

## Dark Empress Tales Of The Empire Book 3

*Senna, a native Briton married to a Roman auxiliary, accidentally uncovers a dreadful plan by the rebellious northern Maeatae tribe. Her husband Brigius, a Briton who now serves Rome, is torn when the imperial prince Caracalla arrives in northern Britannia with his unit of vicious, dangerous Numidian cavalry, causing trouble and endangering the couple's once peaceful life. Heedless of the danger to both them and their world, the pair see only one way to ensure the continuation of peace in the north, and it carries a horrifying risk. From two acclaimed authors of Historical Fiction set in the world of Rome, The Bear and the Wolf is a tale for all ages sure to enthrall. Originally penned for the Alderney Literary Festival, this short story is available at this time only in eBook form.*

*Outdoorsman and amateur sleuth Johnny Thompson is at it again in this thrilling mystery tale for younger readers. Set in and around Haiti, this case involves a long-sought-after treasure known as the Rope of Gold, the pursuit of which has brought about a great deal of misery and destruction. Can Johnny end the curse?*

*Raised in chaos. Forced to rule. Abandoned by the gods. Rome, AD 52. The Julio-Claudian dynasty is in its death throes. Over the next twenty years, chaos descends as Claudius then Nero are killed. The whole empire bucks and heaves with conspiracy, rebellion and civil war. Out of the ashes and discord, a new imperial family emerges: the Flavians. Vespasian is crowned emperor, with his sons, Titus and Domitian, next in line. Domitian, still only a teenager, has known only fear, death and treachery for as long as he has been alive. Suspicious of the senate as a breeding ground for treachery, and fiercely protective of his surviving family members, he uses a network of spies to stay one step ahead of any would-be conspirators. When Titus unexpectedly falls gravely ill, the throne beckons for Domitian, something he never wanted or prepared for. As in all his darkest moments, Domitian's childhood guardian, Nerva, is the man he turns to with his fears, and his secrets... An insightful and arresting novel, packed with intrigue and betrayal, perfect for fans of Harry Sidebottom and Conn Iggulden.*

*46 BC. Pompey is dead, Egypt is settled, and Rome is controlled by the loyal Marcus Antonius. As the new year looms, Rome's greatest general and dictator Julius Caesar moves precipitously to take on the last stronghold of the rebel faction: Africa.Crossing against all advice in the middle of winter, with minimal forces and little forward planning, the campaign almost dies before it begins, legions scattered across the sea by vicious storms, the general putting ashore with just a single legion and his most trusted veteran commander: Marcus Falerius Fronto. But the war in Africa is no easy task. Scipio, Cato and Caesar's one-time lieutenant Labienus have gathered an enormous force to counter him, and are prepared to fight to the death. With few troops, no supplies, little foreknowledge, and all the problems of a winter campaign, Fronto and Caesar face a monumental struggle, yet they know they must win for the prize in this campaign is nothing less than control of the republic itself. Rome hangs in the balance.*

*Hades' Gate*

*Marius' Mules IV*

*A Mystery Story for Boys*

*Marius' Mules VIII*

*Blood Feud*

*The Crescent and the Cross*

*in 55 BC Caesar's army gathers in the north of Gaul, preparing to drive invading Germanic peoples from Gaul and traverse the dangerous northern sea to punish the tribes of Britannia for assisting Gaulish rebels.*

*In this Japanese folklore-inspired YA fantasy for fans of The Hunger Games, a lowly young woman with a monstrous secret competes to become empress. Each generation, a competition is held to find the next empress of Honoku. The rules are simple. Survive the palace's enchanted seasonal rooms. Conquer Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Marry the prince. All are eligible to compete—all except yōkai, supernatural monsters and spirits whom the human emperor is determined to enslave and destroy. Mari has spent a lifetime training to become empress. Winning should be easy. And it would be, if she weren't hiding a dangerous secret. Mari is a yōkai with the ability to transform into a terrifying monster. If discovered, her life will be forfeit. As she struggles to keep her true identity hidden, Mari's fate collides with that of Taro, the prince who has no desire to inherit the imperial throne, and Akira, a half-human, half-yōkai outcast. Torn between duty and love, loyalty and betrayal, vengeance and forgiveness, the choices of Mari, Taro, and Akira will decide the fate of Honoku... Winter 2018-2019 Kids' Indie Next List "Dark, daring, and utterly delicious."—C.J. Redwine, New York Times–bestselling author of The Bloodspell "Will latch onto your imagination and sweep you along for a magical and dangerous ride."—Joelle Charbonneau, New York Times–bestselling author of The Testing Trilogy "Jean's world building is incredible."—Booklist "An engaging story that also questions the power structures of heaven and earth, male and female, human and yokai. A narrative that will engage fans of the genre with a much-needed non-Western setting."—Kirkus Reviews*

