

Magic Kingdom For Sale--Sold! (The Magic Kingdom of Landover, Book 1)

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Landover was a genuine, out-of-this-world magic kingdom, complete with fairy folk and wizardry, just as the advertisement had promised. But after he purchased it for a million dollars, Ben Holiday discovered that there were a few details the ad had failed to mention.

The kingdom was falling into ruin. The dragon Strabo was laying waste the countryside and the evil witch Nightshade was plotting to destroy everything. Ben's only followers were the incompetent Court Magician, Questar Thews, and Abernathy, the talking dog who served as Court Scribe. The Paladin, legendary champion of the Kings of Landover, seemed to be only a myth and an empty suit of armor. Of course, there was the lovely and devoted Willow -- but she had a habit of putting down roots in the moonlight and turning into a tree.

To put the final touch on the whole affair, Ben learned that the Iron Mark, ugly and terrible lord of the demons, had challenged all prospective Kings of Landover to a duel to the death -- a duel which no human could hope to win.

The task of proving his right to be King seemed hopeless. But Ben Holiday was stubborn.

A gripping story of mystery, magic, and adventure -- sure to delight fantasy readers everywhere.

Terry Brooks published his first novel, *The Sword of Shannara*, in 1977. It was a *New York Times* bestseller for more than six months. He has published twenty-five *New York Times* bestsellers since. Two of those--the novels *Running with the Demon* and *A Knight of the Word*--were chosen by the *Rocky Mountain News* (Denver) as among the best fantasy novels of the twentieth century. A practicing lawyer until his third book was published, Brooks now writes full-time. He lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, Judine. Ben has reached the pinnacle of success in his career as a trial lawyer, but he comes to believe that living the good life is not enough. He sees an ad for the position of king in a magic kingdom and decides to grab the opportunity to find new meaning in living. Dick Hill's lighthearted narration gives a dash of a tongue-in-cheek to an old-fashioned fairy tale. He charmingly portrays a motley crew of assistants who are almost incompetent but not hopeless and excels in his depiction of Ben, who more that once wonders what he has gotten himself into. J.E.M. AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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