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Wolf Who Rules

A New Breed of Adventure! Tinker: just a quick-witted girl from Pittsburgh - who happens to be responsible for depositing high elves and her hometown humans into a melting pot of magic. Now the draconian oni seek to destroy the elves by breeding human git to do their evil bidding. But half-breeds who are half-human may not be the slaves the oni imagined. The revolt is on! Its leader A certain newly-minted elven princess from Pittsburgh, PA, by the name of Tinker. The thrilling sequel to Tinker by Wen Spencer, winner of the 2003 John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). \"Wit and intelligence. Buffy fans should find a lot to like in [Spencer's] resourceful heroine.\" 34 Publishers Weekly

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Wood Sprites

Even though they attend a school of gifted students in New York City, child geniuses Louise Mayer and her twin sister Jillian have always felt alone in the world, isolated by their brilliance. Shortly before their ninth birthday, they make an amazing discovery. They\u0090re not alone. Their real mother was astronaut Esme Shenske and their father was the famous inventor, Leonardo Dufae. They have an older sister, Alexander, living on the planet of Elfhome, and four siblings still in cryogenic storage at the fertility center. There\u0090s only one problem: the frozen embryos are scheduled to be destroyed within six months. The race is on to save their baby brother and sisters. As a war breaks out on Elfhome and riots start in New York City, the twins use science and magic to plow over everything standing in their way. But when they come face to face with an ancient evil force, they\u0090re soon in over their heads in danger. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Wen Spencer's Elfhome series: _Spencer's intertwining of current Earth technology and otherworldly elven magic is quite ingenious.Ó _Booklist About Wen Spencer: _Wit and intelligence inform this off-beat, tongue-in-cheek fantasy. . . . Furious action . . . good characterization, playful eroticism and well-developed folklore. . . . lift this well

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A contemporary fantasy of mystery and death as American expats battle Japanese gods and monsters to retrieve an ancient artifact that can destroy the world. On Saturday afternoon, Nikki Delany thought, \"George Wilson, in the kitchen, with a blender.\" By dinner, she had killed George and posted his gory murder to her blog. The next day, she put on her mourning clothes and went out to meet her best friend for lunch to discuss finding a replacement for her love interest. Nikki is a horror novelist. Her choice of career is dictated by an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder that forces her to write stories of death and destruction. She can't control it, doesn't understand it, but can use it to make money anywhere in the world. Currently \"anywhere\" is in Japan, hiding from her mother who sees Nikki's OCD as proof she's mentally unstable. Nikki's fragile peace starts to fall apart when the police arrest her for the murder of an American expatriate. Someone killed him with a blender. Reality starts to unravel around Nikki. She's attacked by a raccoon in a business suit. After a series of blackouts, she\u00990s accompanied by a boy that no one else can see, a boy who claims to be a god. Is she really being pursued by Japanese myths³/₄or is she simply going insane? What Nikki does know for sure is that the bodies are piling up, her mother has arrived in Japan to lock her up for the rest of her life³/₄and her novels always end with everyone dead. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

For The Greater Good

Princess Shara of the High Kingdom survived a mad sorcerer and his demonic master. In the process, she gained a rare and powerful gift, The Divine Key. A power so dangerous that even the archangels fear what might happen. And fear can lead even the mightiest of beings to rash decisions. All in the name of the greater good. Meanwhile, Robert and Blade are enjoying their new life, at least until Blade gets bored with the gladiators. Seeking ever greater excitement, they head for the deadly Serpent Island where they'll have more than snakes to worry about. Looming over them all is the lingering threat of the elder demon Balthis, who, despite his recent setback, still has his sights firmly locked on Shara. Under threat from heaven and hell, can Shara survive long enough to learn the secrets of her new power? Find out in Book 2 of the Divine Key Trilogy.