*It is 56BC. As Fronto and his friends winter in Rome and Caesar in Illyricum, trouble is brewing in the north. The tribes of Armorica, driven to desperate action by the harsh rule of Crassus, raise their standards in defiance of the Roman eagle, causing a chain reaction that threatens everything the legions of Caesar have achieved. Can the general's commanders stamp out the fires of rebellion before the whole of Gaul is ablaze? Meanwhile, in Rome, the conspiracies against Caesar take an unexpected turn, plunging Fronto and his friends into a world of crime, violence and intrigue that threaten everything the legate cares about. The city is in turmoil and the republic is teetering on the brink of disaster. In a year that takes the legions and their commanders to the heaving Atlantic Ocean, the treacherous valleys of the Pyrenees, and the seething underbelly of the greatest city in the world, everything is about to change for Marcus Falerius Fronto.*

*When stranded on the fringe of a crumbling Empire, how do you defend what really matters? A time of trials, war and terror is coming to the desert city of M'Dahz, the Empire's southernmost outpost. As Imperial power falters, then withdraws, the population lives in constant fear of invasion by vicious Pelasian satraps. Meanwhile, brothers Samir and Ghassan, and their childhood friend Asima, are about to discover that while people can change the world, the world can also change people. They must follow separate paths - as courtesan, naval officer, and pirate - yet their destinies are forever intertwined. A world of unexpected alliances, dangerous jealousies and betrayals awaits them... Dark Empress is a heart-stopping journey by land and sea through a world of deception, scheming, and surprising valour. Reminiscent of C. S. Forester, Simon Scarrow, and Conn Iggulden, this is historical fantasy at its enthralling best.*

*Tales From Ashen Falls*

*The Great Revolt*

*Marius' Mules XIV*

*Marius' Mules IX*

*The Bear of Byzantium*

*Insurgency*

Monsters are on the rise and gods walk the streets of Ashen Falls in seven stories that serve as a prelude to The Eighth God. Melress and The Fading Man A young half-elven boy is kidnapped by a children's nursery rhyme. The Dove's Head Inn Someone wants to get their hands on The Dove's loot, but they have to get past two bouncers to do it. Melress Investigates Something is killing residents of Ashen Falls, and a young Melress is found standing next to a body. Can the battle mage find the real culprit? The Scarecrow It's a foggy night in Ashen Falls, and soon monsters walk the streets led by a man with one thing on his mind - revenge! The Black Bastle Melress and Beatrice stumble upon a nest of bandits. The Wedge 'O Cheese Why is everyone in Ashen Falls avoiding this triangular cheese shop? One street urchin is keen to find out. Pock and Cock vs. The Necromantic Circle Not all elves are happy about the rise of humans and half-elves...and tonight they are going to do something about it!

The pieces are in place. After many months of clandestine organisation, Vercingetorix, backed by the druids and leading an army of rebellious tribes, is ready to make his first moves towards independence for his people and the annihilation of Rome's presence in Gaul. Meanwhile, Caesar tends to business in Aquileia, unaware that he is cut off from the bulk of his army in the north by the rebellion. A desperate message brought to Fronto at Massilia spurs the forces of Rome into movement and Caesar is compelled to act in cunning and unexpected ways in order to recover the initiative. Fronto and his friends are heading for a clash of armies the likes of which the north has never seen, and the Tenth's legate is about to face his most trying year yet facing his opposite number - a chieftain of the Arverni - across the fields and hills of Gaul towards the greatest siege he's ever experienced: Alesia.

