

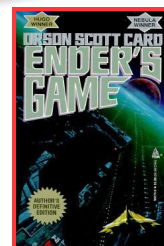
North Carolina Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror Authors

Check out some of these local authors and see what the Old North State has to offer in the world of Speculative Fiction!



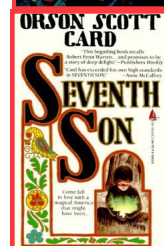
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (Science Fiction)

Ender Wiggin. Brilliant. Ruthless. Cunning. A tactical and strategic master. And a child. Recruited for military training by the world government, Ender's childhood ends the moment he enters his new home: Battleschool. Among the elite recruits Ender proves himself to be a genius among geniuses. In simulated war games he excels. But is the pressure and loneliness taking its toll on Ender? Simulations are one thing. How will Ender perform in real combat conditions? After all, Battleschool is just a game. Right? The long-running and award-winning *Ender Saga* continues with [Speaker for the Dead](#). Also try [Empire and Hidden Empire](#).



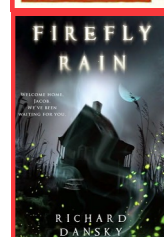
Seventh Son by Orson Scott Card (Fantasy)

Set in an alternate frontier America, we meet the young Alvin Miller, the seventh son of a seventh son. Alvin is a Maker and is destined to create a positive new future for America. But to do so he must defeat an ancient enemy, the Unmaker, whose dark magic and deadly plots constantly threaten Alvin's existence. Not only is Orson Scott Card one of the most popular science fiction novelists alive, he is also one of the strongest and purest voices in American fantasy. The *Alvin Maker* series continues with [Red Prophet](#). Also try [Magic Street](#).



Firefly Rain by Richard Dansky (Horror)

The prodigal son leaves the big city to return to his dearly departed parent's house in North Carolina only to find, now that he's home, that something is trying to make damn sure he stays there—even if it means burying him out back. In a small town with dark secrets, one man struggles to find a way out before the spirit of the town can find a way in.



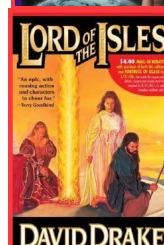
With the Lightnings by David Drake (Science Fiction)

North Carolinian and veteran Military Sci-Fi author Drake has written what he calls “an SF version Patrick O’Brian’s Aubrey Martin series.” Daniel Leary, an officer in the Cinnabar Navy, is on the planet Kostroma when Cinnabar’s mortal enemy, the Alliance, stages a coup. As the senior surviving Cinnabar officer, Leary has to get his people to safety and interfere with the Alliance as much as possible. He succeeds admirably, with the unlikely but indispensable help of Adele Mundy, a Cinnabaran political exile, librarian, and data handling genius. The RCN series continues with [Lt. Leary Commanding](#).



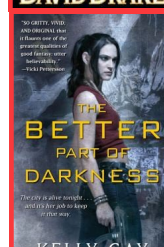
Lord of the Isles by David Drake (Fantasy)

Drake also writes Fantasy, and this novel is set in an extraordinary world where the elemental forces that empower magic are rising to a thousand-year peak. Into this world, survivors from the last magical peak intrude: Tenoctris, a quiet and scholarly sorceress swept out of the past at the moment of final catastrophe as her civilization sank beneath the sea; the ghost of the greatest ruler, King Carus of the Isles; and the great magician known only as The Hooded One, who actually caused that ancient catastrophe. The *Lord of the Isles* series continues with [Queen of Demons](#). Also try Drake’s *Books of the Elements* series, starting with [The Legends of Fire](#).



The Better Part of Darkness by Kelly Gay (Fantasy)

Thirteen years ago, scientists discovered two parallel planes of existence, hellish Charbydon and heaven-like Elysia. The beings in these worlds inspired our myths of angels, demons, gods, and monsters. They’d been visiting us for thousands of years, using our world as a battle ground and neutral zone, interfering in our lives, doing good works and miracles, and committing horrible crimes. And since the discovery, they’ve integrated into our society, working among us, becoming law-abiding or lawbreaking citizens. Atlanta is home to the largest off-world sector in the country. Underground has expanded and is now home to a dense population from Elysia and Charbydon. And it's cop and single mom Charlie Madigan's job to keep the peace... The *Charlie Madigan* series continues with [The Darkest Edge of Dawn](#).