Project Elfhome

Book 4 in the Elfhome series. Stories exploring the fascinating realm of Elfhome, a world where modern day

Pittsburgh has collided with the kingdom of the Elves. A special entry in the the best-selling Romantic Times Sapphire award winning Elfhome series. Contains some of Wen Spencer's best shorter works including gems \"Bare Snow Falling on Fairywood,\" \"Pittsburgh Backyard and Garden,\" \"Peace Offering," and more tales set in the world of best-selling Elfhome series entries Tinker, Wolf Who Rules, Elfhome, and Wood Sprites! Pittsburgh: a sprawling modern Earth city stranded in the heart of a virgin forest on Elfhome. Sixty thousand humans, twenty thousand black-winged tengu, ten thousand elves, an unknown number of invading oni, four unborn siblings of an elf princess, three dragons, and a pair of nine-year olds geniuses. For every story written, there's a thousand others not told. Lives interweave. Fates intersect. People change one another, often without realizing the impact they've made on others. They come together like a mosaic, little pieces creating a greater picture. Project Elfhome tells the stories of those impacted by Tinker and Windwolf as they struggle to make Pittsburgh a safe haven. Some of the characters are familiar: Stormsong, Pony, Blue Sky, and Lain. Others are new to readers. Law forages for wild plants and fish to sell to elf enclaves. A social misfit, she drives a hundred year old Dodge, has a pet porcupine, and saves damsels in distress in her spare time. A mysterious phone call sets her on a collision course with danger as she races to save a young female elf. Jane Kryskill is the producer for the popular TV series Pittsburgh Backyard and Garden. She spends her days keeping her host, Hal Rogers, from getting himself killed as he takes on man eating plants. She's not happy when the network drops famed naturalist Nigel Reid and his cameraman in her lap to film Chased by Monsters. Olivia is sixteen, a runaway wife of a religious cultist, an illegal immigrant, and soon to be a mother. As Pittsburgh plunges into war, she makes a desperate bargain with the mad elf lord, Forest Moss. As the war between the elves and the oni builds to a head, these three women struggle with their own problems, supported by a circle of unique friends, yet entangled with each other. About Project Elfhome: "This collection of short stories, many released previously, provide background and enrichment for the world of Elfhome... the result is spectacular. A definite must read ...\"—Booklist About Wen Spencer's Elfhome series: "Spencer's intertwining of current Earth technology and otherworldly elven magic is quite ingenious."—Booklist \"[M]aintains the series' solid quality. . . . The girls are endearing without being twee, and bright but not implausibly brilliant, and Spencer's prose remains engaging. The melange of science fiction and fantasy tropes, starships rubbing shoulders with proud elf warriors, is uncommon but tasty. Established fans will enjoy this installment, and those unfamiliar with the series or Spencer may find it an intriguing introduction to her work.\"—Publishers Weekly About Wen Spencer: "Wit and intelligence inform this off-beat, tongue-in-cheek fantasy. . . . Furious action . . . good characterization, playful eroticism and well-developed folklore. . . . lift this well above the fantasy average. . . . Buffy fans should find a lot to like in the book's resourceful heroine."—Publishers Weekly on series debut Tinker About Wen Spencer's Eight Million Gods: \"Eight Million Gods is a wonderfully weird romp through Japanese mythology, culture shock, fan culture and the ability to write your own happy ending. It is diverting and entertaining fantasy.\"—Galveston County Daily News The Elfhome Series Tinker Wolf Who Rules Elfhome Wood **Sprites**

Elf in the House

A little girl wakes up on Christmas Eve and hears different sounds while she walks through the house.

Black Wolves of Boston

From the Romantic Times Sapphire award winning author of the Internationally best-selling Elfhome series. REBUILD A LIFE, SAVE A CITY A vampire struggling to find his purpose. A Virtue, pledged to hunt evil but unable to live alone in a city of strangers who know nothing about monsters. A sixteen-year-old ward of the Wolf King. A college-bound high school senior whose life is shattered when he wakes up in a field, covered in blood. These four must come together to unravel a plot by Wickers, witches who gain power from human sacrifices and have the power to turn any human into their puppet. Four people who have lost everything must struggle to save Boston by saving each other. About Wen Spencer's Elfhome series: "Spencer's intertwining of current Earth technology and otherworldly elven magic is quite ingenious." —Booklist \"The melange of science fiction and fantasy tropes, starships rubbing shoulders with proud elf