Plots, murder and a return to Istanbul form an epic conclusion to S.J.A. Turney's Ottoman Cycle. Five years since Skiouros left the city of Constantine, he has come to understand the dreadful price exacted by vengeance. Saved from the French authorities by Dragi - the Romani crewman of a Turkish galley - he and his friend Parmenio are once again bound for the east. But Dragi's aid comes with a price... In the Ottoman capital, the populace prepares for a great festival; for the first time in years the Sultan's three sons are all to be present. But a sect of disenfranchised Romani are plotting a deadly coup. Can Skiouros thwart the mysterious Kingbreaker and save the Sultan's sons? The sequence of events that shattered Skiouros' life is finally coming to an end... This is the brilliant and unputdownable conclusion to bestseller S.J.A. Turney's Ottoman Cycle, and is perfect for readers of Ben Kane, Peter Darman and Matt Harffy.

It is the winter of 53/52BC and while Caesar struggles with the chaos of a failing republic and recruits troops in Aquileia, Gaul's freedom fighters emerge, with a desire for Roman blood. This collection of three tales presents a sequence of events that takes place in the winter between Marius' Mules books six and seven... events that, while peripheral to the saga itself, will shape events to come, shake the republic, and herald the one thing Caesar's army have feared most: a full-scale revolt. Cenabum: The fire arrow - Caesar's chief quartermaster, Cita, encounters trouble with supply lines. Bovillae: The fallen eagle - Former prefect Paetus leaves Rome with revenge on his mind. Gergovia: Rise of kings - Priscus and his companions witness tumultuous events firsthand.

Forest of a Thousand Lanterns

The Priest's Tale

The Assassin's Tale

Conspiracy of Eagles

Invasion

ARTHUR MACHEN Ultimate Collection: Dark Fantasy Classics, Supernatural Tales & Horror Stories (Including Essays, Translations & Autobiography)

The war in Africa is over and the rebel cause hangs by a thread. With opposition to Caesar now led by Labienus and by Pompey's sons in Hispania, Caesar is one step from ending the civil war that has plagued Rome for years. Before the war can be pursued, though, Caesar has matters to attend to in Rome. And against a backdrop of glorious triumphs and civil friction, the general's old warhorse Marcus Falerius Fronto begins to uncover a series of events that may have a cause in common. Investigation, however, is sidelined as necessity finally draws everyone across the sea to the crucible of war once again. In Hispania the clouds gather, for though the rebels may have been pushed into a corner, they are far from beaten. With the great name of Pompey and the tactical genius of Labienus on their side, Caesar must fight hard to win the day. Fronto and his friends must give all they have now, for the prize for this campaign is the ultimate one: the republic itself.

Contains: The Scavengers (post-apocalyptic), Mountain Of The Ancients (post-apocalyptic), Recreating Genius (near future cloning), Duplicity (androids), Radiation Can Really Mess Things Up (near future), Raymond The Automatic House (post-apocalyptic), Terran Spies On An Alien Planet, The Pied Piper of Spring, Rio Temporal, & Weather Modification Sucks. Synopses are at the beginning of each story in this collection of short novels, novellas, and short stories.

The bestselling historical fantasy series, now collected in a special omnibus edition. Epic military campaigns, the strong bonds of brothers in arms and the struggle for justice in a world where emperors are overthrown, destinies challenged and war is constant... All six novels in this explosive and unputdownable series are included. Readers of Simon Scarrow, Conn Iggulden and George R.R. Martin will love The Tales of the Empire.

An Imperial captain must confront an ancient treachery. Lucius Varro, a captain in the Fourth Army, is about to have the worst day of his life. Wounded, poisoned in battle and fearing for his life, he stumbles upon a plot that reaches deep into the past and the roots of everything in which he believes. Accompanied by a young engineer from his unit and the daughter of his commander in chief, he begins to unpeel layers of treachery and murder that threaten not only himself, but the people that he loves. Varro is determined to find his betrayer, but the poison is incurable, and there isn't much time left... Ironroot is set twenty years after the events of the first Tales of the Empire novel, Interregnum. Inspired by Roman history, this is an evocative and action-packed tale of treason and revenge, sure to delight fans of Conn Iggulden, Bernard Cornwell and Simon Scarrow.

The Rope of Gold

Tides of War

Marius' Mules

The Pasha's Tale

Prelude to War

The Belgae

Agatha, Inner Earth, the 12th century. Rowida is a young woman with grand dreams and on a path that would touch two worlds, and span one hundred years. Punished and Banished from her world to ours, Rowida kidnaps a child, bonds to a demonic being, and becomes one with the soul of a Dragon, just to get back at those who tormented her. Once back, she raises an army the Inner Earth had never seen the likes of and starts the first global war. Thousands of lives are lost, nations and races cease to exist, but Rowida has just begun a far longer story. Now, the fate of two worlds rests on the shoulders of a few unsuspecting souls.

