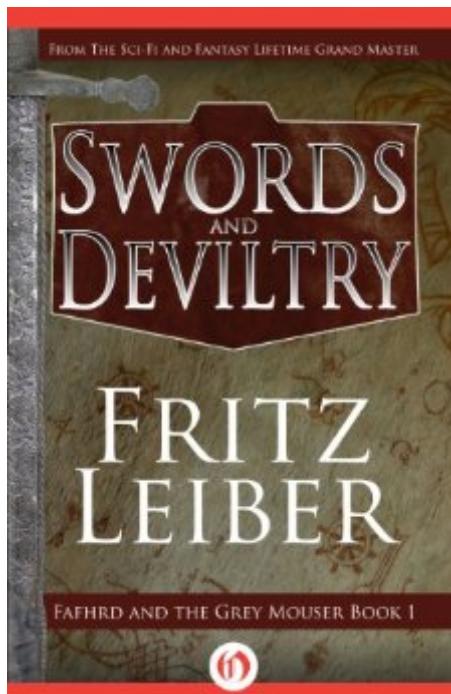


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The award-winning sword and sorcery classic that introduced Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser, from a Grand Master of Science Fiction and Fantasy. First in the influential fan-favorite series, Swords and Deviltry collects four fantastical adventure stories from Fritz Leiber, the author who coined the phrase "sword and sorcery" and helped birth an entire genre. In "Induction," in the realm of Nehwon, fate brings young prince Fafhrd and apprentice magician the Gray Mouser together to mark the beginning of a loyal and lifelong friendship. Consumed by his wicked mother's enchantments, Fafhrd finds freedom by pursuing the love of a beautiful actress in the Nebula and Hugo Award-nominated "The Snow Women." Studying sorcery under a great wizard in a land where it is forbidden, Mouse crosses the thin line between white and black magic to avenge a great wrong in "The Unholy Grail." And in the Nebula and Hugo Award-winning novella "Met in Lankhmar," Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser disguise themselves as beggars to infiltrate the Thieves' Guild only to pay a horrible price for their greed when they come face-to-face with a monstrous evil.

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Customer Reviews

I must confess that I had some preconceived notions about Fritz Leiber's work. Because he's credited with coining the phrase "Sword & Sorcery," and because I never hear women talking about his stories, I imagined that they appealed mainly to men. But, a few factors made me decide to give Fritz Leiber a try: 1. I feel the need to be "educated" in the field of fantasy, which means that I should read novels that are out of my normal repertoire. 2. The fantasy shelves are glutted with urban and teen fantasy and I'm feeling a bit nostalgic. 3. And (this one's the clincher) [...] has recently produced audio versions of the Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser stories. So, I downloaded Swords and Deviltry to my MP3 player and pressed play. Within two minutes, I was completely enthralled. The first part of the novel (which is really a compilation of short stories) tells the tale of Fafhrd's liberation from the taboos, close-mindedness, and "icy morality" of his mother and clan (and the girl he got pregnant) in the northern wastes. He yearns for civilization, and finally gets a chance to "escape this stupid snow world and its man-chaining women" with a beautiful showgirl. The second section introduces us to Mouse, who is apprenticed to the white magician Glavas Rho, but who feels the pull of the black arts -- "the magic which stemmed from death and hate and pain and decay, which dealt in poisons and night-shrieks, which trickled down from the black spaces between the stars..." A murder and a betrayal force Mouse over the brink and he restyles himself as The Gray Mouser. I was engrossed in the tales of both of these young men, so when the audiobook reader finally said "Chapter 4: I Met in Lankhmar," I felt a thrill of delight!

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