

Urban Fantasy, Dark Fantasy and Fairy Tale Fantasy

Urban Fantasy has elements of magic set in contemporary, real world, urban settings. Urban Fantasy is often combined with other fantasy genres such as Dark Fantasy. **Dark Fantasy** is a subset of contemporary fantasy that has a tendency towards horror and gothic. The following authors write Urban and/or Dark Fantasy.

- Clive Barker
- Elizabeth Bear
- Holly Black
- William Peter Blatty
- Francesca Lia Block
- Ray Bradbury
- Patricia Briggs
- Phil Brucato
- Emma Bull
- Jim Butcher
- Rachel Caine
- Mike Carey
- Cathy Clamp
- Cassandra Clare
- Elaine Cunningham
- Charles de Lint
- John M. Ford
- Lori Foster
- Jeaniene Frost
- Neil Gaiman
- Laurell K. Hamilton
- Charlaine Harris
- Kim Harrison
- Robin Hobb
- Stephen King
- Sergei Lukyanenko
- Yasmine Galenorn
- Laura Anne Gilman
- Chris Marie Green
- Simon Green
- Mark Helprin
- Barb Hendee
- Caitlín R. Kiernan
- China Miéville
- C.E. Murphy
- Anne Rice
- Kat Richardson
- Wen Spencer

- Rob Thurman
- Carrie Vaughn
- Rachel Vincent
- Terri Windling

Fairy Tale Fantasy is distinguished from other subgenres of fantasy by the works' heavy use of motifs, and often plots, from folklore.

- Pamela Dean's *Tam Lin*
- Emma Donoghue's *Kissing the Witch*
- Kristine Grayson's *Thoroughly Kissed*
- Gail Carson Levine's *Ella Enchanted*
- Gail Carson Levine's *Ever*
- Gail Carson Levine's *Fairest*
- Gregory Maguire's *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*
- Robin McKinley's *Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast*
- Robin McKinley's *Spindle's End*
- Donna Jo Napoli's *Beast*
- Donna Jo Napoli's *Zel*
- Edith Pattou's *East*
- Diane Stanley's *Bella at Midnight*
- Kurt Vonnegut's *Bluebeard*
- Jane Yolen's *Briar Rose*

We own several collections of short fairy tale inspired/based stories edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling

- *Black Swan, White Raven*
- *Black Heart, Ivory Bones*
- *Silver Birch, Blood Moon*
- *Swan Sister*
- *The Faery Reel*