Blood and adventure on the Mediterranean battlefield. Crete, 1492: After a sojourn on a Venetian-controlled island, Skiouros has learned everything he needs to know for his true quest: destroying the person responsible for his brother's death. Meanwhile, across the Mediterranean, a small fleet of Turkish galleys is engaged in a desperate last attempt to save Islamic influence on the Iberian Peninsula. While the great naval commander Kemal Reis battles to survive, his subordinate yearns to murder every hint of Christian life. When Skiouros' ship crosses paths with the violent would-be pirate, things turn sour. Tested to the limits of his endurance, with his life at stake, Skiouros must confront unpleasant truths about his past... A riveting historical adventure, perfect for fans of Griff Hosker, Ben Kane and Christian Cameron.

It is 48 BC and Caesar is master of Rome, but Pompey is at large in the huge recruiting grounds of the east with a core of powerful officers, nominally representing the senate in absentia. As the general deals with matters in the city his army gathers at the coast, waiting to cross the sea and fight that worst of all conflicts: civil war. This will be no easy campaign for Caesar and his officers. Fronto and Galronus, both preparing to join the campaign, know that they will face appalling odds right from the outset, for Pompey's immense navy controls the seas, and the force he has gathered in the east will dwarf that of Caesar, commanded by shrewd officers like the great Scipio and the turcoat Labienus. From the bitter Adriatic Sea to the mountains and valleys of the Balkans, Fronto and his men strive to stop Pompey and bring the war to an end, heading for a conflict the likes of which none have ever seen. Hades awaits the legions of Rome on the plains of Pharsalus.

In the first of an extraordinary series from bestseller S.J.A. Turney, the fate of Empire hangs in the balance... Istanbul, 1481: The once great city of Constantine, a strange mix of Christians, Turks and Jews, now forms the heart of the Ottoman empire. The conquest, still a recent memory, means emotions run high; danger is never far away. Skiouros and Lykaion, sons of a Greek farmer, are conscripted into the infamous Janissary guards and taken to Istanbul. As Skiouros escapes into the Greek quarter, Lykaion remains with the slave chain, becomes an Islamic convert and guards the Imperial palace. But one fateful day Skiouros picks the wrong pocket and begins to unravel a plot reaching to the highest peaks of Imperial power. He and his brother are left with the most difficult decision faced by a conquered Greek: is the rule of the Ottoman Sultan is worth saving? The epic and unputdownable first book in S.J.A. Turney's Ottoman Cycle, The Thief's Tale is perfect for readers of Simon Scarrow, Conn Iggulden and Bernard Cornwell.

Tales from the Archives: Collection 9

Sands of Egypt

The Thief's Tale

Dark Empress

Marius' Mules V: Hades' Gate

Tales of the Empire Omnibus

Winter, 48 BC. Caesar and his small force are trapped in the Egyptian city of Alexandria. Caught up in the dynastic struggles of the House of Ptolemy, the consul has sided with the clever and ruthless Queen Cleopatra. Her brother and fellow monarch Ptolemy XIII languishes in the palace, a hostage of Caesar's, while a huge army under the command of the Egyptian general Achillas closes on the city to free him. With both the future of this ancient land and the safety of Caesar and his men at stake, Fronto and his friends face the terrible task of holding an unfamiliar city under siege, in the desperate hope that reinforcements will reach them before the enemy break in. But Egyptian reinforcements gather too, and with the interference of the youngest princess, Arsinoë, the future is far from written.

Trapped, besieged and outnumbered, time is running out for the Romans, as shadows loom across the sands of Egypt

Marius' Mules II: The Belgae. 57BC. The fearsome Belgae have gathered a great army to oppose Rome, and Fronto and the legions assemble once more to take Caesar's war against the most dangerous tribes in the northern world. While the legions battle the Celts in the fiercest war of Caesar's career, the plots and conspiracies against him, both at Rome and among his own army, become ever deeper and more dangerous.