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Children of Darkness

A new omnibus collecting the first three volumes of the Vampire Hunter D horror novel series! It is 12,090 A.D., thousands of years since the human race nearly destroyed itself in a nuclear war--a folly foreseen by those who waited to emerge out of the underground...not from shelters, but from crypts! The aristocratic vampire lords known as the Nobles inherited our world, and with dark science and immortal patience made real the things that mortals had merely dreamed, whether voyaging to the distant stars, or conjuring monsters to roam the Earth. Yet the grand civilization of the Nobles has grown decadent, and as the terrorized remnants of humanity at last found the strength to rebel, their undying lords have been pushed back to the Frontier--the violent borderlands where humans still remain the prey of vampires, who for all their knowledge and power have never lost their obsession with our living flesh, blood...and souls! In this bizarre and deadly far future the most dangerous thing of all is not a vampire, but the one who hunts them--the one who is half them--a dhampir, the unearthly beautiful wanderer known as D. The Vampire Hunter D Omnibus collects the first three novels in author Hideyuki Kikuchi's adventure horror series: Vampire Hunter D, Raiser of Gales, and Demon Deathchase. Illustrated by Final Fantasy artist Yoshitaka Amano, this book is only the beginning of a legend!

Vampire Hunter D Omnibus: Book One

With the Chamber of Eternity secure, Otto must now recover the second piece of the Immortality Engine. But that task will be far from easy. For the second piece, The Heart of Alchemy, lies far to the east in the fabled Celestial Empire. Assassins, undead, monstrous beast, and demon worshippers all stand between Otto and his prize. And even more daunting, Valtan, the last living arcane lord, is determined to stop him. The cost be damned. Can Otto overcome the forces arrayed against him and take the next step down the road to immortality? Find out in The Heart of Alchemy, the sixth book in the Portal Wars Saga.

The Heart of Alchemy

The road to immortality is a long one. With the empire secure, Otto turns his focus west. The first piece of The Immortality Engine lies across the ocean in Lord Colt's Workshop. Complicating Otto's mission, Eddred of Markane already in Colt's Land trying to persuade them to help him defeat the empire. Can Otto navigate a web of politics and intrigue unlike anything he's ever encountered? Or will his mission fail before he even reaches Colt's Workshop?

The Chamber of Eternity

After a long and brutal conflict, the war is over. Otto controls all the portals on the continent and Garenland has made vassals of the other kingdoms. But some people can't accept defeat. While Otto hunts King Villares in Rolan, Axel chases Prince Uther across Straken. With Markane scheming to help their enemies, the future of the New Garen Empire is far from certain. Even worse, the Wizards Guild is challenging Otto for leadership of the empire's wizards and they'll use any means necessary to win. The war may be over, but the battles are far from won.

The Master of Magic

For generations the Dragonriders protected Dragonspire Village Now Yaz has to rescue them. He only hopes that they know where his father was taken. Meanwhile, the Dark Sages have finally captured Ariel. With her in their grasp, they set out to seize the final Dragonspire. Only a mad cult stands between them and fulfilling their mad ambitions. Can Yaz free the Dragonriders and find his father before it's too late?

The Sunken Tower

1. Wen Spencer, a Campbell Award-winner, has written three popular SF novels for ROC, combining the world of the hard-boiled private eye with situations straight out of the X-Files. 2. Spencer's first novel, Alien Taste, received a four-star review from Romantic Times, which raved that her "timing is impeccable and the denouement stunning." 3. Ads in Locus, more. 4. Teaser chapter included for Eye of the Storm by David Weber. The appearance of the warp drive from the long lost Fenrir spaceship triggers an epic quest for Captain Mikhail Volkov. According to the drive's computers, Fenrir had been lost to hypothetical "nowhere" of subspace, but with the drive's housing covered with coral and sea life, obviously Fenrir has gone somewhere. Faced with genocide at the hands of the alien Nefrim, humans need a miracle to survive. On the chance that Fenrir's mysterious location holds such a miracle, Mikhail jumps into the unknown and crashes into the endless blue of the Sargasso Sea. Every ship that misjumped from any race that discovered travel through subspace has crashed into its waters, creating a graveyard of rusting spaceships. On the Sargasso's great oceans, humans live alongside aliens in uneasy peace. His ship damaged, his younger foster brother lost, and his sanity rattled, Mikhail discovers a secret that might save the human race—but only if he can repair his ship and return home.

