

# JABberwocky News Spring 2014

## NEW PROJECTS

We are very thrilled to let you know that Brandon Sanderson has a new project forthcoming titled WHITE SAND! This is a graphic novel based on a previously unpublished work by Sanderson, which will be fully integrated with the universe he calls the Cosmere. This project will be published as a series of three graphic novels, the first of which will be released in 2015. For more information, you can read the full press release at: <https://www.dynamite.com/htmlfiles/pressrelshow.html?display=PR05281436121>.

Brandon Sanderson is also hard at work on several sequels. He is now on his third draft of FIREFIGHT (Reckoners #2), on the second draft of LEGION: SKIN DEEP, and in the prewriting stage of the Rithmatist sequel, all of which have expected publication dates within the next year.

Speaking of long awaited sequels, Peter V. Brett is optimistic about having a finished draft of the fourth Demon Cycle novel by the end of summer for an expected release by summer 2015.

## AWARD NEWS

In award news, Mark Hodder's THE SECRET OF ABDU EL YEZDI is a finalist for the 2013 Best Long-Form Alternate History! This is the second book in his Burton & Swinburne series to be nominated for this award, with *Expedition to the Mountains of the Moon* nominated last year. The winners will be announced in London at Loncon 3, the 72nd Annual World Science Fiction Convention, the weekend of August 14th.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS

We're pleased to share that we now represent the translation rights for many titles from Tachyon Publications, the U.S. publisher of *The Emperor's Soul*. Some of our newly acquired titles include THE VERY BEST OF TAD WILLIAMS, a newly released career retrospective from one of the most beloved fantasy authors, as well as several anthologies edited by the acclaimed Ellen Datlow. I have attached the full title list for your reference.

We also recently took on the estate of literary fantasist and cult favorite R.A. Lafferty, whose work has influenced a generation of literary fantasy writers such as Neil Gaiman. We have several multi-book offers under negotiation in the UK and a multi-book deal with Audible in the works. We are in the process of preparing materials for submission, which may involve converting print copies to digital format, as many of his titles are rare and difficult to find. Please let us know if you are aware of any existing translations for R.A. Lafferty or any publishers that would be interested in taking a look!

## NEW REVIEWS AND SALES UPDATES

Earlier this year, Orbit released a new UK edition of Elizabeth Moon's beloved SPEED OF DARK, which was chosen as the Hodderscape Review Project selection for May. Even ten years after its original publication, SPEED OF DARK is receiving wonderful new reviews, deemed by Civilian Reader to be "A superb, endearing, and moving modern classic." Quicksilver Reads has called it "a beautiful deconstruction of identity and self, conformism and prejudice. It's a fascinating read." Visit the Hodderscape Website to read more reviews! <http://www.hodderscape.co.uk/review-project/>

It has only been a little over a year since Marie Brennan's A NATURAL HISTORY OF DRAGONS hit the shelves, but the hardcover is already on its sixth trip back to press! The trade paperback is already in its second printing after only four months on sale. THE TROPIC OF SERPENTS was released in March and the *New York Times* called it "a rollicking adventure."

Also released this spring was MIDNIGHT CROSSROAD, the first book in Charlaine Harris's new Midnight, Texas series, which debuted at #12 on the *New York Times* bestseller list. SF Book Review gave it glowing praise: "It's clear from the start that this is an author at the peak of their ability... MIDNIGHT CROSSROAD is a warm, comforting and entertaining read written by a master story-teller."

Ari Marmell's newest series launched this spring with the release of HOT LEAD, COLD IRON, which SFX Magazine has described as "Fantasy meets period detective-gangster drama." It has received great reviews, including a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*: "An engaging world and an unlikely hero... a ride that never touches the brakes."

BLOOD AND IRON, the first installment in Jon Sprunk's new series The Book of the Black Earth, is quickly becoming his most successful title yet! It has already outsold the third book in his Shadow Saga and is paced to outsell the first as well.

Finally, Elizabeth Moon's CROWN OF RENEWAL was released in May, selling 5,500 copies in its first week, making it the most successful in the series!