



The Artsy Raven

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Recently I spoke on a few panels at the 16th NASFiC (North American Science Fiction Convention) in Buffalo, New York at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Everyone was super friendly (especially in the Kids Track area) and I highly recommend going to conventions just to talk to like-minded people, from fans of scifi/fantasy/horror to readers and authors. There is nothing like having a debate in person versus on the internet and having a laugh about things over a drink. I also met the guest of honor, Alan Dean Foster, an author whom I read as a child (picture with him above). He is most famous for his novelization of *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, spinning off new directions for the characters of these beloved titles. He was very down to earth and said this was his first con after he stopped doing the circuit ten years ago. Going to NASFiC and meeting Alan was definitely the highlight of July for me!

- JF Garrard

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Ep 59 From Journalism to Writing about Martial Arts with Phoebe An Lee

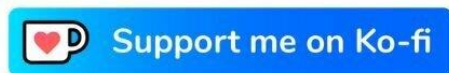
Phoebe An Lee talks to the Artsy Raven about how journalism school helped her writing, why she writes martial arts fantasy novels and what inspires her.

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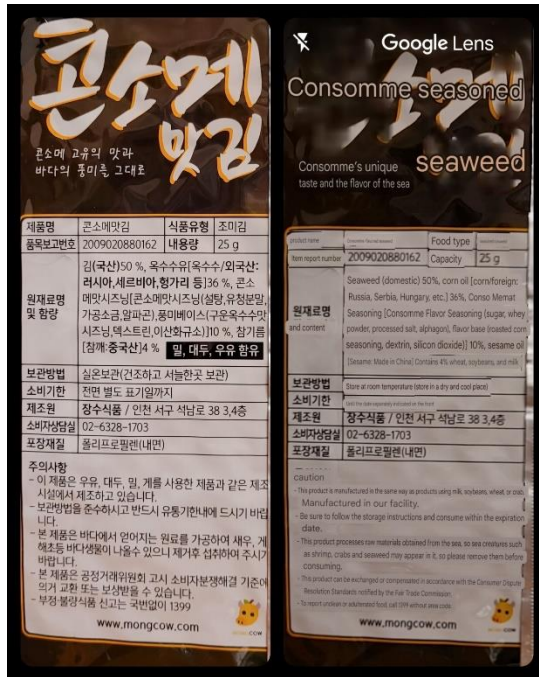


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Artsy Fun - Google Translate Can Save Lives!



After returning from a trip to Seoul, South Korea, I shared some seaweed with family with flavors that can not be found in North America. This picture is the back of the "corn" flavor seaweed package.

However, one family member is allergic to egg, dairy, sesame and nuts. The list of ingredients are in Korean and I wasn't 100% sure if they could eat this snack.

Luckily, my child pointed out that I can use the Google Translate app to find out if my souvenir would kill by accident. I'm not even sure how they knew this, but they were right, Google Translate can be used to read ingredient lists in foreign languages and this is extremely helpful!

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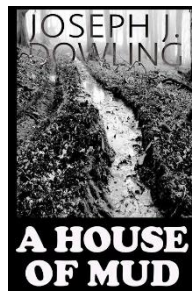


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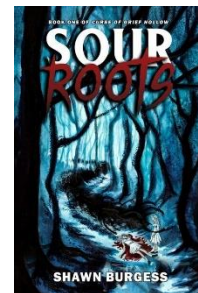
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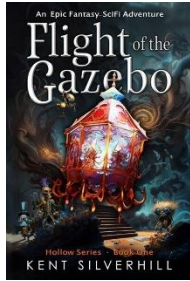
Stone & Sky: Prelude Stories - Series by Z.S. Diamanti (click to download). This is a series of seven fantasy stories about characters from the world of *Stone & Sky*, ranging from Merrick, a human huntsman to Lotmeag, a dwarven warrior.



House of Mud by Joseph J Dowling (click to download). When a family leaves the city for a new life off-grid, they expect to build their dream house well before winter sets in. But the mud has other ideas.



Sour Roots by Shawn Burgess (click to download). When Roger and Gertrude Davis; twin daughters go missing and ominous signs of foul play are evident, a suspect quickly emerges. But not everything is always what it seems.



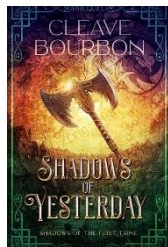
Flight of the Gazebo by Kent Silverhill (click to download). Can an out-of-his-depth human save his home from magic, homicidal aliens? An epic magic fantasy adventure.



Traitor's Gathering by Keith Stevenson (click to download). Earth's Hegemony controls the surrounding alien civilisations with ruthless force. Its aim: dominate the galaxy to protect humanity.



The Melody of Three by Stephen Reeves (click to download). Sorcerer Christaan De Rein doesn't expect to be welcomed with open arms in Liverpool after being banished for nine years, but a cryptic summons from The Musician herself cannot go unanswered.



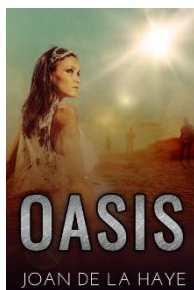
Shadows of Yesterday by Cleave Bourbon (click to download). Lady Shey, Sylvalora, and Gondrial are wielders of magic, investigating strange disturbances coming from the Sacred Land, an old battlefield site turned memorial. What they find is chilling, and it's on the hunt. Will they be able to stop it before it destroys their hope for the future?



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A Flight of Marewings by Kristen S. Walker (click to download). The duke's mage warns that the dancing madness is spreading while the usurping Council does nothing. Warlord Galenos promises to take the city back by force, but then he won't need Korinna. She's not strong enough to fight alongside him—unless she becomes a marewing rider.



Oasis by Joan De La Haye

(click to

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Beneath the ravaged skies, amidst the ruins of civilization, a glimmer of hope survives - New Atlantis, a fortified UN base at the South Pole. But for a family of civilians and a hardened squad of soldiers, reaching that distant oasis means a desperate trek across a nightmare landscape. Hunted by the Others, pushed to their breaking points, can they outrun the shadows of extinction?



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