

Elfhame

Wen Spencer

near-future Pittsburgh and Elfhame Tinker (2003), 2004 Sapphire Award for the Best Science Fiction Romance novel Wolf Who Rules (2006) Elfhame (2012) Wood Sprites

Wen Spencer (born 1963) is an American science fiction and fantasy writer whose books center on characters with unusual abilities. In 2003, she was the winner of the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Spencer was raised on a family farm in Evans City, Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh, earning a degree in information science, and has been active in science fiction fandom. Her Ukiah Oregon series features a partly alien character with gentle nature, powerful abilities, and dangerous, werewolf like relatives. Her Tinker universe features a young woman of extraordinary brilliance who is turned into an elf. A Brother's Price posits a world where the gender birth ratio is skewed heavily toward baby girls.

Elves in Middle-earth

live in Alfheim ("Elfhame") and correspond to his Calaquendi, and Dark Elves, who live underground in Svartalfheim ("Black Elfhame") and whom he "rehabilitates"

In J. R. R. Tolkien's writings, Elves are the first fictional race to appear in Middle-earth. Unlike Men and Dwarves, Elves do not die of disease or old age. Should they die in battle or of grief, their souls go to the Halls of Mandos in Aman. After a long life in Middle-earth, Elves yearn for the Earthly Paradise of Valinor, and can sail there from the Grey Havens. They feature in The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Their history is described in detail in The Silmarillion.

Tolkien derived Elves from mentions in the ancient poetry and languages of Northern Europe, especially Old English. These suggested to him that Elves were large, dangerous, beautiful, lived in wild natural places, and practised archery. He invented languages for the Elves, including Sindarin and Quenya.

Tolkien-style Elves have become a staple of fantasy literature. They have appeared, too, in film and role-playing game adaptations of Tolkien's works.

Sundering of the Elves

in Svartalfheim ("Black Elfhame"), are rehabilitated by Tolkien as his Moriquendi. The Light Elves lived in Alfheim ("Elfhame") and correspond to his

In J. R. R. Tolkien's legendarium, the Elves or Quendi are a sundered (divided) people. They awoke at Cuiviénen on the continent of Middle-earth, where they were divided into three tribes: Minyar (the Firsts), Tatyar (the Seconds) and Nelyar (the Thirds). After some time, they were summoned by Oromë to live with the Valar in Valinor, on Aman. That summoning and the Great Journey that followed split the Elves into two main groups (and many minor ones), which were never fully reunited.

Tolkien stated that the stories were made to create a world for his elvish languages, not the reverse. The Tolkien scholar Tom Shippey writes that The Silmarillion derived from the linguistic relationship between the two languages, Quenya and Sindarin, of the divided Elves. The Tolkien scholar Verlyn Flieger states that Tolkien used the Indo-European type of proto-language as his model. In her view, the sundering of the Elves reflects the progressive decline and fall in Middle-earth from its initial perfection; the highest Elves are those who deviated least from that state, meaning that in Tolkien's scheme, ancestry is a guide to character.

Warg

what they are seeing, and control their actions. In Wen Spencer's Tinker (Elfhame) series, wargs are large magically engineered wolves. Similar Tolkien-based

In the philologist and fantasy author J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle-earth fiction, a warg is a particularly large and evil kind of wolf that could be ridden by orcs. He derived the name and characteristics of his wargs by combining meanings and myths from Old Norse and Old English. In Norse mythology, a vargr (anglicised as warg) is a wolf, especially the wolf Fenrir that destroyed the god Odin in the battle of Ragnarök, and the wolves Sköll and Hati, Fenrir's children, who perpetually chase the Sun and Moon. In Old English, a wearh is an outcast who may be strangled to death.

Through Tolkien's influence, wargs have featured in fantasy books by authors including George R. R. Martin, and in media such as video games and role-playing games.

List of fiction set in Pittsburgh

Dave Newman The Einstein Pursuit (Payne & Jones #8) by Chris Kuzneski Elfhame (series) by Wen Spencer Emily, Alone by Stewart O'Nan Everyday People by

This is a list of fiction set in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States.

List of fantasy authors

1962), author of The Road and the Hills Wen Spencer (born 1963), author of Elfhame Nancy Springer (born 1948), author of The White Hart Jon Sprunk (born 1970)

This is a list of fantasy authors, authors known for writing works of fantasy, fantasy literature, or related genres of magic realism, horror fiction, science fantasy. Many of the authors are known for work outside the fantasy genres.

List of urban fantasy novels

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This is a list of novels in the urban fantasy genre.

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