Endless Blue

She's taken over a thousand slaves from the city, and now they're in the forest. They're ill equipped, poorly clothed, and in an alien environment. She's taking them north as winter approaches. Monsters, enemies, and old magics hamper the trail, and then there's the ghost of her ancestor. It's a long road to Elfhome, and not all are going to make it.

The Road Home

Abandoned as a child, Ukiah Oregon was found running with a wolf pack. Now considered one of the greatest trackers in the country, this private investigator puts his nose to the ground to track down missing fugitives. When he crosses paths with a criminal gang called the Pack, Ukiah discovers just how much he has in common with the Pack.

Alien Taste

Elizabeth Ann Scarborough's The Godmother puts a new twist on contemporary fantasy with the assertion that fairy godmothers exist here and now, and they have magical power that allows them to intervene in real-world problems. What if someone wished a fairy godmother would help the entire city of Seattle? An overworked, overstressed social worker named Rose Samson does just that when she makes an idle wish on a mustard seed. Felicity Fortune of "Godmothers Anonymous" shows up to help. Rose Samson is neither fashion model beautiful, nor a twit, and she happily joins forces with Felicity Fortune, a "Godmother" who demonstrates that Grimm's fairy tales are still relevant in our humdrum modern world. Fairy godmothers are on a magical budget, so every possible way they can get human beings or animals to assist one another, they will try, rather than using up their magical means. Felicity encounters many strangely familiar situations: a pretty stablehand named Cindy Ellis is mistreated by her cruel stepsisters. A rock star's daughter, scared of the supermodel her dad married, runs away from home and meets seven Vietnam veterans at an encounter session and retreat. One of them might be a big bad wolf, who knows? In all their experiences, Rose and

Felicity try to blend their magical aid with realistic human initiative and social responsibility. Scarborough's fully realized settings, with the humor built into the mix of magical solutions and grim reality, make this work an entertaining and compelling read.

The Godmother

Otto Shenk is the youngest son of a minor baron and a wizard. Abused by his family and considered less than human by his kingdom, Otto does his best to survive. But everything changes when Otto stumbles across a tower hidden deep in a dark part of the forest near his home. A tower that was once the home of an Arcane Lord, the immortal wizards that long ago ruled the world. Otto's life will be changed forever. And so will the world.

The Hidden Tower

They Thought They Knew How The Universes Worked34 THEY WERE WRONG In the almost two centuries since the discovery of the first inter-universal portal, Arcana has explored scores of other worlds . . . all of them duplicates of their own. Multiple Earths, virgin planets with a twist, because the \"explorers\" already know where to find all of their vast, untapped natural resources. Worlds beyond worlds, effectively infinite living space and mineral wealth. And in all that time, they have never encountered another intelligent species. No cities, no vast empires, no civilizations and no equivalent of their own dragons, gryphons, spells, and wizards. But all of that is about to change. It seems there is intelligent life elsewhere in the multiverse. Other human intelligent life, with terrifying new weapons and powers of the mind . . . and wizards who go by the strange title of \"scientist.\" At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). \"Packs enough punch to blast a starship to smithereens.\" 34Publisher's Weekly on David Weber's \"Honorverse\" series \"It is impossible not to be entertained, delighted, even enthralled by this splendid piece of storytelling.\" 34Booklist \". . . an outstanding blend of military/technical writing balanced by superb character development and an excellent degree of human drama . . . very highly recommended.\"

