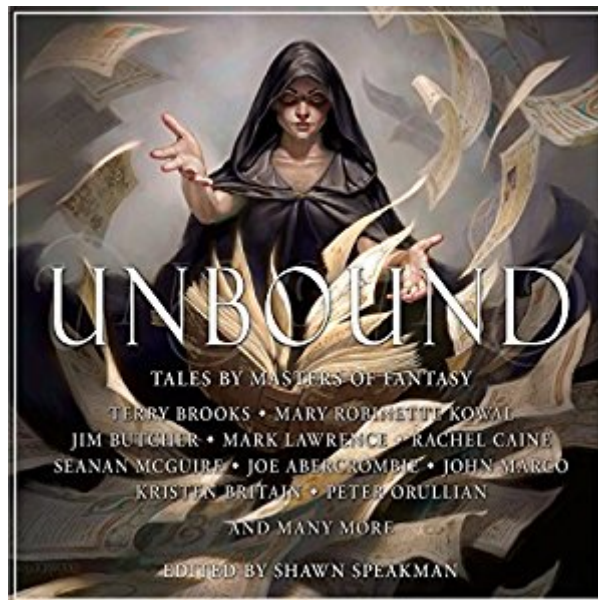


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Customer Reviews

When I reviewed *Unfettered*, which is the first volume of this series of short stories, I think I mentioned that I came across this book from an entry in the blogs of David Anthony Durham and Jason Hough. Both are authors whose novels I have enjoyed a great deal, and both have a story in this particular volume. One of the problems with anthologies like *Rogues* or *Crucified Dreams* is that the stories are all of the same bent. After a while they tend to blur together and I can't remember what distinguishes one story from the next. The two collections edited by Shawn Speakman are not like that because no two stories are going to be alike. I found this collection to be head and shoulders above the previous. *Madwalls* by Rachel Caine – I am not familiar with this author. This story was a very strange. It was an interesting take on plugging the hole in the dike with one's finger. *Stories are Gods* by Peter Orullian – This story started with a scene that strained my suspension of belief beyond what it could bear, so that soured the rest of it for me. *River and Echo* by John Marco – A poignant tale. I was left wanting to know what happened next. *A Dichotomy of Paradigms* by Mark Robinette Kowal – Very outside her usual norm, this story was an interesting look at vanity. *Son of Crimea* by Jason Hough – I do not want to spoil this one for you. This story is a prelude to the events of his new novel *Zero World*, though a prelude by 250-ish years. Excellent story. *An Unfortunate Influx of Filipians* by Terry Brooks – Set in the world of *Landover*, this was an amusing tale. I doubt the lesson was learned, but cannot criticize the participants being so slow of learning from my own mistakes.

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