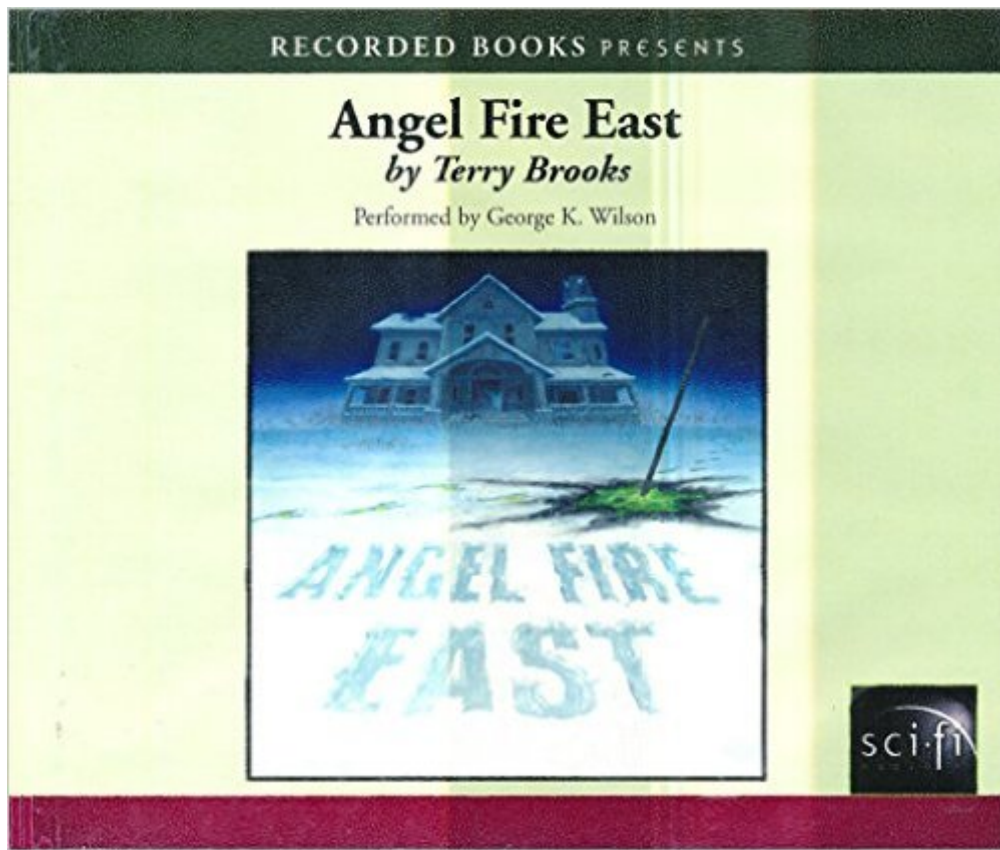


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Synopsis

Angel Fire East brings Terry Brooks' breathtaking trilogy of the battle between good and evil to an astounding end. Begun with *Running With the Demon* and continued with *Knight of the Word*, this suspenseful fantasy epic has won popular and critical acclaim for its New York Times best-selling author. For 25 years John Ross, a Knight of the Word, has been haunted by dreams of a horrifying Armageddon. His life has become an all-consuming battle against the Void that threatens to turn his dreams into reality. Now John has discovered a newly born gypsy morph, a rare, magical creature so powerful that it could prove an invaluable tool against evil. But can he solve its mystery before the Void destroys it? Desperate, he enlists Nest Freemark, a young ally from his past. George Wilson confers the third in this series with the same level of energy that electrified the first two. Mystery and suspense abound in a fantasy novel that will remind you you're never too old to be afraid of the dark.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book in my opinion. While others say that it was a bit long winded in spots and is boring to read through all of his descriptions, I look forward to the great detail. He builds the characters from the ground up and makes you feel everything they are feeling... if you take the time to read all of the detail that is. The only thing I didn't like was the ending. He wound the book up in 4-5 pages and it just didn't sit well with me. 50 pages of wonderful fight scenes as only Brooks can do was completely ruined by a quickie ending. Wish he's spent 10-15 more pages explaining what happened to the characters afterwards.

