her life grows closer, Anne also begins to learn the truth about her brother and the role he plays in this dangerous game. Florence, 1479 House servant Bellina Sardi's future seems fixed when she accompanies her newly married mistress, Lisa Gherardini, to her home across the Arno. Lisa's husband, a prosperous silk merchant, is

aligned with the powerful Medici, his home filled with luxuries and treasures. But soon, Bellina finds herself bewitched by a charismatic monk who has urged Florentines to rise up against the Medici and to empty their homes of the riches and jewels her new employer prizes. When Master Leonardo da Vinci is commissioned to paint a portrait of Lisa, Bellina finds herself tasked with hiding an impossible secret. When art and war collide, Leonardo da Vinci, his beautiful subject Lisa, and the portrait find themselves in the crosshairs of history.

[The Broken Kings](#) - Robert Holdstock 2015-03-31

The hill below the fortress of Taurovinda, stronghold of Urtha, High King of the Cornovidi, is coming alive: the Otherworldly realm of the Shadows of Heroes are claiming the land as their own. But this time their actions are driven by a force that is darker and older than even the oldest among the ghosts. Who or what is raising the Dead? Merlin, a

temporary resident in the fortress, must answer that question if this time of kings and lovers is to be saved. Jason's wonderful ship, Argo, has returned, drawn back by her own guilty past, and a dreadful secret that she will reveal only to Merlin. Argo holds the key to the mystery. And Niiv, the bewitching, beautiful Northlands enchantress, is working her way even closer into Merlin's charms. This is a journey that will take Merlin back in history, and to a fabled island of legend. Love is in the air. But at a price.

The Ragthorn - Robert

Holdstock 2015

Winner of the World Fantasy Award "I am placing this entry at the beginning of my edited journal for reasons that will become apparent. Time is very short for me now, the final part of the ritual draws near... I cannot pretend that I am not frightened." There were these two British writers, one lived in the country, the other in the city. The country writer loved to visit the city and partake of

brandy and Greek kebabs in the local hostelry. The city writer liked to visit the country and guzzle ale and barbecued steak under the apple trees. The two writers needed an excuse for these indulgences, and so they invented one, and this excuse was called "collaborating on a story" ... It soon emerged that the story was to be about a legendary tree, which they both vaguely recalled from the tales their grandfathers used to tell them of mystery and myth. Soon they were delving with suppressed excitement into old documents at the British Museum and began to come up with some frightening discoveries. The first of these finds was in studying the original text, in Anglo-Saxon, of the Old English poem "The Dream of the Rood". The marrying of the "tree" (crucifixion cross) and the "thorn" (a runic character) was too elaborately regular to be an accident of metre or alliterative language. Other discoveries followed, and the story gradually surfaced, like a dark secret from its burial mound.

The Ragthorn: a dark and unsettling World Fantasy Award-winning novella by Robert Holdstock and Garry Kilworth. Also included in this volume, two bonus stories: "The Fabulous Beast" by Garry Kilworth, and "The Charisma Trees" by Robert Holdstock. Robert Holdstock: 'Britain's best fantasist ... these are the visions of a real artist.' - The Times 'Our finest living mythmaker. His narratives - intense, exuberant, earthy, passionate, dense with metaphor - are new trails through the ancient forest of our imaginations. An essential writer.' - Stephen Baxter 'No other author has so successfully captured the magic of the wildwood.' - Michael Moorcock 'A new expression of the British genius for true fantasy.' - Alan Garner, on Mythago Wood Garry Kilworth: 'Garry Kilworth is arguably the finest writer of short fiction today, in any genre.' - New Scientist 'Kilworth is one of the most significant writers in the English language.' - Fear

Magazine 'Probably one of the finest writers of short stories Britain has ever produced.' - Bookstove Online 'Kilworth is a master of his trade.' - Punch Magazine

