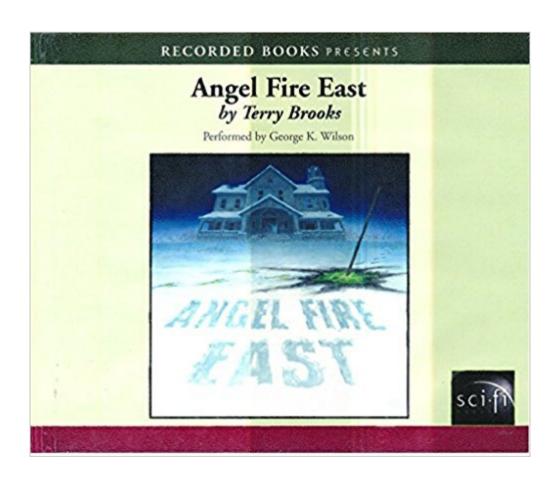


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Nest Freemark faces her toughest test of faith in her magic, loyalty, and kindness in this finale of the Genesis of Shannara. This time we meet Findo Gask, a truly dangerous demon, who is capable of reigning in his destructive tendencies, make subtle 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 of 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.

It is no secret that AFE is the last book in a trilogy starring John Ross and Nest Freemark and that this trilogy is about the destruction of Earth and its rebuilding. It is an early start, classified into its own series, "The Word And The Void." Brooks is an inconsistent writer, sometimes good and sometimes bad but his tales of earth hurtling towards its own destruction caused by the mistreatment of the planet by its human inhabitants is dark and serious writing and here he is a master almost invariably and he does not fail us in any of the three books. He has preceded this series with a trilogy of earth later on, "The Genesis Of Shannara." Both series can be read as examples of present day earth, and what we are doing to climate, ecosystems, flora and fauna, and any and all other earth dependent systems, ruining all and Brooks is standing by to tell us about it exegesis. Can we save ourselves or must we go on into the darkest places? Brooks uses mutation, the rise of demons, once-men, and other horrible devices to paint the most alarming future that I think he can think of, there may be others even worse but his are bad enough for me. Magic sprouts, no reason given but authors do not need reasons too often, developments in the two series, Word and Void and Shannara Genesis prove that. still, sticking to Word and Void we see the classic

competition between philosophic good and evil, the ying and yang necessary for life and its problems. Ross is man in all his glory and despair, his fight for a solution and his feelings when there seems to be no permanence to the results of his efforts. He suffers briefly, tries to resign unilaterally but is forced to return to his work. Nest Freemark is not a servant of the Word, she is a demon child but ;ives beyond that stigma and fights with Ross without being forced to do so, it is her innate goodness that controls her. The Gypsy Morph, an anomalous creature, seizes upon that goodness and that ends the book. There is a gap still existing between Word and Void and Shannara Genesis, but will Brooks close it? I think he is too dark and malevolent to be able to do so comfortably, earth ruination would be his choice based on what he has done so far. But I think it is powerful writing, Angel Fire East shows that. Incidentally there is an Angel Fire in Northwestern New Mexico, a ski resort not an Indian reservation. But it does have glorious sunsets. It may even have Dream Catchers, too.

All Shannara series Terry Brooks books get as many stars as I can give them. They are great books and he is a wonderful author.

If you have read Running With The Demon and A Knight Of The Word then you might as well read Angel Fire East. It'll give you closure, but don't get your hopes up. You'll likely be disappointed.Click "See All My Reviews" if you want to see what I wrote about the other 2 books. Otherwise, read on! I promise this will be a spoiler-free review. This story picks up 10 years after the last. Nest is all grown up now, a retired star runner still living in her grandparents' old house in Hopewell... still helping Pick in the park when she's not too busy going to church, taking cookies to the neighbors and driving around in her Ford Taurus. Okay, sorry, I lied... I just spoiled the first 100 pages of the book!But seriously... something is missing in this one. This book isn't nearly as dark as the first 2. The villains are a joke; more annoying than frightening. There was no suspense. What little magic there was in this story was BLAH. There was almost no foreshadowing of the post-apocalyptic future. The few tragic incidences didn't seem (or feel) all that tragic. Simply put, Angel Fire East did not freak me out at all, where the 2 previous installments most definitely did. (fyi: I read all 3 books back-to-back.)On a more positive note, this is a very easy read. There IS a story here. John Ross, O'olish Amaneh, Robert Heppler, Bennett Scott, and Josie Jackson are all back. A few new people (and creatures) are introduced. There is a mystery to solve, idiots to complicate matters, demons to overcome. Although the trilogy spans 15 years I didn't pick up on any gaps or continuity errors. The story is well told, and not nearly as predictable as the other 2, unfortunately I didn't find it all that intriguing. The

story itself, as well as the entire trilogy, were concluded with dignity but without full satisfaction. After reading 1188 pages of The Word And The Void, the climax and ending was about 10 pages long. The worst part is I was so disappointed in this installment that the abrupt and unsatisfying conclusion didn't much bother me. My reaction: "That's it? Okay." I wanted to be freaked out one last time and it just didn't happen with Angel Fire East.

Loved this book!! I had a hard time putting it down. I highly recommend it for long road trips in the car.

This has to be one of the greatest and trilogy books that I've read by Terry Brooks in the especially in the word World Series it follows right and his Chanera type of trilogies but anyway I loved it

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