[The Greyfriar](#) by Clay & Susan Griffith (Fantasy)

In 1870, monsters rise up and conquer the northern lands. As cities are swallowed up by carnage and disease, landowners and the elite flee south to escape their blood-thirsty wrath. One hundred fifty years later, the great divide still exists; fangs on one side of the border, defenders on the other. This fragile equilibrium is threatened, then crumbles after a young princess becomes almost hopelessly lost in the hostile territory. She has only one defender: a mysterious Greyfriar who roams freely in dangerous vampire regions.

[The Baum Plan for Financial Independence](#) by John Kessel (Science Fiction)

Kessel writes both short stories and novels and this latest collection of stories not only contains the titular story in which a small time thief, under the influence of the woman to whom he can't say no, scores the take of a lifetime in a very unusual way, but it also brings us the story of Dr. Frankenstein meeting the Bennett family of *Pride and Prejudice* as he searches throughout the English countryside for his monster in the Award-winning *Pride and Prometheus*. Readers are also treated to the "Lunar Quartet" which explore a futuristic and matriarchal colony on the moon. Also try [Corrupting Dr. Nice](#) and [The Pure Product](#).

[Bitterwood](#) by James Maxey (Fantasy)

Bitterwood has spent the past twenty years hunting down dragons, one at a time. But he is getting old and the hate that he has carried in his heart since a group of dragon-soldiers killed his family is beginning to fade. When he kills the royal prince dragon, the king decides the only retribution is genocide of the human race. Bitterwood is forced to enter the Free City, the grand trap designed to eradicate mankind, with thousands of others. Can he lead from within, or can a select few dragons unite to stop the king's madness from becoming reality? [Dragonforge](#) and [Dragonseed](#) continue the *Dragon Age* series.

[They Hunger](#) by Scott Nicholson (Horror)

Far up in the Appalachian Mountains, fanatical antiabortion bomber Ace Goodall and his female accomplice are fleeing the FBI on a path along the Unegama River. Not far away, a group of white water rafters is looking to take on the Unegama, a dangerous run, as part of a publicity stunt for a high-end camping gear company. But it isn't long before class V rapids are the least of their worries, as they're set upon by subhuman, leather-winged, bloodthirsty creatures who seem impervious to the panicked humans' efforts to kill them. Also try any of his other books including [Thank You for the Flowers](#) and [The Harvest](#).

[Magic Lost, Trouble Found](#) by Lisa Shearin (Fantasy)

My name is Raine Benares. I'm a seeker. The people who hire me are usually happy when I find things. But some things are better left unfound. I'm a sorceress of moderate powers, from an extended family of smugglers and thieves. With a mix of street smarts and magic spells, I can usually take care of myself. But when my friend Quentin, a not-quite-reformed thief, steals an amulet from the home of a powerful necromancer, I find myself wrapped up in more trouble than I care for. [Armed & Magical](#) is next in the series.

[Black & White](#) by Lewis Shiner (Drama / Fantasy)

When Michael follows his dying father to North Carolina, a lifetime of lies begins to unravel. His pursuit of his father's past-haunted by voodoo, adultery and murder-takes him to a place called Hayti, once the most prosperous black community in the South. Now the mysteries of Michael's own heritage become a matter of life and death, as racial conflicts barely restrained since the 1960s erupt again. *Note: this author's books are found in our **Adult Fiction** collection.*

[The Harrowing](#) by Alexandra Sokoloff (Suspense / Horror)

Robin Stone is spending Thanksgiving break at Baird College's creepy, hundred-year-old Mendenhall residence hall. As a massive storm approaches, four other lonely students reveal themselves to Robin: Patrick, a handsome jock; Lisa, a manipulative tease; Cain, a brooding musician; and Martin, a scholarly eccentric. The five unlikely companions soon become aware of another presence disturbing the building's ominous silence. Are they the victims of an elaborate prank, or is the energy evidence of something genuine - something intent on using them for its own terrifying ends? *Note: this author's books are found in our **Adult Fiction** collection.* Also try [The Unseen](#).

[One Jump Ahead](#) by Mark L. Van Name (Science Fiction)

Jon Moore wanted only to relax on the pristine planet of Macken - but Macken was the secret battleground of two trans-galactic mega-corporations, both determined to control the local jump gate and the riches of an undeveloped world. Moore was too valuable a tool not to be used, whether or not he was willing. What the corporations didn't realize was that Moore had a mind of his own and a conscience that wouldn't let him quit until he'd righted the wrong they'd tricked him into making. They also didn't realize that Jon's new partner was Lobo, an AI-enhanced Assault Vehicle. The *Jon & Lobo* series continues with [Slanted Jack](#).