Dragon's Winter - Elizabeth A. Lynn 2014-04-01

An "utterly engrossing" novel of shapeshifting, sorcery, and two brothers at war by a World Fantasy Award-winning author (Publishers Weekly). Born to the shape-shifting dragon king of Ippa, twin brothers Karadur and Tenjiro share an ancestry, but not a bloodline. Only Karadur carries dragon blood, destined to one day become a dragon and rule the kingdom. In an act of jealous betrayal, Tenjiro steals the talisman that would allow Karadur to take his true dragon form and flees to a distant, icy realm. Now, years later, Tenjiro has reappeared as the evil sorcerer Ankoku. His frozen stronghold threatens to destroy Dragon Keep, and Karadur must lead his shape-shifting warriors on a journey to defeat his brother and reclaim his destiny. With *Dragon's Winter*, World

Fantasy Award-winning author Elizabeth A. Lynn returns with the kind of richly drawn characters and intricate worlds her fans, both old and new, will love.

Earthwind - Robert Holdstock
2013-12-19

On the planet Aeran, the original colonists have undergone a drastic change: under the influence of some strange psychic force they have forgotten their identity and created a new culture - an exact reconstruction of the Stone Age society that flourished in Ireland 6,000 years ago. Has some strange racial memory been awakened? Or are both cultures the product of a social blueprint implanted throughout the cosmos by a long-vanished race?

Minesweeper (Special Forces, Book 2) - Chris Lynch
2019-12-03

"All the sizzle, chaos, noise and scariness of war is clay in the hands of ace storyteller Lynch."
-- Kirkus Reviews for the World War II series Discover the secret missions behind

America's greatest conflicts. Fergus Frew thought he knew what to expect when he signed up with the Navy's demolitions team. But as the Korean War rages on, Fergus and his fellow divers -- AKA "frogmen" -- are tasked with more than just scouting mudflats. Soon they're planting mines. And sabotaging tunnels, bridges... and even fishing nets. Strangest of all, it falls to Fergus to transport a spy into the country -- and that means traveling far from Navy-controlled waters. But frogmen are amphibious. And Fergus may not realize it, but he's in a position to change the way the whole world thinks about combat. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch continues his explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops and today's heroic Navy SEALs.

The Emerald Forest (screenplay) - Rospo Pallenberg 1985

The Book of Secrets - M.G. Vassanji 2015-12-29
In 1988, a retired

schoolteacher named Pius Fernandes receives an old diary found in the back room of an East African shop. Written in 1913 by a British colonial administrator, the diary captivates Fernandes, who begins to research the coded history he encounters in its terse, laconic entries. What he uncovers is a story of forbidden liaisons and simmering vengeance, family secrets and cultural exiles--a story that leads him on an investigative journey through his own past and Africa's.

The Hollowing - Robert Holdstock 2005-05-01
A NOVEL IN THE WORLD
FANTASY AWARD-WINNING
MYTHAGO CYCLE Ryhope Wood, Mythago Wood, is the great forest steeped in mystery, whose heart contains secrets that change all who come there. Alex Bradley is a damaged and visionary child. Little does he know that the distorted creations of his mind are alive inside nearby Ryhope Wood. When the forest claims him, his father goes in pursuit, along with a scientific

expedition looking for the secret of "mythago-genesis"... But inside Ryhope, Alex has created a hundred forms of the Trickster--all of them seeking their maker, and all of them deadly. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Complete Frank Miller Spider-Man - Frank Miller 2002

Presenting visionary writer/artist Frank Miller's unique take on the world-famous wall-crawler -- including appearances by the Punisher, Dr. Octopus, Dr. Doom and the Fantastic Four.
The Briar King - Greg Keyes 2008-12-24