Hell's Gate

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About Book: Four good friends from Bangalore are mysteriously transported to another world called Magika. This is a world of magic and is populated by Elves, Dwarves, Giants and other such fantastic creatures! Upon arrival, they are told that they've been brought here to help as an evil sorcerer - the Dark One - has stolen The Magic Cup, and now wants to take over the world of Magika. Hearing this and having no way to return home, the children agree to join a quest to get the Magic Cup back from the Dark One. Accompanying them are a dwarf, an elf, and a troll. On the way to the Damned Lands where the Dark One dwells, they encounter strange beings, face challenges and attacks, and have many adventures. Their bond of friendship grows stronger and they discover the reason why they've been brought to this world to help. In the Damned Lands, they finally come face to face with the Dark One who wields the most powerful magic of all. Will the children survive? Will they ever return to Earth? Or will the Dark One use the Magic Cup to become the Lord of Magika? About the Author: rajesh k k has been writing short stories for children for the past fifteen years and has published in leading newspapers and magazines. Earlier in his career, he worked in large IT companies but has now taken up writing full-time. This is his first book.

The Magic Cup: A World of Magika Novel

Magic of Light By Tom Costa For thirty years, the Dark Magic has laid dormant in The World. But now, a Dark Witch is rising, and no one in Farion is safe. Can the Alliance find a new Master of Light Magic in time

to stop her from destroying everything they hold dear? Join brothers Kit and Rune Marco as they chase their destinies from their farming home in Doora across the lands of Farion on a quest to defeat the Dark Magic. With the help of Elves, Centaurs, and the Grand Wizard, the Marcos will battle Orcs and Giants and the creatures of the Dark Magic. But will it be enough to save The World once and for all?

Magic of Light

THE GODDESS OF WAR RIDES, HERALDED BY STORM FURIES The oni have invaded Pittsburgh on Elfhome. And, so far, it looks like they are winning. All this is according to prophecy. But the prophecy is big on symbols and light on specifics. Tinker and her allies are doing the best they can to defend the city and the civilians caught in the crossfire of a war between elves that's been brewing for centuries. But the enemy has no hesitation whatsoever in involving innocents. All the pieces in this deadly game are in place—and everyone trusts Tinker will save them. All she needs is a plan. And then the lights go out, and the storm begins to rage . . . At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). Praise for Wen Spencer: "Each and every character is fascinating, extraordinarily well-developed, and gets right under your skin . . . A terrific, memorable story." —Julie E. Czerneda, author of In the Company of Others "Spencer takes her readers on a fast-paced journey into disbelief. [Her] timing is impeccable and the denouement stunning." —Romantic Times four-star review "This novel [Alien Taste] is keeper-shelf material." —BookBrowser "Wonderfully inventive . . . a fun protagonist." —Locus

Storm Furies

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Formed from cold steel and superpowered computing brains, these gigantic tanks with the firepower of an entire army have been the decisive factors in interplanetary battle. But are humans worthy of the extraordinary instruments of war that they have created? Are the Worldbreakers the greatest protector of human liberty, or its worst threat? For, while these Worldbreakers very definitely have minds of their own, the question remains: within their iron and superluminal quantum breasts, does there lie a faithful heart? Stories of world breakers and world makers in the great tradition of Keith Laumer's Bolos from David Weber, Larry Correia, Wen Spencer, and more! At the publisher's request, this title is sold without Digital Rights Management (DRM). About Star Destroyers, edited by Tony Daniel & Christopher Ruocchio: "... spectacular space battles and alien contacts ... themes of military ethics, the uses of artificial intelligence, and the limits of the capacity of the human mind. ... it is the human interactions and decisions that ultimately drive the stories. ... will appeal to fans of military and hard science fiction and any readers fascinated by the possibilities of space travel."—Booklist "... stories of giant spaceships at war, at peace, and in the often-gray areas between. ... a worthy addition to a long tradition of ship-based fiction, and its authors portray captains, arcane astrogators, and civilian child passengers with equal depth. It's

recommended for fans of military SF and space adventure."—Publishers Weekly "... you'd probably expect some tight, action-filled space opera stories of giant space battles ... and there's some of that. But there are also espionage stories, rescue missions, political conflicts, alternate histories, even a few humorous tales. ... each author took the premise in a different direction . . . if I had to identify one common feature to all the stories, it would be that they're all fun. . . . Like it says, big ships blowing things up. What's not to like?"—Analog