The Old World. the world of sin. The world of death. Italy, 1493: As the inquisition takes hold in Spain and the Vatican seethes under the rule of the Borgias, Skiouros finally sets his mind to his ultimate mission since leaving the great city of Istanbul: the death of the usurper sultan, Cem. Gathering old friends and new, Skiouros travels the length of Italy in his quest for vengeance and the quieting of his brother's restless soul. But on his dreadful quest he will face more than just physical danger... For beneath all his strength, does Skiouros have a heart black enough to commit murder in the name of revenge? The Assassin's Tale grips like steel, and is the ideal read for fans of David Gilman, Giles Kristian and C. R. May.

An epic battle of the Reconquista: a personal struggle to survive; a fight for glory. War is brewing, and the Pope has summoned a crusade. The nations of Christendom are rallying to fight the Almohad caliphate, but they are a formidable foe. Meanwhile, behind Moorish lines, a fortress held by Castile is under siege. As the siege falls, a knight is lost. Arnau leaves on a dangerous, near-suicidal quest to save him, a new squire in tow. In the heat of the sierras though, things are not as they seem. War is coming to Iberia and all will be tested. Arnau's sword arm will need practice, as will his mind. A riveting and brutal historical adventure, the latest instalment of S.J.A Turney's Knights Templar series, perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell and Conn Iggulden.

Gallia Invicta

Marius' Mules VII

Iron and Gold

Fields of Mars

Through The Storm

A short story of love and danger on the empire's most hostile frontier.

*51 BC. In the aftermath of the dreadful siege of Alesia the tribes of Gaul lie broken and sparse, and yet the fires of rebellion still burn in the hearts of a few. As Caesar and his army continue to pacify the land wherever revolt can be found, a new conspiracy is rising. Lucterius of the Cadurci, survivor of Alesia, seeks to raise a new great revolt, building an army in his homeland while a small group of dangerous warriors embark upon a secret and dangerous mission to rebuild all that was lost in that great siege. Meanwhile, Marcus Falerius Fronto tries to adjust to life as a wine merchant in Massilia, little suspecting that old friends and new will soon be fighting alongside him as the last great threat from Gaul is brought right to his door. The final battle for Gaul is about to begin.*

*The wolves of Odin land in Italy, and the tantalising scent of gold is in the air... AD 1043. Having escaped Constantinople with their lives – barely – but not their ship, Halfdan and the wolves of Odin are now mercenaries in the Byzantine army, sailing to Apulia in Italy to help retake territory from the Normans. But cracks are beginning to show among the tight-knit wolves. Gunnhild, having forsaken the fate woven for her by*

*the Norns in order to continue her journey with Halfdan, has lost her ability to communicate with the goddess Freyja, and so glimpse the future. And Ketil the Icelander, having watched his ship, the Sea Wolf, stolen from him yet again, grows resentful, as seemingly every decision Halfdan makes leads them further from his original promise of riches and renown. But aboard their ship is an official with secret orders for the general in charge of the Italian campaign, Maniakes. The orders will throw everything into chaos, and put a fork in the path of the wolves of Odin. Each will have a choice to make: Loyalty to themselves, or to the pack? The thrilling third instalment in the Wolves of Odin series, with a gripping hunt across a war-torn Italy. Perfect for fans of Giles Kristian and Bernard Cornwell.*

*With the arrival of Farjika, intergalactic ambassador from Diola, Lorren is finally roused from his sexual ennui. Errion Ald'Areed, Lorren's business partner, best friend, and sometime lover, is at first pleased with the change, but becomes jealous when notices the depth of the fascination. And Gabriyel, Farjika's bodyguard, is shocked at how quickly his mistress has fallen into a torrid affair. Soon all four are plunged into a potentially deadly tangle with no way out.*

*The wolves of Odin sail to the centre of the world: Constantinople. AD 1041. After successfully avenging the death of his father, Halfdan and the crew of the Sea Wolf seek adventure in strange new lands, far from their Scandinavian home. They join the fleet of Harald Hardrada, the legendary Viking commander, sailing back to Constantinople from the battlefields of Georgia. There they join the Varangians, the personal bodyguard of the Byzantine Emperors populated almost exclusively by Viking warriors. But Constantinople has changed during Hardrada's long absence. The Emperor, Michael IV, is ailing visibly, and powerful factions in his court are setting their plans in motion ahead of his inevitable demise. While courtiers scheme, elements even within the Varangian Guard are picking sides. Gunnhild, the seer among the Sea Wolf crew, has struck out on her own in the big city. Unable to join the all-male Guard alongside her friends, she establishes herself in a small side-street near the port as a healer and soothsayer, offering cures to the sick and glimpses of the future to the desperate, or the conspiratorial. But in all her visions she sees a wolf, a boar and a golden bear fighting together to support the Byzantine throne. The Norns aren't finished with them yet... The epic second instalment in the Wolves of Odin series, taking us to the heart of power in Constantinople and the desperate machinations of the Byzantine emperors. Perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell, Giles Kristian and Angus Donald.*