"A wonderful tale . . . It crackles with suspense and excitement from start to finish."—Terry Brooks Two thousand years ago, the Born Queen defeated the Skasloi lords, freeing humans from the bitter yoke of slavery. But now monstrous creatures roam the land—and destinies become inextricably entangled in a

drama of power and seduction. The king's woodsman, a rebellious girl, a young priest, a roguish adventurer, and a young man made suddenly into a knight—all face malevolent forces that shake the foundations of the kingdom, even as the Briar King, legendary harbinger of death, awakens from his slumber. At the heart of this many-layered tale is Anne Dare, youngest daughter of the royal family . . . upon whom the fate of her world may depend. Praise for The Briar King "Starts off with a bang, spinning a snare of terse imagery and compelling characters that grips tightly and never lets up. . . . A graceful, artful tale from a master storyteller."—Elizabeth Haydon, bestselling author of Prophecy: Child of Earth "The characters in The Briar King absolutely brim with life. . . . Keyes hooked me from the first page, and I'll now be eagerly anticipating sitting down with each future volume of the Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone series."—Charles de Lint, award-winning author of

Forests of the Heart and The Onion Girl "A thrill ride to the end, with plenty of treachery, revelation, and even a few bombshell surprises."—Monroe News-Star (LA)

The Iron Grail - Robert Holdstock 2005-01-10

"The first is a man who needs you and will use you. He will weaken you dangerously. The second is a man you betrayed, though you believe otherwise. He wishes to kill you and can do so easily. The third is a ship that is more than a ship. She grieves and broods. She will carry you to your grave." These three warnings greet Merlin on his return to Alba, the future England, to the deserted fortress of Taurovinda---the Hill of the White Bull. He is not the only one making the journey: Urtha, High King of the Cornovidi, is coming home to reclaim his stronghold, and Jason is sailing in on the Argo to seek his younger son, hiding somewhere in the kingdom. But Urtha's fortress has been taken by warriors from Ghostland; they claim it as their own. There will be war

against the Otherworld. In this sequel to *Celtika*, Robert Holdstock weaves myth and history into a fabulous tale of honor, death, and magic. At its center, moving along his never-ending path, is Merlin himself, an enchanter in the prime of his life, reckless, curious, powerful, yet a stranger to his own past---a past that is catching up with him. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Mythago Cycle - Robert Holdstock 2007

Ryhope Wood: a tract of English woodland in the Herefordshire countryside wherein reside the creatures and configurations of ancient myth, the mythagos. In Ryhope Wood, ancient secrets and memories, both real and imaginery, take on physical form, from the Green Man and the Wild Hunt to Jason and Taliesen: heroes made flesh - and yet unpredictable, for they change according to how mankind sees and thinks about them. And those who wander

into the shadowed depths of this ancient, primal woodland will never be the same again: they go in seeking adventure, or love, or family, but what they find in Ryhope Wood defies description and changes them for all time.

God of the Abyss - Rain
Oxford 2015-03-13

Dylan's hard-earned peace is short-lived. After facing peril twice and defending Earth from destruction both times, Dylan settles down with his family, only to find himself called to duty once again. The gates of the void are beginning to open, and the gods suspect there is a traitor. Guardians are disappearing, and their powers are vanishing. Old enemies return and Dylan must deal with growing complications. The idea that good will always win in the end is in question. Meanwhile, Mordon's loyalties are put to the test when he faces a poison that threatens to wipe out the remaining dragons. Dylan and Mordon will have to fight the very laws of nature to uncover exactly who has betrayed the

gods. To keep the gates closed and Dylan's devastating vision from coming true, they must use time as a tool, magic as a weapon, and a map as a key. This time, Dylan will have to wage a battle against a force that cannot be destroyed.

The Bone Forest - Robert Holdstock 2012-10-29

Wondrous beings inhabit these woods - creatures born of mythic fable and the mortal subconscious: a snow woman beckons; a scientist succumbs to an age-old madness, tale-tellers weave extraordinary yarns of terrifying primal power. Explore a dark and secret place where daemons roam, where conjurers work their awesome pagan magic in eight stunning short stories of exhilarating imagination by the acclaimed author of *Lavondyss* and the World Fantasy Award-winning classic *Mythago Wood*.