World Breakers

"Plain-language, kid-friendly introductions to socialist politics . . . striking allegories that remain pertinent now, even on the other side of the Atlantic."—J. C. Pan, The Atlantic In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, unique tales inspired by traditional literary forms appeared frequently in socialist-leaning British periodicals, such as the Clarion, Labour Leader, and Social Democrat. Based on familiar genres—the fairy tale, fable, allegory, parable, and moral tale—and penned by a range of lesser-known and celebrated authors, including Schalom Asch, Charles Allen Clarke, Frederick James Gould, and William Morris, these stories were meant to entertain readers of all ages—and some challenged the conventional values promoted in children's literature for the middle class. In Workers' Tales, acclaimed critic and author Michael Rosen brings together more than forty of the best and most enduring examples of these stories in one beautiful volume. Throughout, the tales in this collection exemplify themes and ideas related to work and the class system, sometimes in wish-fulfilling ways. In "Tom Hickathrift," a little, poor person gets the better of a gigantic, wealthy one. In "The Man Without a Heart," a man learns about the value of basic labor after testing out more privileged lives. And in "The Political Economist and the Flowers," two contrasting gardeners highlight the cold heart of Darwinian competition. Rosen's informative introduction describes how such tales advocated for contemporary progressive causes and countered the dominant celebration of Britain's imperial values. The book includes archival illustrations, biographical notes about the writers, and details about the periodicals where the tales first appeared. Provocative and enlightening, Workers' Tales presents voices of resistance that are more relevant than ever before.

Workers' Tales

Betrayed! The battle with the Demon King was fierce, but in the end, Danny emerged victorious and alive. At least, he was alive until his teacher and ally, the elf-blood Lyra, stabbed him in the back, literally. Unbeknownst to those who wanted him dead, Danny had made prior arrangements to return should the worst happen. Though he'd expected the Demon King to be the one who killed him, the magic worked just as well when Lyra did the killing. Alive once more, Danny takes the name Ronin, and sets out on the path of an adventurer unaware that, despite her death, the Demon King's dark plans continue to unfold. Can Danny set aside his anger to save the Five Kingdoms or will he let it all burn?

The Saga Library

In the magical woodland realm, two lovers from two races, Prince Caer of the woodland elves and Princess Andra of the woodland dwarfs, are forced to take a quest and seek the counsel of the mythical Old Ones after their parents forbade them to marry, believing that the princess may never conceive an heir since the couple come from different races. Together with the prince's fearsome personal guards who call themselves the Companions, and a huge ax-wielding dwarf named Taydon, the princess's sworn protector, they journey through mystical lands filled with beguiling fairies, flesh-eating goblins, and blood-thirsty vines in a journey that would test the group's loyalty and resolve, and the young couple's love. And just when they thought they had survived it all, they unknowingly attract sinister company. Lurking unseen in the shadows, the gruesome creature finds the scent of the lovely young princess irresistible. The Quest takes fantasy to a whole new level in a deeply entrancing story of young love, friendship, and breaking age-old boundaries.