Having worshipped the other two books in this series, I bought AFE the first day it came out and had it finished two days after that. Being slightly upset with it, I waited a few months and read it again,

figuring that I'd give it time to digest. Unfortunately, my opinions stayed the same. Nest is a cool character in the books, don't get me wrong, but Ross is, to me, the reason I read the series. He's a cool version of a Paladin, and I can't wait for him to fight the next demon. However, he's severely underused in this book, and his ultimate resolution is terrible...almost as if Brooks was rushing to finish the book. As for the rest of it, Brooks has an annoying tendency of cheating his way through mysteries--you wonder what's going on, what something could mean, and then once its explained you realize its just that you didn't know something about the magic. An explanation that has to be applicable simply because it can't be tested suddenly pops up, i.e. Wraith in basically every sense. The bad guys in this one aren't very good either, and though it reads quickly, I think that can be attributed more to me wanting more of Ross than liking the story...it was fairly slow throughout. All in all though, this series is definitely worth reading, especially the first two. It looses steam at the end, but Brooks still manages to haven enough cool stuff to keep his readers interested.

The incomparable Terry Brooks is in top form with "Angel Fire East," the third installment of the "Running With The Demon" series. In this one, Knight of the Word John Ross, compelled by his relentless dreams, is on a quest to locate a creature, born of magic, he knows only as a "Gypsy Morph." Once he finds it, he knows he will have but a short time to unravel its secret if it is to become the powerful ally he needs in the ongoing struggle against the Void. Then something happens that takes him back to the town of Hopewell, Illinois, and his old friend, Nest Freemark, who he has not seen in ten years. There's a connection, it seems, between Nest and the Morph; but it's as much a mystery to Nest as it is to Ross. Now it's up to Nest, as well as Ross, to figure it out before it's too late, all the while fending off the demon who would have the morph for his own sinister purposes. Brooks weaves his own magic here with a narrative alive with tension and suspense. There is a sense of urgency to the story, over which the menace of the darkest demon Brooks has yet created, one Findo Gask, hangs like a pall. Along the way we meet Pick, the little Sylvan caretaker of Sinnissippi Park; the Indian O'olish Amaneh, also know as "Two Bears"; Nest's friend, Bennett Scott; all of whom are more than just characters in a book; these are people you get to know, care about, and want to spend some time with. And then there's the malevolent trio of demons under Gask's command: Penny Dreadful (whose name says it all), the hulking Twitch, and a creature of shadow, known as the Ur'droch. Long after you've finished the last chapter, you're going to remember all of them. It's all a part of the spell Brooks casts, and I promise you, it will leave you wanting more of the same.

Nest Freemark faces her toughest test of faith in her magic, loyalty, and kindness in this finale of the Genesis of Shannara. This time we meet Findo Gask, a truly dangerous demon, who is capable of reigning in his destructive tendencies, make subtle plans, and creating doubt even in the strong. John Ross returns with a gypsy morph, a creature of pure magic, who could turn the tide in the battle between the word and the void. Unfortunately no one knows how to deal with the morph. It seems to settle as a small boy, but it never talks except to say Nest. John returns to Nest as does an adult version of Bennett Scott, the young girl who Nest saves from suicide as a child. Bennett comes to Nest because she desperately needs help protecting her own daughter from her drug use and she thinks Nest will do the right thing. As the end of a series, this is a strong entry. Nest will be challenged in ways she can't predict, John will be released from his service to the Word if he completes his mission, and Bennett will have to face her inner demons. Not everyone will survive these events, but the ending feels right and true to the series. I do wish we had more of O'Olish Amaneh or at least a hint of what his role really is. Longtime fans of Brooks will have much to enjoy here, but this is a book that is not a good entry point for the series. I look forward to learning more of the Genesis of Shannara in the next series.

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