*Bear and the Wolf Sons of Taranis*

*Marius' Mules VI*

*Marius' Mules X*

*Pax Gallica*

*Can the Empire survive its most awesome challenge yet? Aram of the Inda, a scattered people, has seen his lands pillaged, his sons taken and his empire crushed by the all-powerful Jade Empire. Its numberless armies have crushed the disunited Inda, swarming in from the East. But to the West lies another power, the Empire, ruled by mad Emperor Bassianus. And something powerful is stirring in the wild mountains... Power abhors a vacuum, and the Inda lands are now fair game. The stage is set for a showdown of cataclysmic proportions. Aram and his sons will find themselves at the heart of events that will shake empires to their very foundations. This clash of titans is the blood-curdling conclusion to S.J.A Turney's Tales of the Empire, perfect for fans of Simon Scarrow, Ben Kane and Gordon Doherty.*

*Tales from the Archives are short stories set in the world of the Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences. They explore events mentioned in the novels, characters seen and unseen and may include novel teasers of things to come. This volume includes: Spiritus Sanctus by Alyson Grauer Emily Cassidy Tuttle, on word from Doctor Sound, arrived in the shadow of the Vatican to receive a mysterious parcel from a local contact. What should be a simple pass between agent and mule spirals deeper and deeper into a wild madness that Emily is not prepared to face. The Mummy of Barnsley by Michael Ventrella Agent Ernest Throckmorton is called to Barnesley to investigate reports of a Mummy terrifying the town. Throckmorton soon finds himself thrown together with an all too eager assistant desperate to be part of the Ministry, as they hunt down the meaning of the Mummy's ominous threat. All shall pay for the desecration of the tomb! The Black Empress by Katharina Bordet When two agents from the Ministry of Peculiar Occurrences are called to Vienna to investigate disturbances at the palace, what they discover could threaten the Austro-Hungarian Empire and shatter the fragile peace in Europe. Who is the mysterious man who has pulled diplomatic strings to enlist the help of a foreign agency and how is the Empress Elisabeth herself involved? Down by the River — written by Tim Dodge Agent Brandon Hill of the Ministry meets Agent Bill Wheatley of the Office of the Supernatural and the Metaphysical meet up in Afton, New York. The House of Usher is moving a large and dangerous weapon through this small town, and it is up to the agents to track it down. However, not all the residents are quite the same as they seem.*

*This carefully crafted ebook: "ARTHUR MACHEN Ultimate Collection: Dark Fantasy Classics, Supernatural Tales & Horror Stories (Including Essays, Translations & Autobiography)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. Arthur Machen (1863-1947) was a Welsh author and mystic of the 1890s and early 20th century. He is best known for his influential supernatural, fantasy, and horror fiction. His novella The Great God Pan has garnered a reputation as a classic of horror (Stephen King has called it "Maybe the best [horror story] in the English language"). Historian of fantastic literature Brian Stableford has suggested that Machen "was the first writer of authentically modern horror stories, and his best works must still be reckoned among the finest products of the genre". Table of Contents: Novels: The Three Impostors The Hill of Dreams The Terror: A Mystery The Secret Glory Short Stories and Novellas: A Fragment of Life The White People The Great God Pan The Inmost Light The Shining Pyramid The Red Hand The Bowmen The Soldiers' Rest The Monstrance The Dazzling Light The Bowmen And Other Noble Ghosts The Marriage of Panurge Psychology The Rose Garden The Ceremony The Happy Children The Great Return A New Christmas Carol Out of the Earth Essay: Hieroglyphics Translation: The Memoirs of Jacques Casanova de Seingalt, 1725-1798 Autobiography: Far Off Things Criticism: Arthur Machen: A Novelist of Ecstasy and Sin (With Two Uncollected Poems by Arthur Machen)*

