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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Amazon.com's Best of the Year...So Far Pick for 2007: Harry Potter fans craving a new mind-blowing series should look no further than *The Name of the Wind*--the first book in a trilogy about an orphan boy who becomes a legend. Full of music, magic, love, and loss, Patrick Rothfuss's vivid and engaging debut fantasy knocked our socks off. --*Daphne Durham*

10 Second Interview: A Few Words with Patrick Rothfuss



Q: Were you always a fan of fantasy novels?

A: Always. My first non-picture books were the Narnia Chronicles. After that my mom gave me *The Hobbit* and *Dragonriders*. I grew up reading about every fantasy and sci-fi book I could find. I used to go to the local bookstore and look at the paperbacks on the shelf. I read non-fantasy stuff too, of course. But fantasy is where my heart lies. Wait... Should that be "where my heart lays?" I always screw that up.

Q: Who are some of your favorite authors? Favorite books?

A: Hmmm.... How about I post that up as a list?

Q: What are you reading now?

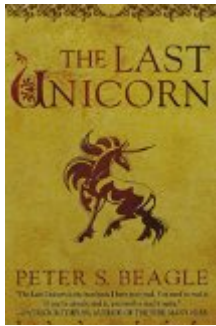
A: Right now I'm reading *Capacity*, by Tony Balantyne. He was nominated for the Philip K Dick award this last year. I heard him read a piece of the first novel, *Recursion*, out at Norwescon. I picked it up and got pulled right in. *Capacity* is the second book in the series. Good writing and cool ideas. Everything I've like best.

Q: How did Kvothe's story come to you? Did you always plan on a trilogy?

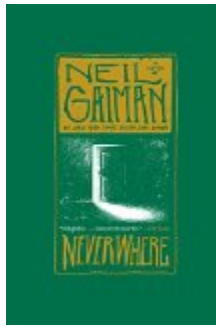
A: This story started with Kvothe's character. I knew it was going to be about him from the very beginning. In some ways it's the simplest story possible: it's the story of a man's life. It's the myth of the Hero seen from backstage. It's about the exploration and revelation of a world, but it's also about Kvothe's desire to uncover the truth hidden underneath the stories in his world. The story is a lot of things, I guess. As you can tell, I'm not very good at describing it. I always tell people, "If I could sum it up in 50 words, I wouldn't have needed to write a whole novel about it." I didn't plan it as a trilogy though. I just wrote it and it got to be so long that it had to be broken up into pieces. There were three natural breaking points in the story.... Hence the Trilogy.

Q: What is next for our hero?

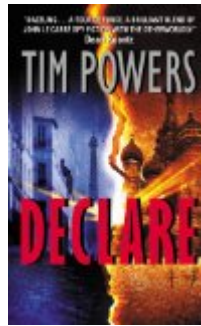
A: Hmm..... I don't really believe in spoilers. But I think it's safe to say that Kvothe grows up a little in the second book. He learns more about magic. He learns how to fight, gets tangled up in some court politics, and starts to figure unravel some of the mysteries of romance and relationships, which is really just magic of a different kind, in a way.



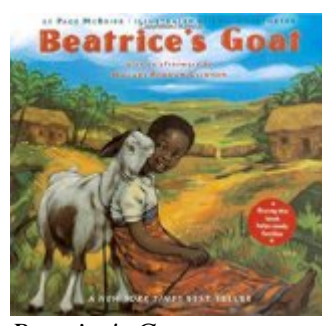
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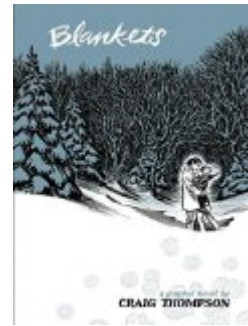
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Fantasy readers—a notoriously discerning group—tend to dole out praise judiciously, which makes the reception of *The Name of the Wind*, the first volume in Patrick Rothfuss's *The Kingkiller Chronicle*, that much more remarkable. Critics are already throwing around comparisons to some of the biggest names in fantasy, including George R. R. Martin, Tad Williams, the recently deceased Robert Jordan, and even Tolkien. They praise Rothfuss's fresh take on the genre's conventions, particularly a shifting narrative that keeps the action moving. At nearly 700 pages, *The Name of the Wind* isn't meant to be knocked off in a weekend. But readers who pick up Rothfuss now—and, according to critics, that won't be a small number—can say they knew him back when.

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