Alien Landscapes - Robert Holdstock 1979-01-01

The wild imaginings of ten science fiction authors are brought to life through color illustrations of artificial worlds, alien earths, planetary cities,

and mysterious civilizations *Gate of Ivory, Gate of Horn* - Robert Holdstock 2014-11-27
Several years ago, Christian Huxley's father, George, obsessively documented the strange phenomena emanating from Ryhope Wood at the edge of their property. He watched the ancient heroes emerge, shouting both incomprehensible warnings and unmistakable invitations. Recklessly, George followed them into the mysterious sylvan shadows that changed him forever. Christian himself was not untouched by these living dreams. A childhood encounter with a phantom from another time draws him to the Wood as an adult. Deep in Ryhope, Christian uncovers the lie that permeates his worst nightmares. And like his father, he will be consumed with the mythagoes of Ryhope, especially a young Celtic warrior called Guiwenneth. She is the key to the mystery of the universe, an ancient heroine caught in a timeless tale of bravery and sacrifice. Now, together with a band of

crusaders from a world long gone, Christian and Guiwenneth become part of the unfolding stories both remembered and forgotten. They meet sorcerers in battle and giants who can travel miles in one step. And they discover the meaning of the two gates, Ivory and Horn - one the lie, the other the truth.

In the Valley of the Statues:
And Other Stories - Robert Holdstock 2013-12-30

From the landscapes of prehistory to 40th millennium AD, from post-war England to the full canvas of the inhabited galaxy, Robert Holdstock's haunting mythic imagination weaves eight stories of arresting power and ingenuity. Includes the original story from which the World Fantasy Award-winning novel, Mythago Wood, was expanded.

Revelator - Daryl Gregory 2021-08-31

ONE OF THE WASHINGTON POST'S BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR • The dark, gripping tale of a 1930's family in the remote hills of the Smoky Mountains, their secret religion, and the

daughter who turns her back on their mysterious god—from the acclaimed author of Spoonbenders. “Gods and moonshine in the Great Depression, written with a tenderness and brutality ... this is as good as novels get.” —Stephen Graham Jones, author of The Only Good Indians In 1933, nine-year-old Stella is left in the care of her grandmother, Motty, in the backwoods of Tennessee. The mountains are home to dangerous secrets, and soon after she arrives, Stella wanders into a dark cavern where she encounters the family's personal god, an entity known as the Ghostdaddy. Years later, after a tragic incident that caused her to flee, Stella—now a professional bootlegger—returns for Motty's funeral, and to check on the mysterious ten-year-old girl named Sunny that Motty adopted. Sunny appears innocent enough, but she is more powerful than Stella could imagine—and she's a direct link to Stella's buried past and her family's

destructive faith. Haunting and wholly engrossing, summoning mesmerizing voices and giving shape to the dark, *Revelator* is a southern gothic tale for the ages.

Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1) - Chris Lynch 2018-11-27

Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same

qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

The Forest Lover - Susan Vreeland 2004-11-30

In her acclaimed novels, Susan Vreeland has given us portraits of painting and life that are as dazzling as their artistic subjects. Now, in *The Forest Lover*, she traces the courageous life and career of Emily Carr, who—more than Georgia O'Keeffe or Frida Kahlo—blazed a path for modern women artists. Overcoming the confines of Victorian culture, Carr became a major force in modern art by capturing an untamed British Columbia and its indigenous peoples just before industrialization changed them forever. From illegal potlatches in tribal communities to artists' studios in pre-World War I Paris, Vreeland tells her story

with gusto and suspense, giving us a glorious novel that will appeal to lovers of art, native cultures, and lush historical fiction.

Merlin's Wood - Robert Holdstock 2014-01-30

In those days Broceliande was a terrible place, an ancient gloomy forest growing over misty dells, forgotten stones, a place of hidden lakes and strangling thickets. Though the true heart of Broceliande could never be found, the stink of its corruption oozed from the edgewood, shedding ghosts like autumn leaves. This was the forest of legend, where Merlin had come to dream his magic and the enchantress Vivien had come to beguile that magic from him. Martin and Rebecca have long since fled the forest, but when they are forced to return years later for their mother's funeral, they are at once ensnared in the forest's net of enchantment, an evil that has held the local villages in a root-strong grip. And when Rebecca gives birth to Daniel, a beautiful child who is deaf, dumb and blind, she finds

herself sucked into a twilight world where she can see only strange, mysterious shadows.