*The Wrath and the Dawn meets Snow White and the Huntsman in this dark and mystical East Asian fantasy reimagining of The Evil Queen legend about one peasant girl's quest to become Empress. "A richly developed fantasy world . . . Julie C. Dao is a talent to watch."—Marie Lu, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Young Elites Eighteen-year-old Xifeng is beautiful. The stars say she is destined for greatness, that she is meant to be Empress of Feng Lu. But only if she embraces the darkness within her. Growing up as a peasant in a forgotten village on the edge of the map, Xifeng longs to fulfill the destiny promised to her by her cruel aunt, the witch Guma, who has read the cards and seen glimmers of Xifeng's majestic future. But is the price of the throne too high? Because in order to achieve greatness, she must spurn the young man who loves her and exploit the callous magic that runs through her veins--sorcery fueled by eating the hearts of the recently killed. For the god who has sent her on this journey will not be satisfied until his power is absolute. Set in an East Asian-inspired fantasy world filled with both breathtaking pain and beauty, Forest of a Thousand Lanterns possesses all the hallmarks of masterful fantasy: dazzling magic, heartbreaking romance, and a world that hangs in the balance. Fans of Heartless, Stealing Snow, and Red Queen will devour this stunning debut. Praise for Forest of a Thousand Lanterns A Junior Library Guild Selection "A richly developed fantasy world coupled with an ambitious anti-heroine of complex agency, this story shines and surprises at every turn. Julie C. Dao is a talent to watch."—Marie Lu, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Young Elites ★ "A masterful reimagining of the early life of Snow White's Evil Queen."—Booklist, starred review ★ "Lushly written . . . tantalizing reading."—Publishers Weekly, starred review "Rich in detail and full of gore and blood, this dark novel will satisfy 'Game of Thrones' fans."—School Library Journal "A stunning reimagining of the Evil Queen. Filled with treacherous courtesans, dark magic, terrible choices, and bloody hearts, Julie Dao's exquisite take on this classic villain rises far above the average retelling."—Stephanie Garber, New York Times bestselling author of Caraval "Magnetic, seductive, and alluring, Dao's Forest of a Thousand Lanterns is a lush, captivating read about desire and the lengths to which we will go to find our true destiny."—S. Jae-Jones, New York Times bestselling author of Wintersong*

*Marius' Mules XIII*

*Marius' Mules III*

*The Prequel To The Chronicles of Agartha*

*Ironroot*

*The Great God Pan, The Hill of Dreams, The Terror, The Memoirs of Casanova, The Shining Pyramid, The Secret Glory, The Bowmen, The Great Return, The Three Impostors...*

*Marius' Mules XII*

The war in Gaul is over, but the fight for Rome is only just beginning. Denied his consulship by the senate and nearing the end of his term as governor, Caesar waits at Ravenna with one legion, making a last attempt at reconciliation. Threatened with prosecution if he returns to Rome, just one path is becoming clear: war against the senate. Fronto and Galronus are bound to the service of the Proconsul, facing a war against other Romans, and able neither to prevent nor avoid it. Caesar's path to safety will take them the length of Italy, and to familiar old lands in southern Gaul and Spain, where their friends and family now wait, believing themselves safe from hostilities. With a new officer stirring up trouble, Pompey and the senate defying them, a father-in-law busily incriminating himself and powerful Roman generals consolidating positions against them, Fronto and his friend are bound for that worst of all conflicts: Civil War.

For the glory of Empire! At the Empire's northern edge lies Alba: strange, savage, unconquerable. Twenty years ago this rain-sodden island defeated a huge Imperial army. Now the Empire returns. Disgraced generals are looking for vengeance. Their forces are accompanied by three promising Tribunes: warlike Bellacon, intelligent Convocus and the joker in the pack, Cantex. As the armies journey into the interior, it becomes clear all is not as it seems. Beyond the realms of the Emperor, treachery is never far away. The invasion will be harder than anyone could have imagined. Can the Tribunes triumph against the odds? Or is this the very limit of Empire? Explosive and unputdownable, Invasion is perfect for fans of Simon Scarrow, Conn Iggulden and George R.R. Martin.