The Saga Library: The stories of the kings of Norway called the round of the world (Heimskringla), by Snorri Sturluson

From the Romantic Times Sapphire award winning author of the Internationally best-selling Elfhome series. REBUILD A LIFE, SAVE A CITY Silas Decker had his world destroyed when he was attacked by vampires outside of New Amsterdam. He has rebuilt his life a dozen times in the last three hundred years—each time less and less successfully. Now he lives alone, buried under a hoarding habit, struggling to find some reason to wake up with the setting of the sun. Eloise is a Virtue, pledged to hunting evil. What she doesn't know is how to live alone in a city full of strangers who know nothing about monsters. Seth is the sixteen-year old Prince of Boston, ward of the Wolf King. Now he is left in a city that desperately needs his protection with enemies gathering all around. Joshua believes he is a normal, college-bound high school senior. His life is shattered when he wakes up in a field, covered with blood, and the prom committee scattered in pieces about him like broken dolls. These four must now come together to unravel a plot by Wickers, witches who gain power from human sacrifices and have the power to turn any human into their puppet. Four people who lost everything struggle to save Boston by saving each other. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Wen Spencer's Elfhome series: "Spencer's intertwining of current Earth technology and otherworldly elven magic is quite ingenious." —Booklist \"The melange of science fiction and fantasy tropes, starships rubbing shoulders with proud elf warriors, is uncommon but tasty. Established fans will enjoy this installment, and those unfamiliar with the series or Spencer may find it an intriguing introduction to her work.\"—Publishers Weekly About Wen Spencer: "Wit and intelligence inform this off-beat, tongue-in-cheek fantasy. . . . Furious action . . . good characterization, playful eroticism and well-developed folklore. . . . lift this well above the fantasy average. . . . Buffy fans should find a lot to like in the book's resourceful heroine."—Publishers Weekly on series debut Tinker About Wen Spencer's Eight Million Gods: Eight Million Gods is a wonderfully weird romp through Japanese mythology, culture shock, fan culture and the ability to write your own happy ending. It is diverting and entertaining fantasy.\"—Galveston County Daily News

The Birth of Ronin

SIZE MATTERS From the dragons of legend to Jack the Giant Killer\u0090s colleague to King Kong and Godzilla, people have found the idea of giant creatures both scary and fascinating. Why so many should find accounts of a critter big enough to gulp down a puny human like an insignificantly small hor d\u0090oeuvre or step on said human and leave a grease spot might be explained by the psychologists, but such yarns are undeniable fun, and here\u0090s a book crammed full of things that you can\u0090t outrun because they take bigsteps, by writers with equally large reputations, including: David Drake, best-selling author of the Hammer\u0090s Slammers and RCN series, describes the far future plight of an unusual descendant of present-day humans, who\u0090s being pursued by the descendants of another species, which are much larger than they were in our time. Robert Bloch, winner of the Hugo award and the lifetime achievement award of the World Fantasy Convention, and author of the classic horror novel Psycho, introduces an unusual orphan and aspiring thespian who was much more than he seemed and was destined to play the biggest role of anyone\u0090s lifetime. Philip Wylie, co-author of the SF classic, When Worlds Collide and other imaginative works, tells of the arrival of a very,_very_tall giant on Earth and what happened next, in a sharp-edged satiric tale. Murray Leinster, known as the Dean of Science Fiction Writers, spins a yarn of a stranded starship whose crew must get replacement parts from an abandoned outpost in order to take off again¾if they can reach the outpost through the swarming gigantic insect life of the planet. H.P. Lovecraft, renowned master of horror, is on board with a story of a star-spawned thing which was not only huge, but invisible as well. Plus all-new stories by New York Times best-selling author Larry Correia, and award-winning authors Sarah A. Hoyt and Wen Spencer. And much more. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About some of the contributors: [David Drake is] a superb storyteller. Ó ¾Library Journal [Robert] Bloch has become a virtual fixture on the popular culture landscape. Ó ³/₄Publishers Weekly Don\u0090t plan on getting anything else done if you start a Wen Spencer novel; they are exceedingly hard to put down!Ó 3/4Catherine Asaro, Nebula Award winning author

_[Sarah A. Hoyt\u0090s science fiction is] exciting and appealing . . . so fast-paced . . . the reader will reach escape velocity. Ó $\frac{3}{4}$ Kevin J. Anderson _[H.P. Lovecraft was] the twentieth century\u0090s greatest practitioner of the classic horror tale. Ó $\frac{3}{4}$ Stephen King

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