Night Fires - George Edward Stanley 2011-01-04

George Edward Stanley's powerful *Night Fires* explores the influence of the Klan in 1920's Oklahoma, and the danger of succumbing to peer pressure.

The Fetch - Chris Humphreys 2006

After exploring a sea chest full of runes and a journal belonging to his deceased grandfather, fifteen-year-old Sky summons the old man's ghost, who teaches him how to travel through time and space.

Cathedral of Bones - J. G. Lewis 2019-08-11

Salisbury, 1226 A young pregnant woman is found tangled in reeds in the river Avon, her identity a mystery. Grieving widow Ela Longespée is determined to succeed her husband as sheriff of Salisbury, and quickly takes charge of the investigation. She soon finds herself in the thick of a neighborhood scandal and a struggle to maintain her

authority. With multiple suspects, can she identify the true killer? The Ela of Salisbury Medieval Mystery Series This series features a real historical figure—the formidable Ela Longespée. The young Countess of Salisbury was chosen to marry King Henry II's illegitimate son William. After her husband's untimely death, Ela served as High Sheriff of Wiltshire, castellan of Salisbury Castle, and ultimately founder and abbess of Lacock Abbey. The Ela of Salisbury Medieval Mystery series: Book 1: Cathedral of Bones Book 2: Breach of Faith Book 3: The Lost Child Book 4: Forest of Souls Book 5: The Bone Chess Set Book 6: Cloister of Whispers Coming 2022: Book 7: Palace of Thorns

The Mythic Fantasy of Robert Holdstock - Donald E. Morse 2014-01-10

Robert Holdstock was a prolific writer whose oeuvre included horror, fantasy, mystery and the novelization of films, often published under pseudonyms. These twelve critical essays explore Holdstock's varied

output by displaying his works against the backdrop of folk and fairy tales, dissecting their spatiotemporal order, and examining them as psychic fantasies of our unconscious life or as exempla of the sublime. The individual novels of the Mythago Wood sequence are explored, as is Holdstock's early science fiction and the Merlin Codex series.

The Bone Forest - Robert Holdstock 1992

The Rook - Daniel O'Malley 2012-01-11

Now a Starz® Original Series "Utterly convincing and engrossing---totally thought-through and frequently hilarious....Even this aging, jaded, attention-deficit-disordered critic was blown away." --Lev Grossman, Time Myfanwy Thomas awakens in a London park surrounded by dead bodies. With her memory gone, she must trust the instructions left by her former in order to survive. She quickly learns that she is a Rook, a high-level operative in a secret agency that protects the world

from supernatural threats. But there is a mole inside the organization, and this person wants her dead. Battling to save herself, Myfanwy will encounter a person with four bodies, a woman who can enter her dreams, children transformed into deadly fighters, and terrifyingly vast conspiracy. Suspenseful and hilarious, **THE ROOK** is an outrageously imaginative thriller for readers who like their espionage with a dollop of purple slime.

John Boorman's The Emerald Forest - Robert Holdstock 1985

An American construction engineer spends ten years searching for his son, who was kidnapped by Indians of the Brazilian rain forest

Avilion - Robert Holdstock 2010

At the heart of Ryhope Wood, Steven and the mythago

Guiwenneth live in the ruins of a Roman villa close to a haunted fortress from the Iron Age, from which Guiwenneth's myth arose. She is comfortable here, almost tied to the place, and Steven has long since abandoned all thought of returning to his own world. They have animals, protection and crops. They also have two children, a combination of human and mythago. Jack is like his father, an active boy keen to know all about 'the outer world'; Yssobel takes after her mother, even to her long auburn hair. But this idyll cannot last. The hunters who protected Guiwenneth as a child have come to warn her she is in danger. Yssobel is dreaming increasingly of her Uncle Christian, Steven's brother, who disappeared into Lavondyss, and Jack wants to see 'the outer world' more than anything. Events are about to overtake them.