It is the eve of destruction. Gaul seethes and bucks more than ever in revolt against the Roman invader, with even Caesar's allies beginning to question their loyalty. A conspiracy of Druids and Kings move the pieces into position in their great game of independence, all led by the powerful Arverni exile Vercingetorix. The lands of the Belgae burn in the vengeful aftermath of a winter that saw countless Romans butchered by the rebel Eburone King: Ambiorix. As Rome similarly begins to show its cracks and the triumvirate of powerful men that have held together the crumbling Republic move ever further apart, so Fronto returns to the army, once more seeking his command under the great general. But Caesar has made a vow to men and Gods alike to end the life of Ambiorix, and naught will stand in the way of that vow's completion - not Gaul, nor Roman, nor reason itself. As the world climbs towards the impending cataclysm, Fronto finds himself thrust with a small group of companions into the gloomy and dangerous sacred forest of his enemy in a hunt for the one man who can halt the general's wrath and fulfill Caesar's vow.

The wolves of Odin have been unleashed: the hunt has begun. Anno Domini 1040. Christianity has swept unstoppably across Scandinavia, leaving few enclaves of the old ways clinging on to their fading world as King Olof of Sweden works to convert his people. A young warrior, Halfdan, has witnessed the 'mercy' of the Christian lords, watched his people attacked, his village burned and the Odin stone toppled as heretical. Watched his father cut down by an ambitious Christian jarl and his zealous priest. Among the ashes of his world he vowed an oath of vengeance before all the gods. That oath will bring together an unlikely band of allies and carry them to the very edge of the world, fighting giants, dragons and wraiths, in pursuit of his father's killer: Yngvar. The jarl is powerful, and the weaving of Fate difficult, but the blood price must be paid. A compelling and explosive novel of revenge, this is a major new series from S.J.A. Turney. Perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell, Giles Kristian and Angus Donald. Praise for Blood Feud 'Si Turney is a natural born storyteller, gifted, brilliant and utterly enthralling. Blood Feud tells the story of a young Norse warrior, Halfdan, who swears to avenge the murder of his father. The reader is almost immediately immersed into the action, swept away into the dragon-ship beside Halfdan and his tough, salty and occasionally hilarious crew of Vikings... An intelligent, fast-paced but finely crafted novel of battle, comradeship and bloody revenge – with some surprising twists along the way. Highly recommended to all those who enjoy a superior Viking adventure yarn!' Angus Donald, author of The Last Berserker 'SJA Turney's new Viking epic is a bone-crunching good time! A resourceful young warrior on a quest for vengeance takes to the sea with a dragon long-ship and a motley band of new friends, fighting old enemies, foreign wars and the mysterious workings of fate at every new turn of the tide. Blood Feud is sure to thrill those mourning the end of Bernard Cornwell's Saxon Stories' Kate Quinn, author of The Rose Code 'A rich combination of saga and quest, religion and violence, with a satisfying conclusion that paves the way for further adventures' Ruth Downie, author of the Medicus series Garber's Tales from the Quarter

Jade Empire

Domitian

Empress of All Seasons

Marius' Mules II

Civil War

**54BC.** As tensions build in Gaul and the druids manoeuvre the tribes towards general rebellion, Priscus and the diminishing senior staff of Caesar's army prepare to return to Britannia, this time with a vast army and a will to crush the tribes of that mysterious island. Meanwhile in Rome and with his ties to the general severed, Fronto contemplates a non-military future as he settles into the life of a married nobleman, socialising with Rome's elite and coming to terms with the decline in his fitness in recent months. In this year of rising troubles, Priscus will miss his former commander's presence more than ever, while Fronto will learn more than he wishes to of the great Pompey. With rebellious Gauls, defiant Britons, vengeful giants, veteran gladiators and dangerous criminals, Fronto is pushed to the limits, driving him to a decision he dreads and a battle for his very life at the steaming, hellish land of Hades' Gate.

**Dark EmpressCanelo**

A forbidden love. A daring escape. A gathering storm. Forty years have passed since the Empire was restored. Emperor Kiva the Golden, his wife Jala Parishid, and his brother Marshal Quintillian have together overseen decades of peace and prosperity, a time when the horrors of the civil war could begin to fade from memory. But nothing can last forever. A forbidden love drives Quintillian from the capital far into the eastern deserts, where he discovers an unprecedented threat to the Empire's very survival. And when Jala is kidnapped by a sinister and ruthless group of warriors, it will take all of Kiva's strength to defend her, his people, and their destiny... Set in a world inspired by Roman history, Insurgency is a sweeping tale of deception, cunning, and military valour, ideal for readers of Matthew Harffy, Simon Scarrow, and K. M. Ashman.

Caesar's Vow

Marius' Mules XI

**Human Remains: Ten Classic Sci Fi Tales**