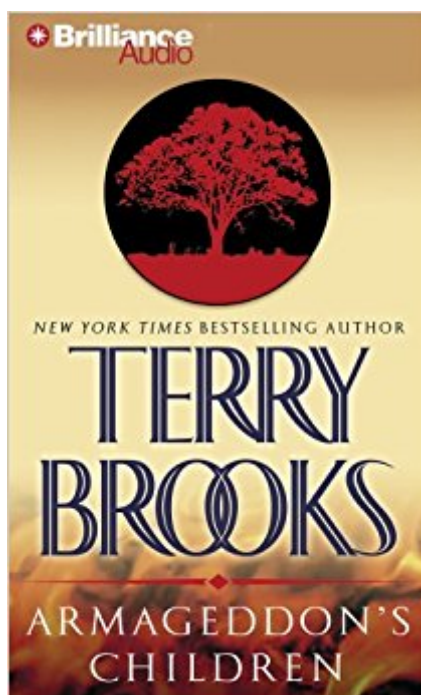


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Armageddon's Children (Genesis Of Shannara)



Synopsis

Terry Brooks is one of a handful of writers whose work defines modern fantasy fiction. His twenty-three international bestsellers have ranged from the beloved Shannara series to stories that tread a much darker path. *Armageddon's Children* is a new creation - the perfect opportunity for listeners unfamiliar with Brooks's previous work to experience an author at the height of his considerable storytelling powers. It is a gripping chronicle of a once-familiar world now spun shockingly out of control, in which an extraordinary few struggle to salvage hope in the face of terrifying chaos. Logan Tom is doomed to remember the past and determined to rescue the future. Far behind him lies a boyhood cut violently short by his family's slaughter, when the forces of madness and hate swept our world after decadent excesses led to civilization's downfall. Somewhere ahead of him rests the only chance to beat back the minions of evil that are systematically killing and enslaving the last remnants of humanity. Navigating the scarred and poisoned landscape that once was America and guided by a powerful talisman, Logan has sworn an oath to seek out a remarkable being born of magic, possessed of untold abilities, and destined to lead the final fight against darkness. Across the country, Angel Perez, herself a survivor of the malevolent death-dealing forces combing the land, has also been chosen for an uncanny mission in the name of her ruined world's salvation. From the devastated streets of Los Angeles, she will journey to find a place - and a people - shrouded in mystery, celebrated in legend, and vital to the cause of humankind . . . even as a relentless foe follows close behind, bent on her extermination. Meanwhile, in the nearly forsaken city of Seattle, a makeshift family of refugees has carved out a tenuous existence among the street gangs, mutants, and marauders fighting to stay alive against mounting odds - and something unspeakable that has come from the shadows in search of prey. In time, all their paths will cross. Their common purpose will draw them together. Their courage and convictions will be tested and their fates will be decided, as their singular crusade begins: to take back, or lose forever, the only world they have. In *Armageddon's Children*, Brooks brings his gifts as a mythmaker to the timeless theme of the unending, essential conflict between darkness and light - and carries his unique imaginative vision to a stunning new level. Prepare for a breathtaking tour de force. To those who are new to Terry Brooks, welcome. And to those who have read him for many years: prepare for a dramatic surprise.

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Starred Review. In this exciting first of a new fantasy trilogy, bestseller Brooks effortlessly connects the Tolkien-infused magic of his Shannara books (*First King of Shannara*, etc.) with the urban, postapocalyptic world of his *Word and the Void* series (*Running with the Demon*, etc.). The author envisions a chilling near-future U.S., where civilization has collapsed from environmental degradation, plagues, global warfare and supernatural threats. The last surviving members of the Knights of the Word, Logan Tom and Angel Perez, seek to keep the "balance of the world's magic in check" as they battle the Void—embodied by demons, their leader Findo Cask and their vicious human mutant counterparts known as "once-men." The Ghosts, an endearing tribe of street teens led by the resourceful Hawk, also scabble for survival. Meanwhile, the human-demon war threatens the coexisting Elven nation. Longtime Brooks fans and newcomers will be riveted as the fate of the human and Elven worlds hangs in the balance. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

i love fantasy and science fiction, and find this series deliveries on both. Terry Brooks at his best. I

got little sleep in reading this series! Brooks manages multiple characters and plots well, after all he is a master story teller! I'm proud to be a North-westerner living in Washington. If you have ever lived in the Seattle area or visited it, this series will feel comfortable to you.

LOVE THIS NOVEL! I am a huge fan of Terry Brooks, and this is definitely one of his better novels! Completely nail-biting at places, lots of strong characters (male and female), and rarely a dull moment. HOWEVER, if you are new to this author, this is NOT a good one to start with, as it is the mid-point between two other major trilogies and refers to characters and events in his other works. If you want to start reading Terry Brooks, start with "Running with the Demon" or "Sword of Shannara", and save this one for later.

Terry Brooks is a master story teller. With the Genesis of Shannara Trilogy he links the Word and the Void series and the Shannara series. For a long time people have made snubs at Mr. Brooks, calling his Shannara series a knock off of Tolkien, and to be fair, J.R.R Tolkien did more than just create wonderful stories, he created entire genre that many writers, artists and film makers immerse themselves in continually. Mr. Brooks first book, "Sword of Shannara" is more of an homage to this excellent genre. But with every subsequent work, Mr. Brooks reveals a very distinct and separate world of its own. The Word and the Void series, (which I strongly encourage people to read before the Genesis trilogy) reveals something very intriguing and something that readers had suspected for a long time, that the world of Shannara is not set in an ancient world, but the future of our own world. Armageddon's Children takes up where the Word and the Void series ends and starts the journey from a post apocalyptic Earth, to the world of Shannara.

Terry Brooks's "Armageddon's Children" is the first book in the "Genesis of Shannara" trilogy, which serves as a prequel to the Shannara books and the Word and the Void books. After growing up a big fan of the Shannara books, I was excited to read about how the Shannara world was created from our world. The setting of the books - a post-apocalyptic America, with demons hunting the remnants of humanity, who have holed up in compounds - is fairly interesting, but the story itself isn't. There are four subplots (with flashbacks for some of the characters) that aren't treated equally, and the book jumps around between the subplots randomly. And finally, at the end, not only does Brooks not tie the story lines together, he ends the book with a cliffhanger. I was ultimately disappointed in this book. The subplots jumped around too much, often confusingly, to make me really care about the characters, and even with the cliffhanger at the end, I doubt I'll read the rest of

the series.

It has been a few years since I'd read a Shannara series book and picking up where I'd left off with *Armageddon's Children* reminded me how much I'd enjoyed this continuing saga. It started back in 1977 with "The Sword of Shannara" and 38 years later Terry Brooks is still weaving this tapestry with its threads connecting the modern world of human kind and that of ancient and current Faerie. This edition of the saga is riveting and suspenseful with characters you cheer for and worry about and others you want to see meet very bad ends. I'm now on the next book, "The Elves of Cintra" which I most highly recommend, as well.

Long ago I read the *Elfstones*, *Wishsong*, and *Sword of Shannara* and loved them all. Terry Brooks is a master storyteller. The new MTV show *The Chronicles of Shannara* renewed my interest in these books and I learned that Mr. Brooks had written prequels to the earlier Shannara series. I quickly downloaded *Armageddon's Children* and read it voraciously. So good...I'm now deep into *The Elves of Cintra* (excellent) and excited about the rest of the books in the Shannara saga.

What a great fantasy!

Good book. Great service.

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